

Graminia Flyover - February 4

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!

Important Upcoming Dates:

February 8 & 9 - Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews - Teachers will be reaching out to book

February 10 & 11 - Teacher's Convention - No School

February 16 - Virtual Kindergarten Open House

February 18 - PD Day - No School for students

February 21 - Family Day - No School

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.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are this coming Tuesday Feb 8 and Wednesday Feb 9. They will be held virtually, either through a gmeet or a phone conversation. Teachers should have sent out the information to sign up this past week. If you have not received information from your child's teacher, please reach out to the office so they can assist.

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 **February 8 2022**. School Council meets at 6:30 and Foundation meets at 8pm. Here [is the link for our virtual meeting](#). The agenda was sent out earlier today.

Kindergarten Virtual Open House

Our Virtual Kindergarten Open House will be held February 16 from 6pm-7pm. Please see this [news item for details](#) or click [this link to join the meet](#).

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

Spellathon

It's that time again! SPELLATHON! Packages were sent home this week. TEST date is March 1st. Treat parties for the most 100% for each grade level, Booster juice party for the class that brings in the biggest amount of pledges.

In order for students to have their names entered into the draw, the pledge form and money can be sent in from Feb 22nd-March 1st. The last day pledges will be accepted is March 2nd.

Tickets! This year we will have 3 categories which correlate with the dollar value of prizes. Each student (no matter if they raised \$10 or \$1000) will receive just ONE ticket.

- Students that bring in: \$10 - \$49 earn a PINK ticket (Prize + DQ Self Serve Cone Voucher)
- \$50 - \$149 earn a YELLOW ticket (Prize + DQ Self Serve Cone Voucher)
- \$150 + earn a GREEN ticket (Prize + Soft Serve Cone Voucher)

Prize Draw is March 4th. Prizes will go home that afternoon. If you have questions or need a form contact Tanya Vogel (780)898-3333

Happy Spelling!!

Little Caesars Fundraiser

Pizza Kit pickup is February 9 from 2:00-4:00 pm. We will share on Facebook if we are ready early. Pick up will be in the rink parking lot. 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.

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.