



Graminia Flyover

January 2023

Principal's Message

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2023!

We hope everyone had a well rested and relaxing Winter Break. The month of December was certainly busy at Graminia with all of our seasonal events. The concerts were wonderful to see everyone come together to support our students and enjoy their hard work. A huge thank you to our staff that made all of the events possible. We would also like to thank our Basketball coaches and our Athletic Director for kicking off the Basketball Season, which continues now until March.

In January, we will be continuing our Hawk Spirit Assemblies. The Graminia Outdoor Rink is up and running and will be used by classes now that we are back in school. Please check with your child's PE teacher to find out more. We have a few events for this month to bring families together, such as our Hawks on the Hill and our Hawk Spirit Assembly.

The Graminia staff would like to thank our families for all of the support that you provide for us and your children. We are appreciative to all of our School Council and Foundation parents and participants who give of their time for monthly meetings, and volunteer in our classes, and at field trips and events, and organize the school fundraisers!

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 January 30.**



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General Information cont.

Graminia Rink Society

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(s):

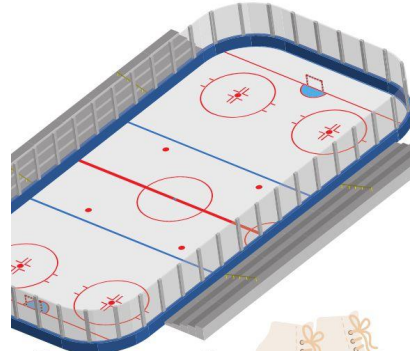
Mon, Jan 16 - There will be a Rink Society Meeting in the Graminia School Library at 6:00pm

Feb 26 - Rink Day!

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.



RINK DAY 2023



WE'RE HAPPY TO INVITE EVERYONE IN THE GRAMINIA COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY AT THE RINK ON FEBRUARY 26TH. COME HANG OUT AT THE RINK, CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS, WARM UP AROUND THE BONFIRE, AND MEET HUNTER! (MASCOT OF THE EDMONTON OILERS). WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Hawk Spirit

Hawk Spirit returns for the month of January. The next Hawk Spirit Assembly is on January 27, where we will be focusing on Wisdom. The classes presenting will be Mrs Chorney, Mr Inglehart, Ms Frick (KFC) and Mr West's classes!





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.

Illness in PSD Schools

Like the rest of the province, Parkland School Division has experienced a recent increase in absences due to more respiratory illnesses in the community. Most site outbreaks are caused by seasonal respiratory viruses or seasonal norovirus. When illness is identified early and appropriate control measures are implemented in a timely manner, these outbreaks are generally controlled quickly.

If the absence rate due to illness in an individual school reaches above 10 percent of their student population, we advise Alberta Health Services (AHS). AHS will investigate and if they declare an outbreak, families will receive information from the school with AHS direction. To keep families informed, [PSD will now report school absences by Grade level on their website.](#)

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.





General Information cont

Hawks on the Hill

RABBIT HILL
JANUARY 27TH, 2023
5:00- 9:00PM

ENJOY AN EVENING ON THE HILL WITH
YOUR FAMILY AND GRAMINIA FRIENDS!

30% DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKETS AND RENTALS

SIGN UP USING THE EMAILED GOOGLE FORM
BY JANUARY 26TH

To sign up for Hawks on the
Hill [please click here!](#)



Hawk's Athletics

Basketball/Athletics Update and Calendar

A message from Miss Lewis for January

If you haven't paid your fees yet please make sure that is done prior to the first game this week - this includes both the jersey deposit cheque (brought to the office) and team fees (paid on powerschool).

- Forms need to be handed in before your first game.
- If you are going to miss a practice/game please let your team's coach know, missing significant amounts of team activities may affect playing time.
- The Athletics Calendar has been updated with the games for the season,

Upcoming dates:

Monday - Jr. Basketball Practice, 2:45pm-4:30pm

Tuesday - Sr. Basketball Games

Girls HOME game vs PLC, 4pm

Boys @ Woodhaven, 3:45pm

Wednesday - Jr. Basketball Games

Boys HOME vs Woodhaven, 3:45pm

Girls HOME vs Woodhaven, 4:45pm

Thursday - Sr. Basketball Practice, 2:45pm-4:30pm

Friday & Saturday - Sr. Basketball Tournament @ W.P. Wagner - 6pm and 8pm game times on Friday

Saturday game times depend on how we do on Friday

Next week - Jr. Teams have a tournament at Leduc Comp, January 20th-21st. I will share the draw when I get it.

Click here for the [Athletics Calendar](#).



School Council and Fundraising Foundation

Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting on **Wednesday, January 11 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

Wow Graminia families, students and staff! We had another fantastic Purdy's fundraiser! Not only did we exceed our goal but we raised **\$3453** for our school! Thank you to everyone who supported the school! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season spreading joy with all of your chocolate goodies!
-Kerri Golka

Upcoming Fundraisers

Here are some great things we've got coming up for the remainder of the school year:

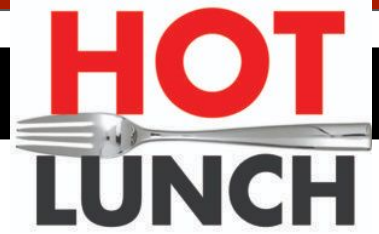
- Little Caesars
- Spellathon
- Spring Flowers
- Write-On school supplies

Upcoming Hot Lunch Vendors

Jan 13 - Freshii and Booster Juice
Jan 20 - Edo
Jan 27 - Marci's
Feb 3 - Box'd
No hot lunch the week of Feb 6-8



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.

School Council and Fundraising Foundation cont.

Please consider taking a moment to spread some joy and gratitude to a school staff member - your kind words make a world of difference! [Click here to visit the form.](#)

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



Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated to Toonies for Tunes! We raised \$389.10.

Additionally, GSBS thanks all of the volunteers who gave their time to make the Casino a great success!

Congratulations!

GSBS sends out a warm congratulations to students in the Junior High Band, who performed wonderfully at last week's Christmas concerts!

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.



...and your old stuff!

We will be holding a Value Village FunDrive this Spring!

