



# Graminia Flyover

April 2022

## Principal's Message

### Graminia School

51101 Range Road 271  
Spruce Grove, AB T7Y 1G7

**Phone:** 780-963-5035

**Email:** [graminia@psd.ca](mailto:graminia@psd.ca)

### Principal:

Mrs. Treena Neumann  
[treena.neumann@psd.ca](mailto:treena.neumann@psd.ca)

### Assistant Principal:

Mrs. Erin Chessor  
[erin.chessor@psd.ca](mailto:erin.chessor@psd.ca)

### Head Secretary:

Carolyn Velichko

### Secretary:

Shelley Kent

### Website:

<https://graminia.psd.ca/>

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/PSD70GRM/](https://www.facebook.com/PSD70GRM/)

Welcome to Spring!

Hopefully ....

We are thrilled to be sharing out our first monthly newsletter that hopefully shares some of the amazing work our students and staff have been doing over the past little while and upcoming events or activities. Our students have been having a blast using their new recess bins outside!

As we head into spring, please make sure to dress for the weather as students are still going outside as the field dries up and even in the rain. For some of our younger students, a change of socks and pants would be great to send along, should they get wet at recess. We are excited to have started a new term of options for our Jr High Students, which should have them engaged in a variety of activities from fashion to soccer to slow pitch and guitar.

Coming up this week is our virtual school council, we have a guest speaker coming from PSD, Serge Labrie. Here is the link -<https://meet.google.com/fsc-ivpq-mtm> the meeting starts at 6:30 followed by our Foundation meeting. Please also take a look at our upcoming K-3 Parent Workshop on reading. As we being the last three months of school, we are looking forward to some out of school field trips, more opportunities for athletics through Badminton and Soccer, our Track and Field events, starting our Homeroom Buddies classes and more community building opportunities.

We thank our community for entrusting us with your children to learn and grow with us.

Treena Neumann - Principal

## School Events and Calendar

Check out our [school website](#) to see our school's monthly calendar. Here you can filter by type of event and you can also add our calendar to your own iCal or Google Calendar. Please note there is **NO SCHOOL Friday April 15 and Monday April 18.**



**PARKLAND**  
SCHOOL DIVISION



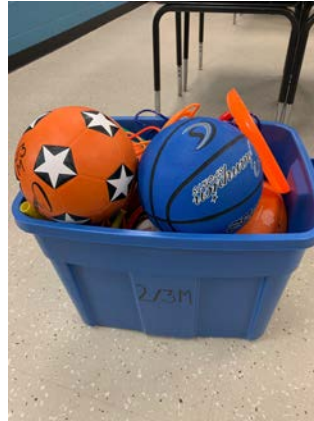
## General Information

### Earth Day Clean-up

We are so excited bringing back buddy classes at Graminia! We are kicking this off with our annual Earth Day clean up event. On April 22nd students will be working together to clean up our school yard. A special thanks to Ms. Wolff for organizing this important activity!

### Stronger Together Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Supports Newsletter [Stronger Together](#). The focus for this month's information and parent sessions is supporting children with anxiety. You can also access the [Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#) to learn more information and find sessions regarding child/youth mental health and parenting topics.



### Graminia Helping Hand Award

The Graminia Hall Helping Hand Award was created by the Graminia Community League & Social Society to reward individuals who give back to their communities. The League suggests the award be used to create an RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan) or be added to an existing RESP for your future education. [Please click here for more information](#) and the application form.

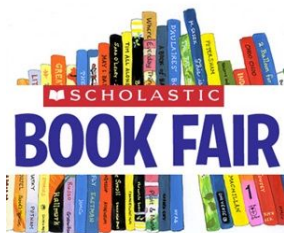
### High School Course Selection

Spruce Grove Composite High will be coming out on Wednesday, April 13 to assist students with course selection.



### Book Fair

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported this year's Scholastic Book Fair. The in person portion has wrapped up and Mrs. Heiser is reporting some HUGE preliminary numbers - \$4800. So far we are on track to beat our highest earning Book Fair ever (Oct 2019's Book Fair made \$5600). The online Book Fair will remain open until April 12. [Click here to check it out!](#)



## General Information continued

### Parking Lot Safety Reminder

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. 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 Ms Chessor will be out to help

Please make sure that anyone dropping your child off is aware of the rules.

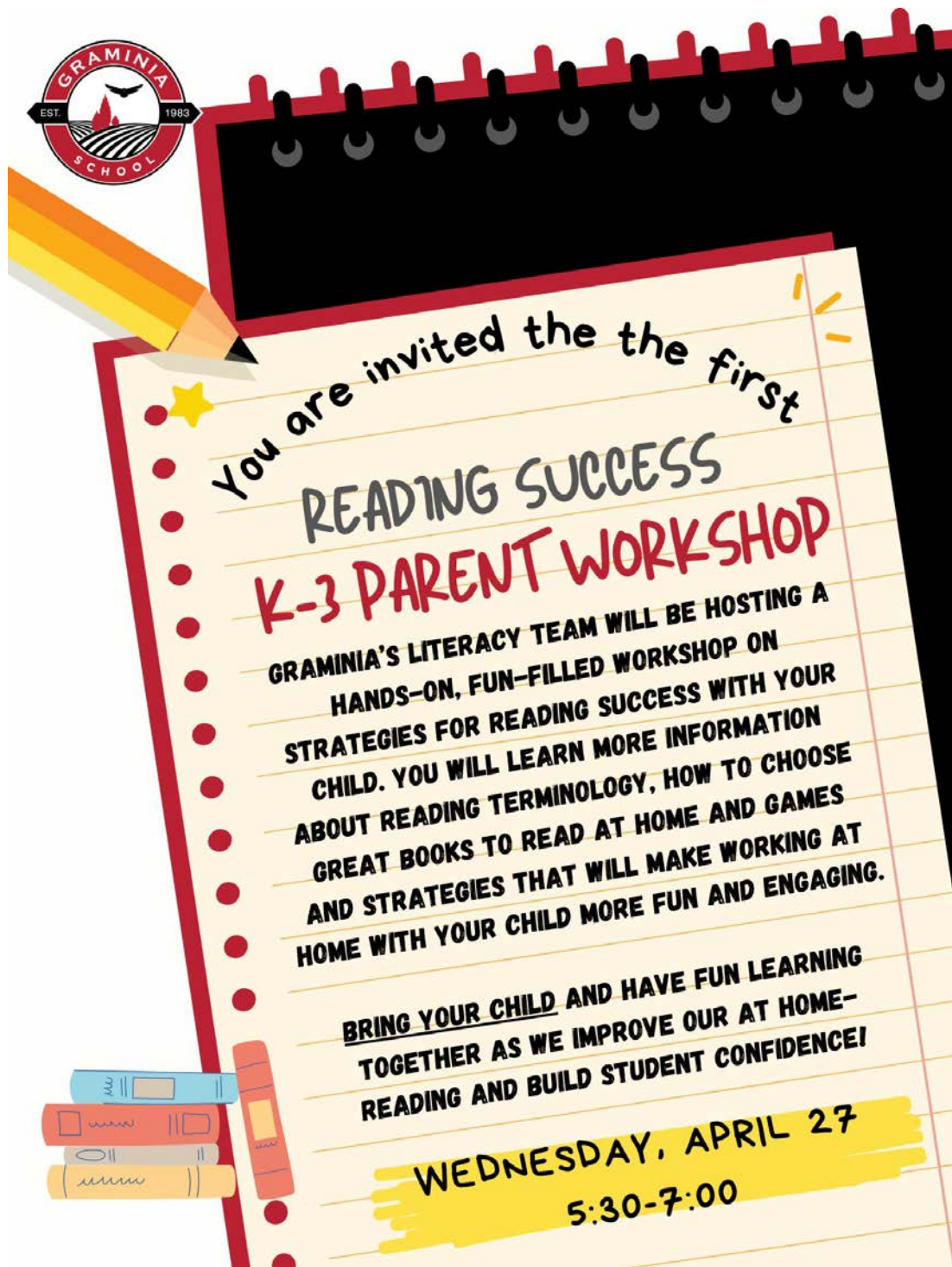




## General Information continued



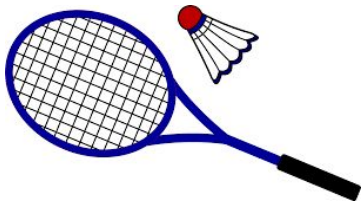
Please mark  
your  
calendars for  
this event!  
We are  
looking  
forward to a  
great  
evening of  
learning with  
you!



# Hawks Athletics

## Badminton

Junior and Senior Badminton teams are up and running! Coaches Mr. Lygo and Mr. Fraser are looking forward to a great season. The Jr Team practices on Tuesdays after school until and the Sr Team practices are held on Mondays. Please click here for [Junior Team schedule](#) and information and here for the [Senior Team info](#).



## Track and Field

Track and Field meets are currently being planned for both the 4-6 (May 19 with a rain out date of May 24) and 7-9 (Date TBA) groups of students. Look out for parent information and volunteer opportunity information coming home soon!



## Soccer

Miss Kraus and Miss Schoepp are looking to form a Graminia Co-Ed Soccer Team. All students in grade 7-9 that are interested in playing will be invited to an information session in the multipurpose room on Tuesday, April 12th at morning recess. More information will follow!



## Archery

Mrs. Shea-Pecoskie is looking forward to starting archery lessons with students in PE class. She will be starting with the grade 6 classes and moving up to the junior highs.



## School Council and Fundraising Foundation

### Hot lunch program

We are offering a Friday hot lunch from select local vendors.

To order, please register your child(ren) into the classes they are in on [graminia.hotlunches.net](http://graminia.hotlunches.net). All families, new and returning, must register each year. We also ask that you please send cutlery to school with your child(ren) as we do not provide this to them. Orders can be placed starting on Saturday, with the cut off being firm at 1pm on Thursday for hot lunch the following week. Payment can only be received through PayPal. Payment must be received by Thursday at 1pm, for your order to be accepted. 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 Principal's spending list.

### Upcoming Hot Lunch

- Friday, April 22 - Freshii and Dominos pizza
- Friday, April 29 - Little Caesars
- Friday, May 6 - Dairy Queen
- Friday, May 13 - Edo and Marci's



### Spring Flowers Fundraiser

[Click here to download a Spring Flower Fundraiser form](#). Get your orders in by April 14th. Pick up day is May 5 from 2-4pm at the Graminia School tennis courts. There will be extra stock available for day of purchases.

**Coming Soon** - Write-On school supplies fundraiser!



### Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Caregivers are invited to the April meeting of the School Council on **Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm**. At this month's meeting we are fortunate to have the Director of Facilities, Serge LaBrie join us and inform us of the playground assessment as well as the management of funds for maintenance and renovations. [Click here to view the agenda for this month's meeting](#). We will also be discussing and voting on the ASCA Advocacy Resolutions. To review please these, please click [here](#). For the time being, Council meetings will continue to be held using Google Meet Video conference. To join, use this link: <https://meet.google.com/fsc-ivpq-mtm>

## Graminia Swing'n Band Society

### Good Morning Honey Fundraiser

**Graminia Swing'n Band Society** is excited to hold their first fundraiser! From now until April 29th, we are holding a Good Morning Honey fundraiser! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to Graminia Band students. Please watch out for the paper order form that will be coming home with your student to order.

[The form is also available by clicking here](#)

Payments can be cash or cheque made out to GSBS (Graminia Swing'n Band Society).

Good Morning Honey is a LOCAL company.....actually just a few range roads west of the school, that makes beautiful unpasteurized honey in liquid, cream and cinnamon flavoured!

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. If you like to volunteer on the pick-up day, May 10th, please contact Jenn King @ 780-445-0621.



### Value Village FunDrive Fundraiser

Start saving your items for donation now! On Tuesday, May 10th, the **Graminia Swing'n Band Society** is hosting a donation drive to collect gently used items. Drop your gently used items off at the school over in the rink parking lot between 7:30 to 3:00 on May 10th. All proceeds created from donations will go directly to band students! Items to donate include: clothing, accessories, shoes, books, toys, small household items. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. If you like to volunteer on the pick-up day, May 10th, please contact Jenn King @ 780-445-0621.