

Graminia Flyover - January 14

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!

COVID-19 Notifications - Reported Case Counts

Due to the Alberta Government changing the qualifications for PCR testing, and that AHS is no longer informing schools of positive cases, Parkland School Division has changed how we inform families regarding covid cases in schools. Please see [this news item](#) that will be updated weekly on **Fridays** on our website.

Provincial Rapid Test Kits and Masks

As of this email today, Graminia School HAS NOT yet received our delivery of medical masks and Rapid Test Kits. We have had a great response to our survey, but are still missing 80 responses. It is very crucial to fill out the survey to help us plan the distribution of these resources in a timely fashion when we do receive them. As such, please complete the survey as soon as possible as we are hoping our shipment arrives soon. We are requiring families to complete the following survey for EACH child that attends Graminia School

[Rapid Test and Medical Mask Distribution Survey](#)

Feeling Sick? Here's What to Do - UPDATE

As we settle back into our daily routines following the Winter Break, we'd like to draw your attention to some changes to the provincial health measures that will have a direct impact on schools. These changes are summarized in the Division's updated [Stay at Home Guide](#). Please keep your child home if they are ill so we can all do our part to keep our school community healthy, safe and so we can remain open.

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, even if double vaccinated, at home. As more of the general population becomes fully vaccinated, this will play a factor in how soon your child may return to school following a legally required isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test. Fully vaccinated individuals only need to isolate for 5 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. **PLUS** a new measure includes 5 days of wearing a mask at all times when around others at school. We can work with families to help facilitate this upon a student's return to class. Those partially vaccinated or not vaccinated students remain legally required to isolate for 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, before returning to school.

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)

For all the latest including links to the latest Guidance for Schools, please visit the PSD [COVID-19 Info page](#).

A call out for donations ...

When we get back in January our students and staff are looking forward to using the ice rink. To support this, we are asking for donations of 4L clean plastic milk jugs to be brought to school when we return for us to create curling rocks with them. These can be brought to the office.

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!

NOTE: the Council and Foundation meetings are NOT on the same nights this month as the Graminia Foundation is holding its AGM.

Graminia Foundation will be meeting on **Tuesday January 18, 2022** at 6:30pm. [Here is the link for the virtual meeting](#).

Oilers School Spirit Night -

We have the ability to partner with the Edmonton Oilers to purchase tickets [through this attached QR code to](#) earn prizes and other memorabilia for students. Some tickets are at a reduced rate. There are two dates left to choose from, one being not until March. It is not yet clear how or if there will be an impact on capacity limits at that time. It's a great opportunity for the community to come together and cheer on the team.

Parking Lot Safety --

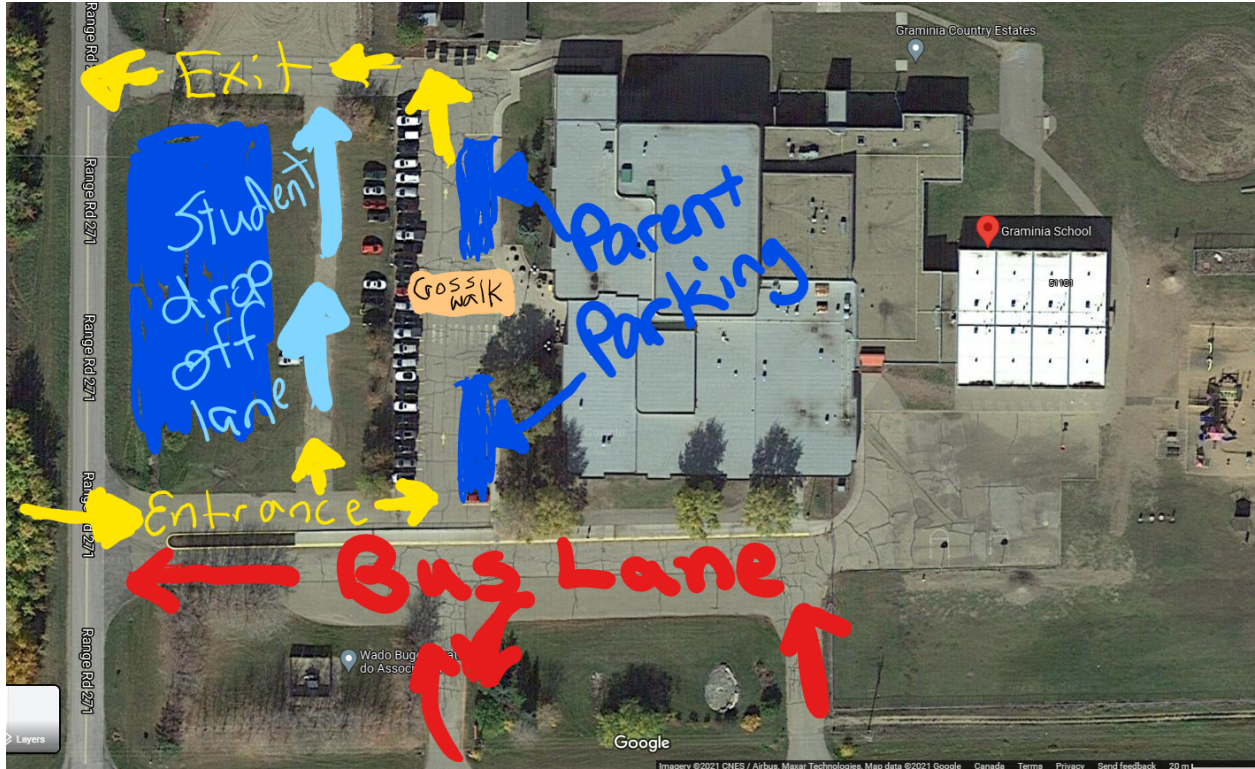
A reminder that our parking lot is a one-way street. The entrance is at the South and the exit is at the North. It helps us to keep everything safe when traffic flows in this direction.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up -

In order to ensure the safety of students during pick-up and drop-off we would ask you to follow the following rules:

- If dropping off students in the lane closest to the school, please park in a parking stall following all traffic rules. No dropping off in this lane without correctly parking (no drop and roll).
- If dropping off students in the grass/gravel lane (in front of the totem pole), you may drop students off without parking (drop and roll). This can only happen in this lane, not in the lane closest to the school.
- Please use the crosswalk when crossing the parking lot in front of the front doors.

Thank you for your cooperation. Ms Neumann and Mrs.Chessor will be out to help!



Graminia Foundation Fundraising

Little Caesars Fundraiser - Order forms for our Little Caesars fundraiser should have come home with your child this week. You can also order online:

1. go to www.pizzakit.ca
2. Click on "Products" then "Shop"
3. Select "Ship Order to the Group"
4. Fundraiser ID is #389754

Orders will be accepted until January 24, 2022 and the date for Pizza Kit pickup is February 9 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Thank you for supporting our Foundation! Any questions please contact Sheila at sheilaa@telus.net.

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.

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.

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.