

Graminia Flyover - March 11

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!

School-wide Crazy Hair Day is on Friday, March 18th!

Coming Soon!! Check us out!

We will be trying something new in our communications with family starting in April. We will be moving to a once a month newsletter sent out at the end of the month highlighting class learning, important upcoming events and information. We have opened a **new Graminia School Facebook Page** - [click here to follow and like the page](#). We will post regular pictures and updates and important reminders. Emails will still be sent to families that require urgent or time sensitive information, such as registration, grade level events or communication.

Congratulations!!

We would like to take a moment to congratulate Ms. Kraus on being one of three Edwin Parr nominees for Parkland School Division. This is a recognition of the outstanding professionalism, engaging teaching and meaning relationships Ms Kraus has created in her first year of teaching. Ms Kraus will be honored by PSD at our annual Milestones and Merits awards night.

Get your Graminia Gear!

Our online store is now OPEN! If you are interested in purchasing merchandise for your child that highlights our awesome school please go to <https://elitepromomarketing.commonsku.com/shop/9d820161-a24f-4ff0-858b-08d57ffbd346> to order from our online shop. It is open until April 1, 2022.

Our spring Book Fair is going to be online and IN PERSON

From APRIL 4th - April 12th

Click on the link [Graminia Bookfair](#) to watch book trailers and see some sneak peeks, purchases can be made between April 4th and April 12.

Our book fair will be set up in our library for students from APRIL 4 to APRIL 8; students may purchase items at the bookfair or just browse and purchase later online. Discover exciting new and bestselling titles from the comfort of your home.

Bonus: Every purchase supports our school and helps to keep kids reading!

Yoga

We are excited to announce that all classes will have a wonderful session of yoga during their school day in the upcoming weeks. The schedule and information is just being finalized and teachers will reach out to their families to let them know their specific date.

Registration and Confirmation for 2022- 2023 school year

UPDATE- Our front office staff is diligently calling those who have yet to complete next years registration. Even if you do not need bussing, meeting the deadline of March 18 is needed to assist in staffing and planning for next year.

Please complete your registration and verification for attendance for the 2022-2023 school year prior to the deadline of March 18. For more information please visit the PSD website or [click this link to complete](#) the process.

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.

Parkland County FCSS programs

Parkland County FCSS have arranged for the Red Cross to facilitate a Stay Safe Program (ages 9-13) on March 19th in Gramina. In essence, how to manage being home alone safely. In addition, we have a Red Cross Babysitting Course (ages 11-15) scheduled for March 26th. Please visit the [website for details and registration](#).

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.

Graminia Foundation Fundraising

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. 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.

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 non 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](#).

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.