



# Graminia Flyover

May 2022

## *Principal's Message*

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Spring is slowly becoming a reality and we look forward to our green schoolyard and outdoor learning spaces. With spring comes unpredictable weather so please be sure to continue to send outdoor clothing layers and proper footwear for going outside in the rain. The fresh air and activity is invaluable and classes are encouraged to spend time outside as the weather gets even warmer using the outdoor spaces. Some new benches have been added to our front water feature and by the bus lane which complements some of the work from past years.

As we move forward with the changes to the PSD COVID protocols, we look forward to more out-of-school field trips, planned and scheduled volunteers in classes, and a phys ed schedule with more opportunities for classes to learn together. We also began our class buddies this month to meet up for special activities or to read together.

Moving into this month, we are looking forward to the start of Spring League for our gr 4-6 students, track and field events for gr 4-9 and the continuation of our Badminton season!

We are all grateful that you entrust us with the care of your children for the parent support we receive. It is wonderful to see them learn and grow as the year progresses.

Have an amazing May!  
Treena Neumann

## *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, May 20 and Monday, May 23.**



**PARKLAND**  
SCHOOL DIVISION



## General Information

### Class Lists 2022-2023

We are beginning the process of developing class lists for next year. Class lists are created with your child's current teacher who can best place your child in a class for their greatest success and best future learning. We have not yet finalized our teaching assignments for next year, and as such cannot guarantee a teacher placement or grade at this time. In PSD we believe that all teachers at Graminia have the excellent ability and professionalism to support all students to achieve success and wellbeing. If you have a specific request for your child(ren), please send this request in writing to [erin.chessor@psd.ca](mailto:erin.chessor@psd.ca).

All requests must be made by **May 19** to be considered for the class list development, any requests made after this date will be added to a waitlist and addressed in August. Please be advised that we do not guarantee and will not accommodate all requests but will try to be responsive and supportive where possible.



### Stronger Together Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Supports Newsletter [Stronger Together](#). The focus for this month's information and parent sessions is Co-Parenting. This newsletter is also a wealth of information for community events from the local libraries, You can also access the [Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#) to learn more information and find sessions regarding child/youth mental health and parenting topics.



### Lost and Found

On **Friday, May 6** from 2:35 - 3:30 the overflowing Lost and Found tables will be sorted and displayed in the front foyer of the school. Please pop by or have your child check them for all of those missing items.

### Parking Lot Safety Reminder - Crossing our Lot Safely

We have noticed an improvement in the flow of traffic at drop off and pick up **but there have been some very concerning close calls lately due to students and parents not using the crosswalk to travel to and from their vehicles.** This is particularly evident after school. Please make sure you always take the extra steps to model safe crossing on the crosswalk.



## General Information continued

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Week is for community, schools and workplaces to celebrate, protect and promote mental health through various workshops, events and activities. Planning for this week comes from participation of Stony Plain and Parkland County, clinicians, school divisions, libraries, Everactive, APFA, RCMP and our local Indigenous Communities to offer a week of activities. The theme this year is Rediscover. Rediscover your sense of play, joy, community, connection, laughter, resilience, and what you need to stay well. [Please click here for local daily activities.](#)



**WEAR A SPECIAL HAT**

WEDNESDAY 2022  
**MAY 4**

to school, to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.



[canwetalk.ca](http://canwetalk.ca)

### Family Friendly Wellness Event

Parkland County FCSS are sponsoring a day of wellness, as part of Mental Health Week WUB in Wabamun is a family friendly event. **May 7th from 1:00pm - 6:00pm** at Wabamun Jubilee Hall. Expect a day charged with activities like drumming, games, movement, live music, meditation/mindful practices, and more. Explore tools designed to help you connect to yourself, others, family, friends, and your community in a whole new way! [Tickets are on sale now.](#) Subsidy options are available as well via their website.



WUB Society of Canada is pleased to have partnered with Parkland County FCSS, The Town of Stony Plain, Parkland County Libraries, Westview Primary Care Network & other local service providers & community organizations to offer this family friendly day of wellness as part of the Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Health Week.

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MORE INFO & TICKETS | [WUBGATHERING.COM](http://WUBGATHERING.COM)



### What's Happening at Graminia?

At Graminia, our School Health Lead Mrs. Shea-Pecoskie has set up a Kindness Wall at the front of the office where students and staff in the school will be encouraged to leave messages of positivity all week long. On **Monday, May 2** our FCSS Worker Mrs. Hee will be facilitating a lunchtime info session/talking circle on worry and anxiety. She is planning to offer one geared for elementary students and one for our junior highs. Additionally, students are encouraged to wear a special hat to school on **Wednesday, May 4** and will be taking part in some special health lessons throughout the week.





## General Information continued

### Hawk Helpers Student Leadership

Over the past few weeks, Mrs. Chessor has been working with students in grades 5-7 as part of a new Hawk Helper Student Leadership program. The Hawk Helpers will be mainly responsible for supporting younger students at recess outside. After attending some development sessions that focus on simple conflict resolution strategies and learning some simple game and activity ideas the students will be given a schedule to be put into action! All of the students are so enthusiastic and excited about this opportunity!!



Conflict resolution strategies such as encouraging little ones to use "I Messages" and this Peace Path pattern for communication are key resources in the Hawk Helpers toolkit!

These bubbles and sidewalk chalk are just waiting to be rolled out in warm dry weather. These were purchased as an add on to all of the wonderful recess bins supported by your Foundation. Hawk Helpers will be there to support games and activities using these supplies.



## What Is This?!

As a Hawk Helper you will be responsible for supporting younger students on the playground at recess. This program has THREE main goals.

Hawk Helpers will:

- 1.) Help younger students to solve conflict
- 2.) Help those who are feeling left out feel more connected
- 3.) Prevent disagreements and fights by helping students play together and follow rules





## General Information continued

### PSD Visual Arts Celebration

We welcome you to view Graminia's installment of [PSD's Annual Visual Arts Celebration](#). Teachers have carefully curated some wonderful samples from art projects completed this year. The slide deck may be viewed in 1 of 3 ways:

- 1) click arrow button manually
- 2) click three dots > Auto Play > Play
- 3) to view a specific school site, click on the slide number and scroll to the specific school



### Bike Rodeo

We are so excited to announce the return of a Graminia's annual Bike Rodeo event. Much more information to follow but please save the date: **Saturday, June 11.**



### Earth Day Cleanup

Our annual Earth Day school yard clean up was a wonderful success! Thank you to the students and staff for rolling up their sleeves to clean-up our school yard for everyone's enjoyment of our school yard space. We have a beautiful school yard and keeping it clean will need us all to work together to make sure garbage is placed in the garbage receptacles. Earth Day was a great opportunity to clean-up our school yard and to be more conscientious of placing garbage in its proper place. Thank you Graminia for keeping our beautiful school and school year clean!



### Book Fair

Sending out a HUGE Thank You for all the support our book fair received! It was one of our most successful book fairs and we managed to raise over \$3000 in credits for the school!!

These Scholastic credits will be used to support literacy in our school and add new books, games and activities to our library!!



Special thanks to the Vanderwal family for supporting Miss Marshall in welcoming 21 chicks to her classroom!



## General Information continued

### K-3 Reading Success Workshop

On April 27 Graminia's Literacy Team held an amazing Parent Reading Success Workshop where students and parents came together to learn about various reading support strategies. We had an incredible turn out! A huge thank you to Ms. Skaret, Miss Phalen, Mrs. Osmond and Mrs. Heiser for putting together this event! If you were unable to attend or did not get your hands on the information sheets and lists [we have put together a package that can be downloaded here.](#)



### Class Photos

Class Photos will be taken on Friday, May 6. KA and KC will have theirs taken on Wednesday, May 4.



## Graminia Swing'n Band Society

### Good Morning Honey Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting **Graminia Swing'n Band Society's** Good Morning Honey fundraiser! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to Graminia Band students. **Volunteers are needed on May 9th to sort and on pickup 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.



# Hawks Athletics

## Badminton

Our Jr. and Sr. Badminton teams continue to have a great season. Coaches Mr. Lygo and Mr. Fraser are looking forward wrapping up their season with the final tournaments that are happening the first week of May. Please click here for [Junior Team schedule](#) and information and here for the [Senior Team info](#) and email [jordan.fraser@psd.ca](mailto:jordan.fraser@psd.ca) or [sean.lygo@psd.ca](mailto:sean.lygo@psd.ca) for more information if needed.



## Track and Field - Grades 4-6

Graminia's 4-6 Track Meet will take place on **May 19** (with a rain out date of **May 24**). If you are available to volunteer on this day please contact Mr. Woloshyn @ [andrew.woloshyn@psd.ca](mailto:andrew.woloshyn@psd.ca).



## Spring League Basketball

We are so excited to announce the return of Spring League Basketball at Graminia! Students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in this amazing program. This is not only a great way for students to learn and practice their basketball skills in a fun and supportive environment but it also serves as a great opportunity for student leadership with our junior high students getting involved as coaches. Parents are welcome to attend the after school games. [For more information see this letter that was sent home to interested students at the end of April.](#) Interested players must return forms and payment by **Friday, May 6.**



## Track and Field - Junior High

Graminia will be holding our school level grades 7-9 track and field meet on **May 12** (with a rainout date on **May 13**). We are currently recruiting volunteers to help out with the events. Please email Mr. Danielsen @ [paul.danielsen@psd.ca](mailto:paul.danielsen@psd.ca) if you are interested in helping out.

After this event your child will be notified if they have qualified to attend the Zone Meet (May 19) and then the Division Meet (May 27).



## Swimming

Over the next two week grade 1 and 2 students will be taking part in swimming lessons at the TLC in Spruce Grove. Grade 1s will be in the pool from **May 2-6** and the grade 2s will get their chance **May 9-13.**





# School Council and Fundraising Foundation

## Hot lunch program

We are offering a Friday hot lunch from select local vendors. We 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, May 6** - Dairy Queen
- **Friday, May 13** - Edo and Marci's
- **Thursday, May 19** - Chopped Leaf & Little Caesars
- **Friday, May 27** - Box'd & Marcis

### Spring Flowers Fundraiser

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.



### Write on School supplies

### Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Caregivers are invited to the April meeting of the School Council on **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm**. An agenda will be sent out via email prior to the meeting. **BIG NEWS!!** This month's meeting, for the first time in over two years, will be held **in person** in the Library. For those that would still find it more convenient to join via Google Meet we will be offering the option to do so as well. Please use this link: [meet.google.com/fsc-ivpq-mtm](https://meet.google.com/fsc-ivpq-mtm).

Get ready for next school year!! We are happy to have our Write-On Back to School Fundraiser this year. We will have two delivery dates available to pick up your supplies. The first order delivery will be ready for pick up at the school the second last week of June. The second delivery will be ready for pick up at the school the second last week in August. If you would like to order supplies please follow these directions:

#### FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to <http://www.write-on.ca>
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Graminia Community School - SPRUCE GROVE
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac Online.

Thank you for your support!

