



Graminia Flyover

October 2022

Principal's Message

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Welcome to October, we have beautiful leaves, bright sunny days and hopefully a continuation of the wonderful temperatures!

September flew by with many events to start the year, our Open house assisted families with school supply drop off, Meet the Teacher had a families coming into the building and our first School Council and Foundation meetings had great turnouts with families coming together to talk about our school. Terry Fox was a great success and our Toonies for Terry was well supported.

Though September went quickly, October is looking to be just as busy with events, and exciting opportunities to build community and come together. Our Cross Country Team and our Volleyball teams are in full swing, and our Gr 3-6 Choir is coming together. We look forward in the coming month to our first Hawk Spirit assembly, our first Hawk Day where our Hawk Nests will come together and celebrating Thanksgiving and Halloween. Play Parkland begins this month for our gr 3-5 students. Our first set of Student Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 25 and 26. Last but not least, the Book Fair will be held October 24 - 28 in the library.

With all of these opportunities to come together, we additionally invite families to join us in the library on October 12 for our School Council at 6:30 where the Development Plan for the year will be shared, as well as the elections for council.

We cannot be more excited and thankful for our community in supporting all of these experiences for our school and our students.

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** on October 7 and October 10.





General Information



Halloween is coming! We are looking forward to our Halloween celebrations. If your child does not celebrate Halloween, please share this information with your child's homeroom/online teacher prior to Oct 31, so alternate plans can be arranged for your child while they attend school. If your child won't be attending, please contact our school office.



[Please read here for more details regarding our celebrations, costume requirements and parade.](#)

Congratulations to everyone for participating in the Terry Fox Run on September 23! We had a great turn out of families who joined our students and staff! A huge thank you to Mrs Wolff and her grade 4 students for their opening assembly and organization! For more pictures of the event - checkout our our [facebook page](#)



LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY CENTERS have had some great new additions thanks to donations and funds raised through BOOKFAIR!! The kids are having a wonderful time creating with our new Large Block set, Leggo builds, magnet connectors and Coding games.

The donation of a RISE GARDEN is adding color, light and life to our Library. Currently we are growing lettuce, basil, mint, lavender, marigolds, celery and cucumbers. Stay tuned for updates.

In BOOK NEWS; PSD has added many new Indigenous titles to our collection allowing us to continue learning and growing towards Truth and Reconciliation.

BOOKFAIR is returning October 24th to 28th!! Our fair will be set up for students in the library as well as available online for purchases. We are happy to announce that our fair will also be open the EVENING of OCTOBER 25th from 3 pm to 7pm for Parents to come in and shop. Check out our Facebook page for more details and updates.

REMINDER: Automated overdue reminders are sent out on Fridays. You can check your child's account on the LIBRARY WEBSITE by logging in with their school email and password



General Information



Jersey Day!

Let's cheer on our Edmonton Oilers for their season home opening game - October 12. Wear your Oilers jersey or Copper and Blue! Note: We support students choosing any team that is their preference.



Parent Teacher Interviews

We will be holding our first set of Parent Teacher Interviews in the evenings of October 25 and 26. Information on how to book an appointment will be sent later this month via your child's teacher.

Hawk Spirit !!

This is a new initiative we are starting this year. We will be buddying up our classes and learning focusing on building community and learning more about the Seven Sacred Teachings. During the month of October our buddy classes will be learning about RESPECT. We will have an assembly on October 28 at 1:30 to learn about and celebrate! Mrs Munro and Mrs Rupp's classes with Mr Lygo and Mrs Wolff's classes will be organizing and presenting at the assembly. A student in each homeroom will be recognized at the assembly with families invited to join as well. More information will be shared by homeroom teachers prior to the October 28 assembly.

Hawk Nests !!

Our first Hawk Day will be October 19 in the afternoon. We will bring together the different Nests through team building activities. Students and families will be notified of their Nest as well as their Nest leaders prior to the afternoon. It should be an exciting and engaging afternoon for everyone!



Drama

Auditions for Graminia Performing Arts Junior's winter production will be **October 11th and 12th from 2:45 - 4:15 pm!** Students wishing to participate must sign up for **ONE** of these two dates. If they did not attend the information meeting that was held on September 29, students need to see Mrs. Jacobs for an information package that must be brought home, read, and signed before auditioning! Please email Mrs. Jacobs at ali.jacobs@psd.ca if you have any questions!



General Information cont.

Stronger Together Newsletter

Each month, Parkland School Division's Learning Services team compiles a newsletter for parents and guardians of students. Inside you will find information, opportunities and strategies to help you and your family connect with us on your child's educational journey. Each month we will provide you with information about mental health and ways we can work together to support your family. [Please click here to see the latest issue.](#) You can also access the [Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#) to learn more information and find sessions regarding child/youth mental health and parenting topics.



Morning Breakfast Program & Snack Shack

Our Breakfast Program is up and running in the Multipurpose Room starting at 7:35 every day. We also have a Snack Cooler that is available for students to grab a healthy snack at any point in the day. These programs are for everyone and anyone!

Vending Machine

This is open for students in **gr 7-9 to use during recess and lunch break only.**

The gr 6's are welcome to use the vending machine on Monday and Wednesdays and gr 5's are welcome to use the vending machine on Tuesday and Thursdays.



Graminia Rink Society

Our next meeting coming up:

Monday, Oct. 3rd

@ 6:30pm

Graminia School Library

We are looking for new faces to join our team! 🙌

If you have an interest in being secretary, treasurer, or doing social media for the Rink Society - we hope you'll join us!

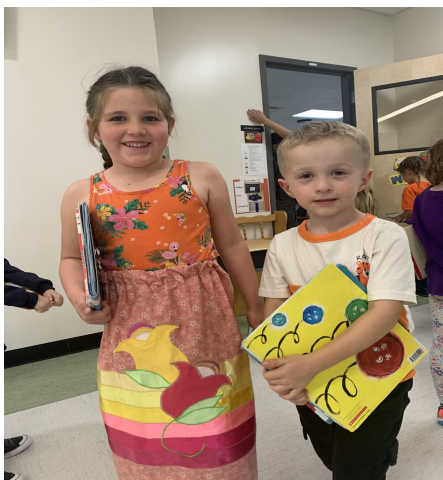
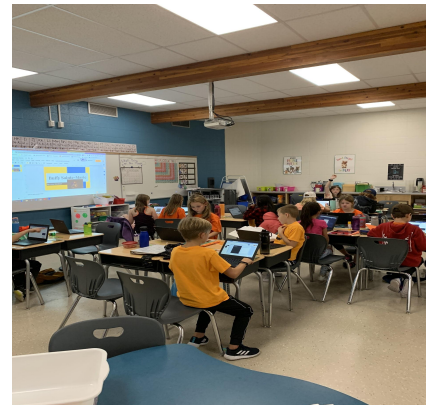
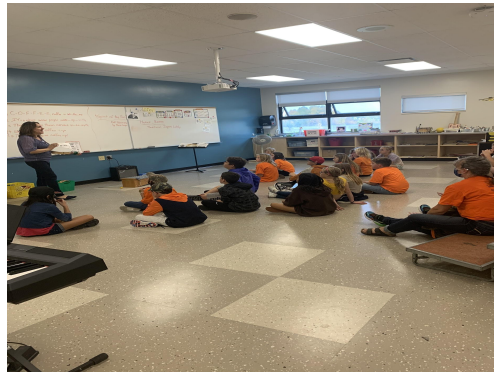
Time commitment is only 1-2 hours per month, many of our current volunteers no longer have children at Graminia School and are hoping to pass the torch to younger families who are enthusiastic about the next stages of the facility!



General Information cont.

Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day Events

During the last week of September the students of Graminia participated in a multitude of activities and lessons to honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.





General Information continued

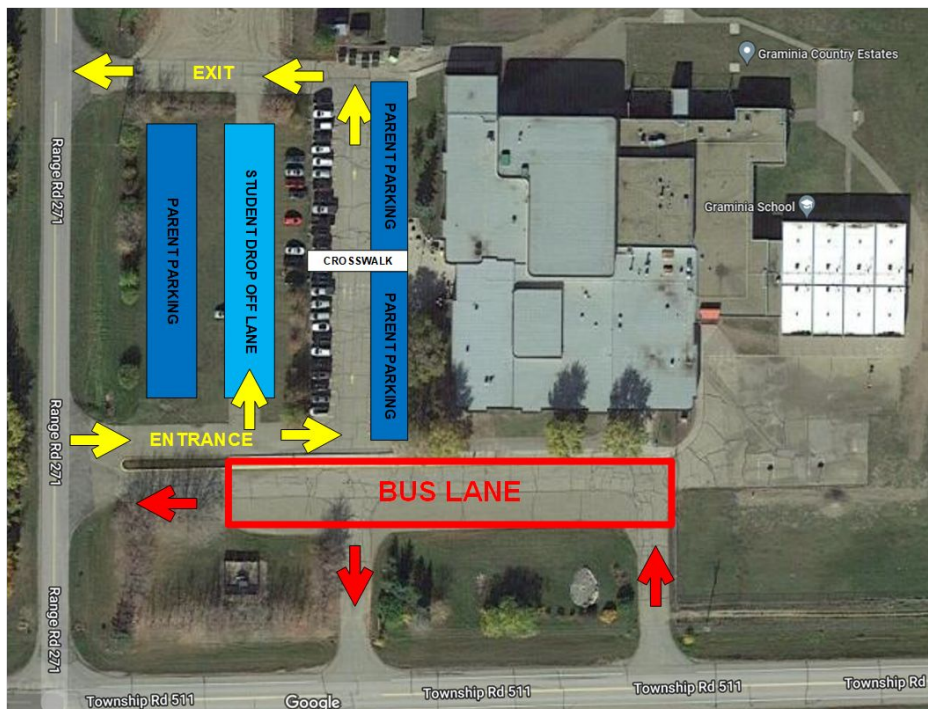
Parking Lot Safety

For those families that are new to Graminia it is important to note 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.**
- It is critically important that students, parents and staff use the crosswalk when crossing the parking lot in front of the front doors. It is not safe to cross from in between parked cars and the Parent Parking areas have cars constantly backing up and moving. As the adults, we can model this for the kids!

Thank you for your cooperation. Ms Neumann and Ms Chessor will be out to support a safe drop off and pick up each day.

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





Hawk's Athletics

Volleyball/Athletics Update and Calendar

Our wonderful PE Specialist Miss Lewis has created a google docs calendar for the athletics this year, this document will be modified with times and changes to practices/games.

Volleyball players, If you still need to pay your team fees (\$70 for Jr./\$90 for Sr. paid on powerschool) or submit your jersey deposit (\$100 cheque to the office), please make sure that these are paid ASAP. Fees must be paid to play in the games.

If you have any questions that are team specific, please email your team's coach. If your child is going to miss a game/practice, please let your coaches know

Sr. Girls - sean.lygo@psd.ca

Sr. Boys - kiran.kawa@psd.ca &
sidney.lewis@psd.ca

Jr. Girls - sidney.lewis@psd.ca &
catherine.valiquette@psd.ca



Click here for the [Athletics Calendar - Updated September 25th.](#)

Good luck to all the athletes & teams this season!



School Council and Fundraising Foundation

Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Caregivers are invited to the first School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30pm**. This meeting will be held in person in the Graminia Library. Attendees are welcome to bring their children if necessary. An agenda will be sent via email prior to the meeting.



Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth

Graminia also has ongoing fundraisers with the following companies:

[Mabel's Labels](#) and [Tru Earth](#)



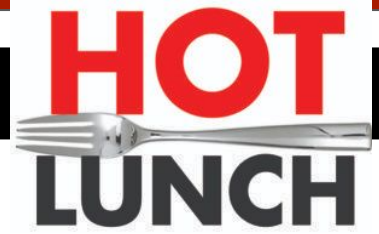
Thank you!

A HUGE thank you for your support of our Farm to School fundraiser. **We raised a total of \$6392.50!!** Another big thank you to the incredible Kate from Somerset Pumpkin Farms for bringing her goods and donating a percentage of pumpkin sales to our school. This raised an additional \$295!





School Council and Fundraising Foundation continued



2022/2023 Hot Lunch Program

The hot lunch program will be running similar to last year. We will be offering hot lunch on Fridays 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.

Communications

Please note that there will be weeks when hot lunch needs to be offered on a different day to accommodate the PSD calendar (e.g., non-instructional days, holidays, etc.). The hot lunch program will communicate regular updates through email, the Graminia Flyover, and the Graminia Community School Foundation (GCSF) Facebook page.

How To Register

Visit graminia.hotlunches.net to register and to create a profile for your child(ren).

To order, please register your child(ren) into the classes they are in. All families, new and returning, must register each year. Please note if this is your first time ordering, 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. Note, that a PayPal processing fee will be added to your order.

Cancellations & Refunds

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.

Donations

One of the menu items weekly on our menu is a donation. The money collected from this will go towards purchasing a hot lunch for a child in need at our school.

Please be patient with your hot lunch volunteers. The hot lunch program was a huge success last year. 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.



Graminia Swing'n Band Society

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Who Are We?

The Graminia Swing'n Band Society (GSBS) welcomes students back to Graminia! What is the GSBS? Starting in 1995, a group of parents created this non-profit organization to sustain the Graminia Hawks Band program. Our efforts to fundraise, over the years, have allowed students to reap the benefits of receiving a high quality musical education. Last year, with Band starting back up from COVID, we contributed to buying new chairs for the band students to have good posture and support!



Please consider following us on Facebook at: -search "Graminia Swing'n Band Society"- <https://www.facebook.com/GSBS2022>

Or on Insta: @graminiaband

You can ALWAYS email us at: graminiaband@gmail.com



St Albert Casino, Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4

Good Morning Honey Fundraiser supporting Graminia Hawks Band.

GSBS is lucky to be hosting a two night event to volunteer at St. Albert Casino. Volunteers will be needed in order to make these nights a great success. Please connect with GSBS' President, Jenn King at 780-445-0621 if you have any questions. You can also email graminiaband@gmail.com. To sign up for your shift, please click on this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xXu_ZnncfQiBY_eNI3_L7xInvWx8bmibwKbJoH70p0/edit#gid= This spreadsheet and more information is available on our Facebook page.

The Graminia Swing'n Band Society (GSBS) is proud to offer our first fundraiser of the year: Good Morning Honey! ALL proceeds created from this fundraiser goes directly to supporting students in the Graminia Hawks Band! Good Morning Honey is a LOCAL COMPANY that provides high quality honey in traditional cream and liquid forms and in a scrumptious cinnamon flavour. This fundraiser runs from Oct 3rd to Oct 14th. Pick up date is October 18th. Please fill out the order form and return to the school with either CASH or CHEQUE made payable to the "Graminia Swing'n Band Society". Questions? Contact Jenn King at 780-445-0621 or email at graminiaband@gmail.com Check us out on Facebook: Graminia Swing'n Band Society Insta: @graminiaband

Help Wanted!

Join Us! Annual AGM will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7pm.

We are looking for a new Treasurer. Please contact Jenn King at 780-445-0621. This position requires around 20 hours of volunteer time over the course of a year. You will have support to learn the new role if you are not familiar with it.

All parents and caregivers are invited and should attend GSBS' AGM. It's an online meeting on **Tuesday, October 25 from 7:00 – 8:00pm**. This Google Meet link is available on our **Facebook and Insta page**. Search Graminia Swing'n

Band Society and @graminiaband

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hdt-insw-ukb>

Or dial: +1 928-793-9244 PIN: 152037659