

Graminia Flyover - December 23

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!

Happy Holidays to all of our families. This time away from the daily schedule gives us the time to relax, rest and enjoy each other. We thank you for all the support and kindness the Graminia Community has shared with our staff and students throughout 2021.

We wish everyone a safe and happy 2022.

Junior High Band Winter Concert - Tuesday December 21, 2021

Congratulations to our Junior High Beginner Band students and to Mr West for a fabulous and wonderful concert! Please check out the [whole event here!](#)

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.

We have an upcoming School Council meeting night on **Tuesday January 11, 2022**. Here is [the link for our virtual meeting that begins at 6:30 pm](#). The agenda will be sent out the first week of January.

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 --

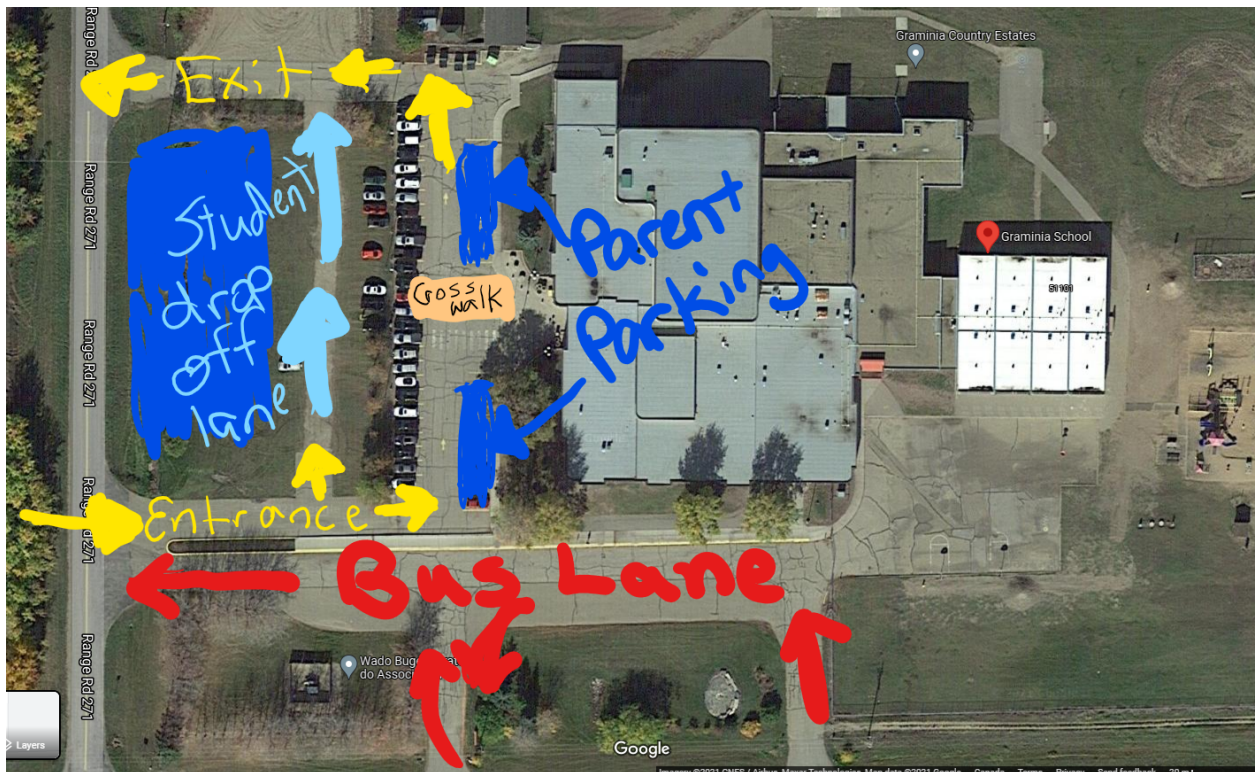
A reminder that our parking lot is a one-way street. The entrance is at the South and the exit is at the North. It helps us to keep everything safe when traffic flows in this direction.

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!



Individual Education Plans (IEPs) - Digital Parent Sign Off

For parents of students with IEPs, we are having some very inconvenient technical difficulties with the digital IEP's. Please anticipate a paper copy of the IEP to be sent home today or early next week. After reading through the updates, please email your child's homeroom teacher your consent and they will sign off through the digital system for you. Thank you for your patience while we work through this new technology.

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

Coming soon-Little Caesars

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.

Orders are now open for Friday, January 14 - Marci's

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.

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>