



Graminia Flyover

February 2023

Principal's Message

Graminia School

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February 2023

The month of January is over, and we had many great experiences and some fabulous weather. With February, we enter the month of exciting new programs, upcoming experiences and many events for the whole school. Please check out these two possible new programs being offered for next year: [Everyday All Day Kindergarten](#) and [MyPath:Graminia](#).

We had a great continuation of the basketball season in January, a lovely Hawk Spirit Assembly and the kick off to [Caps for the Cure](#). Our families met up at Rabbit Hill and we look forward to our second [Hawks on the Hill in February](#). We are also looking forward to seeing out families on February 1 for [Winter Walk Day](#) as well! There is no school February 9 and 10 for Teacher's Convention and February 17 and 20 due to a PD day and Family Day.

As the winter weather continues, please remember to send appropriate outdoor gear with all of your children, kindergarten to gr 9 as recess, PE and options classes will continue outside until the temperature is below -22. Additionally, we have really been enjoying the Outdoor Rink and want thank the hard working volunteers of the Rink Society!

We are grateful for the time we have with your families on a daily basis and are grateful for the trust you give us to learn and grow with them.

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 February 9&10, February 17 & 20.**





General Information cont.



Hawk Spirit Recipients - Wisdom - January

Hawk Spirit!

Thank you to Mrs Chorney, Mr Inglehart, Ms Frick (KFC) and Mr West's classes!

Many families came out and enjoyed the presentation!

We look forward to our next Hawk Spirit Assembly on **February 24**, where we will be focusing on Love. The classes presenting will be 2K - Mrs Kinsella, 5S Mr Sloane and Mrs Shea-Pecoskie's French classes.

Save the Date: The next Hawk Spirit Assemblies are planned for March 23, April 27 and May 25.



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):

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.

Keep an eye on the [Rink Project's Facebook Page](#) for more details on Rink Day and a link to purchase 50/50 tickets.



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!

Winter Walk Day

We hope all family members can join us from 1:50 - 2:35 as we bundle up and enjoy the fresh air. We will be walking the 'Terry Fox Loop' during the last block of the day on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Please meet us outside as we celebrate Winter and all it has to offer!

FEBRUARY 1, 2023





General Information cont.

New Programs at Graminia for the 2023-2024 School Year

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE



DATE

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023

TIME

6-7 p.m.

LOCATION

Graminia School (in the library)
51101 Range Road 271, Spruce Grove

Join us at this in-person event! We'll be showcasing our amazing kindergarten programs, including an **exciting new option** that combines play, inquiry and nature into an **all-day, every weekday** kindergarten experience.

Please bring your child with you!

Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023.



Click this [link](#) to read more about the pilot everyday all day Kindergarten class!



Online registration for the 2023-2024 school year must be completed for every child (Pre-K to Grade 12). Applies to new and returning students.

REGISTRATION OPENS
February 13

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 24 at 4:30 p.m.

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General Information cont.

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Graminia School

My Path: Graminia School



Dear Parents and Guardians of registered 2023-2024 Gr 4-9 students,

We are excited to announce that Graminia School is exploring the possibility of running a MyPath:Graminia program for our grades 4-9 students for the 2023-2024 school year. After consultation with the Connections for Learning Team and in review of practices of other schools in Parkland School Division, we are exploring the MyPath program for Graminia School. MyPath is offered to families two afternoons a week, with some Fridays, at an extra monthly cost per student which will range from \$100-150, depending on overall transportation costs, program costs and based on a cost recovery mandate. The approximate program times will be 12:00-2:30pm. The MyPath program offers students a diverse blend of health and wellness activities to complement the core academic schedule. This unique program of choice grants students enhanced opportunities in physical education, arts, technology and health programming and is a partnership between Graminia School and Connections for Learning.

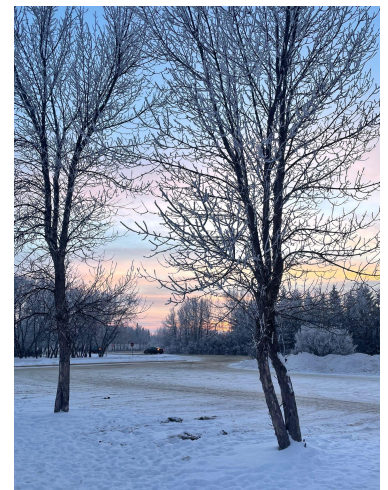
MyPath:Graminia will be committed to the purpose and core values of the MyPath program, as outlined [here](#) on the MyPath website. The MyPath program believes learning happens everywhere. They provide students with hands-on experiences to deepen their understanding and make learning fun. With passion comes enthusiasm and positivity. By offering opportunities that fuel a student's passion, we create a healthy learning environment where every student can share their strengths, talents or gifts. Therefore, students and families need to commit to the program for the full school year and students enrolled in MyPath:Graminia will not be permitted to stay back at the school on their MyPath afternoons but will be encouraged and supported to try new activities and grow their experiences.

If you are interested in MyPath:Graminia, please complete [this interest survey](#). We will have an open house/information night in February as well, if there is enough interest shown in our survey. A commitment is required at the time of program registration. We will accept registrations until May 1, 2023. If there are not enough registrations to make the program viable, we will cancel the program for the 2023-2024 school year. Confirmation of enrollment will be shared with parents and/or guardians by May 5.

If you are interested in the MyPath:Graminia program please fill out [this survey](#). you will be contacted regarding an information/open house night and then registration will commence if we have enough interest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at treena.neumann@psd.ca or at 780-963-5035.

Sincerely,
Ms. Treena Neumann
Principal, Graminia School

Please complete [this survey](#) if you are looking for more information or are interested in the [MyPath:Graminia](#) for your gr 4-9 child in the 2023-2024 school year !





General Information cont.



Caps for the Cure Day is February 24th

To benefit The Cure Starts Now Foundation and pediatric brain cancer research



Naomi Nevesely was an amazing, bright, happy student attending school in Parkland County. When Naomi was in grade 1, she was diagnosed with an inoperable tumour on her brain stem. A cancer that has no cure. Naomi fought hard and enjoyed going to school in between radiation treatments and oncology appointments. Sadly, Naomi passed away a year and a half later at the age of 7. Naomi had a huge heart and was always up for helping out. In her honour, we are raising money to fund cancer research and clinical trials for new treatment options.

Please Help Us Raise Awareness

We will be showing our support for pediatric brain cancer patients and the need for research to cure this deadly cancer by participating in Caps for the Cure. Students will be allowed to wear a hat for the day and in exchange, the students are asked to donate \$1 which will be given to The Cure Starts Now Foundation. The Cure Starts Now raises funds for pediatric



Kids showing their support during Caps for the Cure

brain cancer research. Please help us support these kids in their battle. Sadly, brain cancer is one of the leading causes of deaths in childhood cancer and each year

over 3000 more children are diagnosed with brain cancer.

The Cure Starts Now is working to help fund research to stop the loss of these beautiful lives. These children with brain cancer deserve to be given a chance, and your kids can help.



Final Terry Fox Fundraising Total

We are thrilled to share the final fundraising results from your 2022 Terry Fox School Run with you. Congratulations to everyone at Graminia School for raising \$1,551.59 for cancer research and surpassing your previous year's fundraising total! Every year we continue to see schools set goals and achieve great success because of their community's generosity, commitment, and spirit. Thank you for leading your school community in another amazing year!

About The Cure Starts Now

The Cure Starts Now is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit. Since 2007, due to efforts like Caps for the Cure, The Cure Starts Now has been able to fund research across the globe. In conjunction with our DIPG/DMG Collaborative partners we have funded more than \$29 million in research grants at 119

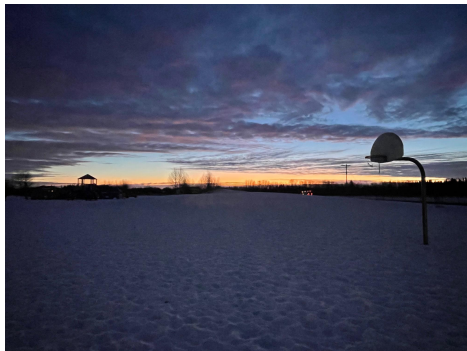
hospitals in 17 countries. It is our hope that this year's Caps for the Cure will enable us to open up even more opportunities for these children before it is too late.

Please visit our website to see a few of the thousands of children whose lives will be affected by your school's generosity.



Together we can find the Homerun Cure™ for all cancers!

Additional tax-deductible donations can be made at capsfortheure.org or simply send a check in with your child and you will receive a donation receipt in the mail.



FEBRUARY 24TH



www.thecurestartsnow.org

Donate \$1.00 and wear a hat for the day!



Help raise money for pediatric brain cancer in honour of Naomi Nevesely



General Information cont

**Hawks
on the
Hill**

RABBIT HILL
FEBRUARY 24TH, 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 FEB. 23RD

To sign up for
our 2nd Hawks
on the Hill
[please click
here!](#)



Hawk's Athletics



Basketball/Athletics Update and Calendar

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weekly newsletter

JANUARY 31ST - FEBRUARY 3RD

NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful week :) We are heading back inside this week!

This week will allow for us to get resettled back indoors with some cooperative and low organized games.

Friday we will be doing our third round of fitness testing. The goal for our fitness testing is for the students to show improvement from the levels they were at previously.

CURRENT FOCUS

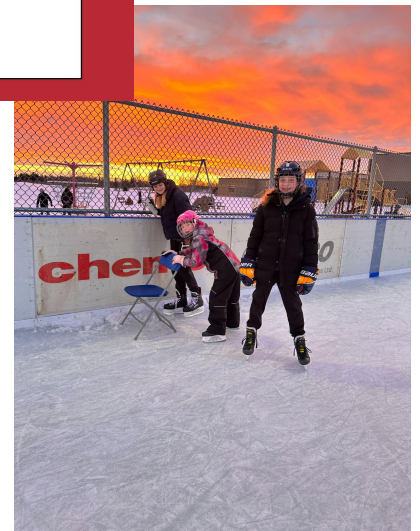
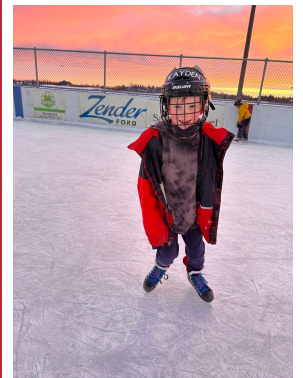
Next month we will be doing our dance unit. Focus will be on the learning and following patterns, as well as creating your own dance. This unit will include both aspects of individual (ie. line dance) and social dance.

COMING UP IN ATHLETICS

- JAN 31ST**
 Sr. Boys HOME game vs BB. 3:30pm.
 Sr. Girls @ SPA. 4:45pm.
- FEB 1ST**
 Jr. A Boys HOME game vs Broxton 2. 4pm.
 Jr. A Girls @ Muir Lake. 3:30pm.
- FEB 2ND**
 Sr. BBall Practice. 2:45pm-3:45pm.
 Jr. B Boys HOME game vs MH. 4pm.
 Jr. B Girls HOME game vs MH. 5pm.



Miss. Lewis & Mrs. V





General Information cont.

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!

Speech Support Through AHS

Alberta Health Services is currently offering speech sound and fluency intervention for school aged children at no cost to families in the Queen Street Health Unit in Spruce Grove. The AHS SLPs have reported the school aged service is being underutilized in our area. Parents can self refer by calling the health unit directly at 780-342-1300 and selecting option #3.

	Clear Speech: Using speech sounds	New functional speech concerns due to diagnosed or undiagnosed speech delays and disorders, including: articulation, phonology, functional concerns of unknown etiology, motor/neurological (e.g. dysarthria, childhood apraxia of speech, brain injury), structural (e.g. cleft palate, orofacial anomalies), sensory perceptual (i.e. hearing impairment). What does this mean? A child or youth may have difficulty being understood by others because of how they say their sounds, words or sentences.
	Clear Speech: Speaking smoothly and easily	Fluency, dysfluency, stuttering or cluttering. What does this mean? A child or youth may have difficulty talking or being understood due to stuttering.
	Clear Speech: How the voice sounds	Voice and resonance; voice disorder; hypernasality; hyponasality. What does this mean? A child or youth's voice may sound harsh, hoarse or too high or low pitch. It may seem like they are 'talking through their nose.'



Calling All Creative Students!

Be the student that designs the 2022 - 2023 Graminia Memory Book Cover!
(This contest is for Grades 6 - 9)

Theme - Graminia Community

- Paper size - 8.5" high x 7" wide
- Drawing should be colored
- Do not put anything important near the edges of artwork

1st prize - Front Cover
2nd prize - Back Cover

Please share your work with Mrs.Velichko February 24, 2023

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.

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.



School Council and Fundraising Foundation

Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023 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](#)



Bike Rodeo - Help Needed

Planning for the Graminia Bike Rodeo is beginning! This is a primarily parent led event (with some staff support) so we are looking for volunteers for the Graminia Bike Rodeo in June and if anyone knows of any potential prize donors, please reach out Amber Darragh at robamber@gmail.com or 780-886-3387! Thank you.

Little Caesars

Orders are now open and can be placed online or by using the paper form from the brochure. Orders close on Feb 13 and delivery is Feb 28 from 2-4pm. New this year is Gluten Free pizza :). For online orders go to pizzakit.ca, click on products then shop. Select, ship order to the group. Our Fundraiser ID is 417982. Friendly reminder to note the pick up date on your calendar as all orders MUST BE PICKED UP Feb 28

Upcoming Fundraisers

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

- New and Improved "Spellathon"
- Spring Flowers
- Write-On school supplies

Upcoming Hot Lunch Vendors

- Feb 3** - Box'd
- No hot lunch the week of Feb 6-8**
- Feb 16** - Chopped Leaf & Little Caesars
- Feb 24** - Dominos Pizza



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.



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 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



...and your old stuff!

We will be holding a Value Village Fun Drive this Spring!

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.