



# Graminia Flyover

November 2022

## Principal's Message

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Welcome to November!

As we begin to say goodbye to fall, we are reminded of how wonderful the weather has been and of the snow to come. We have had a very busy month that saw us come together as a school community in our Hawk Nests and then again to celebrate our learning in our Hawk Spirit! To finish off the month, we welcomed families on Halloween to enjoy all of the costumes in our annual costume parade.

With the coming cold weather, we remind families to send extra warm clothing and to make sure that, even our teenagers, have toques, mitts and jackets to be outside before school, at recess and lunch. We have a great Hawk Shop, that is open until November 7 to get your Hawk gear.

<https://www.promoplace.com/graminiaschool/>

November looks to be as busy as October, as we start the month with our School Council meeting on Nov 9 at 6:30 in the Library, with guest speaker Associate Superintendent Dr. Meghan Miskolzie. Additionally, we invite our families to join us to for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Nov 10 @ 10:30 am in the gym. Our Hawk Spirit Assembly will be held on November 25, where we will be focusing on COURAGE. The classes presenting will be Ms Marshall's, Mrs Valiquette's, Mr Kawa's and Mrs Jacobs'! November also bring us Fall Break, which begins on November 11, with classes resuming on November 21.

We are deeply grateful for the daily privilege to work with your children. It is wonderful to see them grow and learn throughout the year.

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 on Friday, November 11 and then Fall Break is November 14-18.





## General Information

### Hawk Shop!!

Get your school gear before November 7!

<https://www.promoplace.com/graminiaschool/>

The store is open for online ordering and all clothing will be delivered to the school prior to Winter Break! A great stocking stuffer :)



### Remembrance Day at Graminia School

We will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 10, beginning at 10:30 in the large gym. We welcome families to attend. There will be a guest speaker from the Canadian Armed Forces, a few of our classes will be presenting and the Graminia Band and Graminia Choir will be performing. We thank Mrs Wolff for organizing this important event.



### Now Presenting - A New Door Entry Buzzer!

The front office now has the ability to buzz people in! When you get to the school between 8:00 - 2:30pm, ring the doorbell and stand by the planter. The office staff can see you on the video camera and will buzz you in. :)

## Save the Date

Hard to believe this but Christmas is around the corner! More details coming in the December Flyover but please "save the date" for the following performances:

#### Wednesday, December 14

Grade 1-3 + Choir Christmas Concert 1:00pm  
Dress rehearsal: 10:00 am

#### Thursday, December 15

Grade 4-6 + Band Christmas Concert 6:30pm  
Dress rehearsal: 10:00 am  
School Performance: 1:00 pm



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## Halloween Fun! 2022







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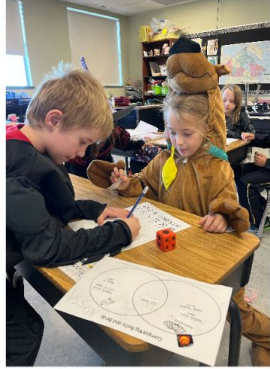
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## Hawk Nests on Hawk Day!







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*Hawk Spirit Recipients - Respect - October*

## Hawk Spirit!

Thank you to Mrs Rupp's, Mrs Munro's, Mrs Wolff's and Mrs Lygo's classes for a wonderful first Hawk Spirit Assembly! Many families came out and enjoyed the presentation!

We look forward to our next Hawk Spirit Assembly on November 25, where we will be focusing on COURAGE. The classes presenting will be Ms Marshall's, Mrs Valiquette's, Mr Kawa's and Mrs Jacobs'!





## General Information cont.

Please read the following letter provided by Alberta Health Services, this information was also shared via the email messenger the afternoon of Oct 31, 2022.



31 Oct 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**RE: Notice of Respiratory Illness Outbreak at: Graminia School**

A respiratory illness outbreak has been declared at: Graminia School. This is due to a large number of students sick with respiratory symptoms. Respiratory illness symptoms include: Cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss or altered sense of taste/smell, runny nose/nasal congestion, fever, and may also include fatigue (significant and unusual), muscle ache/joint pain, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

The germs that cause respiratory illness can be easily spread from one student to another through coughing and secretions from the nose and mouth. To help minimize the spread of any respiratory illness we always recommend the following:

- Ill students should stay home.
- Perform hand hygiene frequently by washing their hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub.
- Practice respiratory hygiene:
  - cough and sneeze into their sleeves or
  - cover their mouths and noses with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
  - throw away used tissues immediately after sneezing, coughing or wiping their noses.
  - perform hand hygiene as described above.
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched such as door knobs, light switches and bathroom taps.
- Immunization is an important public health measure and all families, children and staff are encouraged to complete their routine immunizations, COVID-19 and influenza immunizations.
- Testing is not routinely recommended however your health care provider may recommend testing for clinical management

Students who are ill with respiratory symptoms should remain away from school until their symptoms have improved and they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, and they feel well enough to resume normal activities. If you are tested for COVID-19 additional information on isolation recommendations can be found here: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17239.aspx>

Please contact Health LINK Alberta toll free at 811 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,  
Public Health, Communicable Disease Control Outbreak Team





## Hawk's Athletics

### Volleyball/Athletics Update and Calendar

Congrats to the Sr. Girls for getting second at the WP Wagner tournament, good job showing the city teams how we can compete! Way to go to the Jr. Girls for their second place finish in the Prescott/Greystone Tournament as well! That was some awesome volleyball to watch from all three teams :)

The athletics schedule has been updated to show the playoff games and potential practice schedules. These might not be final depending on how the teams do in their games.

Jr. Girls Quarter Finals @ HOME vs Duffield @ 3:45pm  
Thursday

Sr. Girls Lunch Practice, 11:17am-11:47am

Jr. Girls Lunch Practice 11:47am-12:17pm

Jr. Girls Semi Finals @ Wabamun, time TBA - if we win  
Quarter Finals

Sr. Boys Semi Finals @ HOME vs Wabamun @ 4:15pm  
Friday

Open Volleyball @ Lunch (11:47am-12:17pm) \*all players  
welcome\*

Sr. Girls have a bye into the semi finals, their first  
playoff game is on November 8th!

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](mailto:sean.lygo@psd.ca)

Sr. Boys - [kiran.kawa@psd.ca](mailto:kiran.kawa@psd.ca) &  
[sidney.lewis@psd.ca](mailto:sidney.lewis@psd.ca)

Jr. Girls - [sidney.lewis@psd.ca](mailto:sidney.lewis@psd.ca) &  
[catherine.valiquette@psd.ca](mailto:catherine.valiquette@psd.ca)

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



Student Teacher  
Volleyball Game -  
November 23 @1:15 in  
the gym.



Stay tuned to for  
Basketball Tryouts in  
early December Gr 7-9





## 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

We are hosting the Rink Society's Annual General Meeting on **Monday December 5th** at 7 pm.

**Location:** Bentham Residence #32, 51514 RR 262 Spruce Grove (text or call 780-910-4190 for a pin). Our meeting agenda will be short, with lot's of time to socialize with community members and gain insights into priorities for the rink and summer surface activity areas (rink plus tennis courts). We have a number of open positions (communications lead, treasurer, Vice President) on the Board of Directors and are looking forward to adding to our team!

**Ice Cleaning Volunteers:** We are always looking to add more helping hands (young or old) over the winter to clean the rink ice!

**SAVE THE DATE:** May 6th Rink Society Gala at Clymont Hall. Details will follow on our facebook page. Contact us at any time through Facebook messenger or via email [graminiarink@gmail.com](mailto:graminiarink@gmail.com).





# School Council and Fundraising Foundation

## Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, November 9 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

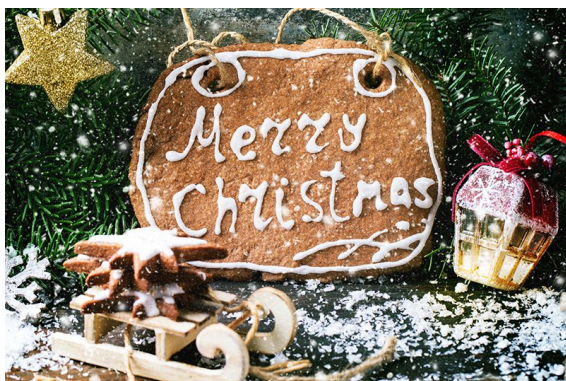
Graminia also has ongoing fundraisers with the following companies:

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

## Purdy's Fundraiser

We are happy to announce we are continuing with our annual Christmas purdys fundraiser!

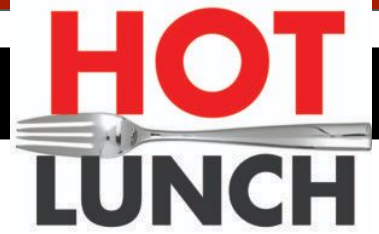
Order forms with brochures will be coming home the week of Nov 7-10. You will be able to order online or through the paper forms. Orders are due back Nov 25 for paper forms and Nov 27 online. Pickup will be in the school foyer Dec 8 between 7:30-9:30am and 2:00-3:30pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kerri Golka at [kerrimcwilliam@me.com](mailto:kerrimcwilliam@me.com).







## *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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:graminiaparentcommunity@gmail.com).



## *School Council and Fundraising Foundation cont.*

# One Small Thing



## SHOWING GRAMINIA STAFF OUR APPRECIATION

[Scan the QR or click here to submit your One Small Thing!](#)



We know the staff at Graminia, including the administration, teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodial staff, librarian, and our counsellor are working hard everyday to make Graminia an amazing place for our children. Let's fill up their buckets and send them words of support and encouragement throughout the year! Please share this link with other Graminia parents and come back periodically throughout the year to send a new message.





# Graminia Swingin' Band Society

## 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](mailto:graminiaband@gmail.com)

A HUGE thank you to Michelle Broadbent with Desjardins for her generous donation to the Graminia Band Program!

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

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](mailto:graminiaband@gmail.com).

To sign up for your shift, please click on this link:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xXu\\_ZnncIfQiBY\\_eNI3\\_L7X1nvWx8bmibwKbJoH70p0/edit#gid=](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xXu_ZnncIfQiBY_eNI3_L7X1nvWx8bmibwKbJoH70p0/edit#gid=)

This spreadsheet and more information is available on our Facebook page.

## Good Morning Honey Fundraiser supporting Graminia Hawks Band.

The Graminia Swing'n Band Society would like to thank everyone who participated in our Good Morning Honey Fundraiser. We raised \$1095.00 and ALL of this goes directly to support Graminia Band students.



## Help Wanted!

**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.