

Graminia Flyover - December 10

Welcome to the Graminia Flyover, a weekly communication from the school to our community. We hope to provide easier access to important information by sending it directly to your inbox. Why a Flyover? Because we are the Hawks!

Christmas Concerts: Kindergarten - Gr 6 -- UPDATE

Please read this very important announcement if your child is in Kindergarten to grade 6, regarding the [Christmas Concerts](#). Teachers should have sent home your child's two coloured visitors check lists that will be used as the tickets to enter the concert. There will NOT be a live feed - but a recording of the performance will be shared out that day to all families. Lost and Found will be put out during this time prior to the break.

As this is our first event with spectators we are excited and a little nervous in rolling out the protocol. We thank everyone in advance for following the requirements and for patience as we navigate this new process.

School Council and Graminia Community School Foundation

We have a wonderful School Council and Foundation who work tirelessly to support students at Graminia School. These 2 organizations could not run without the involvement and support of our community. We invite everyone to join our meetings!

We have an upcoming meeting night on **Tuesday December 14, 2021**. Here [is the link for our virtual meeting that begins at 6:30 pm](#). The agenda was sent out earlier today. t

December at Graminia

We are going to do 3 weeks of Graminia Christmas Spirit! Santa Hats are encouraged all month!

Week of December 6-10th: Red/Green and Ugly Christmas Sweater Week!

Week of December 13th-17th: Christmas Formal Wear Week! Dress your best all week long!

Week of December 20th-23rd: Pajama Week! Encouraged to wear pajamas all week and attend the Polar Express in the library too!

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) - Digital Parent Sign Off

For parents of students with IEPs, we are using a digital sign off this year for these documents. Parents are able to view the IEP through the parent portal. Included below is a screenshot of the email parents will receive. Teachers will be reaching out to set up meetings with parents to finalize the initial IEP next week!

[REDACTED]'s IEP is Ready for Review and Signing

IEP/IPP is ready for review and signing

Greeting [REDACTED]

The IEP/IPP for [REDACTED] is ready for your review and signature. Please log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access IEP/IPP Sign-Off or contact the school to arrange a time to talk to the teacher about the IEP.

Login using your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account information. If you need to retrieve your login information, please click "Forgot Username or Password" to retrieve your login. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**

- Once you are logged in, click on "IEP Sign - Off" (bottom left hand menu)
- Click on the link to your student's IEP
- Review the document
- If you agree to the contents of the document(s), select the on screen checkbox and click "SAVE"
- If you have questions, please contact the school to review and revise as needed.

Links and forms work best if completed on a computer or laptop. Mobile devices may not display correctly. Please do not use the PowerSchool App. If you have any questions about accessing this document please contact your school.

Sincerely,
Graminia School

Masks -

Please make sure if your child is in gr 4-9 that they have at least one if not two masks with them at school. Recently we have been going through many of our disposable masks and would be appreciative if more were sent with students each day.

Cold Weather - Dress for the Elements

As I write this, I am looking out onto the white parking lot and remembering the crazy weather this week! Winter is here and so is the need to send winter gear to school. We will continue to go outside more than normal as part of our COVID response, so please send all students with warm jackets, mitts, toques, snow pants and boots. We have noticed that our gr. 7-9 students are not as prepared to be outside as they may need to be. They may have thought they were staying indoors but we will continue to be going outside for recess.

Feeling Sick? Here's What to Do - UPDATE

One of the most important things we can do to keep our school safe is to follow the health screening protocols that Alberta Health Services has put in place. Please remember to complete the [AHS daily checklist](#) for your child(ren) before coming to school.

If your child has a fever, or cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing or loss of smell or taste, your child must isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from when symptoms started OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities.

If your child has any single symptom (Chills • Sore throat/painful swallowing • Runny nose/congestion • Feeling unwell/fatigued • Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea • Unexplained loss of appetite • Muscle or joint aches • Headache • Pink eye (conjunctivitis)), even just one, please keep your child home for 24 hours and monitor the symptom. If the symptom is still present or worse, or if an additional symptom were to occur, please complete the [AHS online assessment](#) and follow the directions. Please only send your child back to school when feeling better, and symptom free.

When calling the office or leaving a message, please let us know what the illness is, and if there is any follow up that we should be aware of. (ex. Sore throat, isolating and COVID-19 test on Monday)

Graminia Foundation Fundraising

FOUNDATION NEWS

Thinking of getting a gift for your child's teacher?

There is no obligation, however, if you are thinking of it, please click on the link below to find teacher gift ideas.

<https://drive.google.com/.../1cNXEGvCXbE...>

2021/2022 Hot Lunch Program:

We will be offering hot lunch on the last day of school each week, with food being provided by local vendors. We strive to offer a variety of options and try to offer gluten free and vegetarian options when available by our vendors. For any dietary questions, please contact the vendor directly.

Cancellations & Refunds & Transfers

Unfortunately, your volunteers will not be able to handle any refunds or cancellations. If your child is absent, we will accept a transfer request to another student by 10:00am on hot lunch day by email to: graminiaparentcommunity@gmail.com.

Please do not call the office.

Please be patient as your hot lunch volunteers work out any kinks. Our goal is to run a program with a variety of appealing options for the kids that will also generate funds for the school. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the hot lunch program please email us at: graminiaparentcommunity@gmail.com.

Friday, Dec 17- Boston Pizza

Orders for Friday, January 14 will open on Dec 18

Hot lunch donation feature

We have added a new feature to our hot lunch ordering page. You will now see an option to make a donation that will be used to help provide a hot meal to a child in need at our school.

Please note that any extra funds left at the end of the school year will be used to purchase other items for the school from the Principals spending list.

Bingo

The school foundation would like some feedback on having bingo as a fundraiser for the school. Please fill out this quick survey to help us out. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLZWFLM>

Instagram - The school council and foundation are back on Instagram, you can follow us at graminiaparents

Graminia Community Rink Society

The Arnold Semeniuk Graminia Community Rink is a facility built for, taken care of, and run by the community. The ice is ready for use and we are actively looking for a few new faces that would be interested in getting involved this year. If you would like to get involved please email graminiarink@gmail.com or contact us via Facebook Messenger. Please remember that the 50/50 raffle ticket fundraiser ends on January 8th and is already at \$3400! Purchase your tickets on rafflebox: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/gcrps>