



Graminia Flyover

April 2023

Principal's Message

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April 2023

April is upon us! I hope that you all had a wonderful Spring Break with your families. I'm sure that you are looking forward to green grass, blossoms and leaves on the trees as much as I am! We are looking forward to seeing all of our families in the building Tuesday April 4 and Wednesday April 5 for Student, Parent Teacher conferences. Please take a look at the lost and found tables outside the library as we are looking to donate any leftover items after the long weekend. Also, pop into the library and check out the Scholastic Book Fair!

We have a very busy April coming up with a Literacy Night and a Numeracy Night for families, our Badminton season is in full swing and our Hawk Helpers getting ready to come out. We have a special presentation for parents from the RCMP regarding internet safety. Additionally, we have our Hawk Spirit Assembly celebrating Honesty and our Learn-A-Thon!

We thank all of our families that have completed their registration for next year and for those that have yet to do so - please call the office for assistance if needed. We are working towards solidifying some of our new programs for next year and are hopeful that we may soon announce an exciting before and after school care program as well.

Your children never cease to amaze us with their endless energy, independence, and kindness. Thank you for all you do to help instill a love of learning.

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 on Friday, April 7, Monday April 10 and Friday April 28.**





General Information cont.



Hawk Spirit Recipients - Humility - March

Hawk Spirit!

Thank you to 10, 6M, KSB and 7B students for an wonderful assembly this past month. Also a huge congratulations to our gr 2 music students on their performance! Many families came out and enjoyed the presentation! We look forward to our next Hawk Spirit Assembly on **April 27**, where we will be focusing on Honesty. The classes presenting will be 1P, 6K, and our French and Leadership classes.

Save the Date: The last Hawk Spirit Assembly of the year is planned for May 25.



General Information cont.

Special Parent Information Night!

We invite parents to join us in the library on Tuesday April 25 at 6:30 for a very informative presentation from the **RCMP - Northern Alberta ICE unit**. The presentation is for parents only as the content is very sensitive in nature but we will provide childcare in a different room for children.

The internet has an integral role in everyone's lives, and when it comes to youth, their social lives exist largely in cyberspace. Throughout the course of the past three years and the Global Pandemic, Alberta has experienced a significant increase in cases of child exploitation on the internet. With more users online than ever before, and new apps and software being developed every day, it can be difficult for parents and teachers to keep on top of the latest trending platform. Advancements in technology are exciting and helpful, but it opens an ever-growing gap between the knowledge of that technology between youths and busy adults.

The Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit investigates incidents of child luring, sextortion, possession, transmission, and the making of child pornography as well as internet-related voyeurism involving youth. This presentation will focus on education, prevention, and putting parents and teachers in a position to protect their children from online sexual exploitation. The presenters will discuss the role of ICE in Alberta, current applications and internet platforms, and additional resources which are available to parents so they will be able to better support healthy and productive online experiences for their children and teens.

You're Invited...

Graminia Family Literacy Night



When: Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:00

Where: Graminia School Library

What: Bring your child to a hands on, fun-filled workshop to learn strategies and activities to help support the development of your child's early literacy skills at home.

Who: All families with children in Kindergarten to grade 3

RSVP to Kendra Evans by Monday, April 24, 2023

kendra.evans@psd.ca



You're Invited...

Graminia Family Numeracy Night



When: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:00

Where: Graminia School Library

What: Bring your child to a hands on, fun-filled workshop to learn strategies and activities to help support the development of your child's early numeracy skills at home.

Who: All families with children in Kindergarten to grade 3

RSVP to Kendra Evans by Tuesday, May 2, 2023

kendra.evans@psd.ca



General Information

New Programs at Graminia for the 2023-2024 School Year

Full Day Everyday Kindergarten!

We are excited to announce that Graminia School is planning to pilot an inquiry-nature based full-time (everyday, all day) Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. After consultation with our Early Learning Services Team and review of practices of other divisions similar to Parkland School Division, we plan to pilot a play-based, student-centered, full-day, everyday Kindergarten. Our full-day everyday program would be structured to focus on classroom learning and curricular outcomes of the kindergarten curriculum in the morning and the afternoon programming would be a student-led, nature based, inquiry learning model.



If you are interested in registering your child for full day, everyday Kindergarten, please contact the office and speak with one of our helpful secretaries, 780-963-5035. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at treena.neumann@psd.ca or at 780-963-5035

Or you can [click this link - to read more.](#)

MyPath: Graminis is open for registration!!

If you want to register your child for MyPath: Graminia, you must FIRST complete your registration for Graminia School confirming your child will be in gr 4-9 for the 2023-2024 school year and you must complete [the MyPath:Graminia Registration](#). Once you have completed this registration, the MyPath Navigator and Connections for Learning team will be reaching out to confirm registration, complete the waiver forms and pay for the deposit. We will be accepting registrations until May 1, 2023. If there are too many registrations for the program, a random draw will be used to determine enrollment. 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**.

Please [click here](#) for additional information about the programs, fees and frequently asked questions.





General Information cont.

Class List Planning for 2023-2024 school year

As we begin our planning through the registration process, our teachers will be building our class lists for the upcoming year. Our teachers work carefully to create balanced and inclusive class lists that are designed to provide a supportive learning environment for all students. We remind families that all of our teachers diligently meet the needs of all of their students and work collaboratively regarding their planning, assessment and in class activities. Additionally, we will not have completed our staffing assignments prior to the end of May or beginning of June, and even some years in August. Class lists are created to grow your child's experiences socially, academically and emotionally. Each year gives a students an opportunity to build new peer groups, create connections within the school community and connect with new teachers. We ask if you have a class request that you please email erin.chessor@psd.ca **PRIOR to April 25.** As our teachers will be building the class lists on the the April PD day.

Class Configurations for 2023-2024 school year - ONLY an estimate as registration is not complete and the budget funding manual has not been shared with School Divisions:

- 3 - Kindergarten classes
- 2 - Grade 1 classes
- 1 - Grade 1/2 split class
- 2 - Grade 2 classes
- 2 - Grade 3 classes
- 2 - Grade 4 classes
- 1- Grade 4/5 split class
- 2 - Grade 5 classes
- 2 - Grade 6 classes
- 2 - Grade 7 classes
- 2 - Grade 8 classes
- 1 - Grade 8/9 split class - with support
- 1 - Grade 9 classes



7TH ANNUAL

SAT 3 JUNE

* MUD SWEAT & GEARS IS BACK FOR BIKE CHECKS!

* CLOCK YOUR SPEED WITH OUR COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER!

EAST PARKLAND CRIME WATCH IS BACK FOR BIKE ENGRAVING!

ENTER TO WIN 1 OF 4 BIKES!

GRAMINIA BIKE RODEO

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS:
MICHELLE BROADBENT - DESJARDINS INSURANCE, CANUCK INDUSTRIAL SALES LTD., GOLKA'S MECHANICAL & SERVICES LTD., EAST PARKLAND CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION, MUD SWEAT & GEARS SPRUCE GROVE, PARKLAND COUNTY, PARKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER

BRING YOUR BIKE & HELMET!
LOCATION: GRAMINIA SCHOOL PARKING LOT
GRADES: KINDER TO GR 9

10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM



Hawk's Athletics

Athletics Update and Calendar



Congratulations to our Basketball teams for a great season!

Our Badminton teams are in full swing with Mr Lygo and Mr Fraser coaching the teams.

Stay tuned for information regarding Spring League and Track and Field dates!



GRAMINIA'S ANNUAL LEARN-A-THON

The Graminia Foundation will be hosting its 14th annual Spell-a-Thon with a newly added Math-a-Thon creating the new Learn-a-Thon. Our brilliant teachers have created an option for the kiddos to choose either math or spelling. The test will consist of: 20 words or 20 numeracy questions for grades 2 - 9, and 10 words or 10 numeracy questions for K - 1. This fundraiser always creates a lot of excitement around the school. It's a great incentive for students to practice their spelling and now math. Another new change we are including all grades!

Learn-a-Thon tests will be done online with the exception of Kindergarten. There is website created where you can access all this fundraisers information

<https://sites.google.com/psd.ca/graminialearn-a-thon/home>

Important dates to put in your calendar:

March 15th: School Fundraiser Assembly and Pledge Forms sent out

April 14th: Test Date --- except KSA & KFC will write on April 17

ANYTIME BETWEEN April 4th & April 17th: Return Pledge form/money back to your teacher

April 19th: Prizes and Parties



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.'

2023 PARKLAND COUNTY SUMMER DAY CAMPS

In partnership with CHANGE Health



REGISTRATION FOR PARKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS OPENS APRIL 3, 2023.
Registration for non-residents opens April 10, 2023.

DATE	HALL	ADDRESS
July 3-7	Golden Spike Hall	51302 Rge Rd 275
	Duffield Hall	2 1 St, Duffield
July 10-14	Parkland Village Community Centre	60 Parkland Gate Rd
	Graminia Hall	51101 Rge Rd 270
July 17-21	Wabamun Jubilee Hall	5132 53 Ave, Wabamun
	Holborn Hall	51132 Rge Rd 13
July 24-28	Sandhills Hall	52032, Rge Rd 270
	Fallis Hall	53303 Rge Rd 52
July 31-August 3	Clymont Hall	51423 Hwy 60
July 31-August 4	Westland Park Hall	53304 Rge Rd 32
August 7-10	Muir Lake Hall	53424 Hwy 779
August 7-11	Tomahawk Agra Centre	51122 SH 759

Cost: \$100.00 | Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more info or to register, visit www.parklandcounty.com/SummerCamps

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, April 12, 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.



Spring Flower Fundraiser!

Forms went home prior to Spring Break and there are more in the office if needed! **Order are due April 14!** Pick up is May 11 from 2-4 pm at the Tennis Court.



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.

Upcoming Fundraisers

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

- New and Improved Graminia "Learnathon 2023"
- Spring Flowers
- Write-On school supplies

Last day to
Donate: April
14th, 2023

GRAMINIA SCHOOL TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

LET'S SHOW THE TEACHERS, EA'S, OFFICE
ADMIN, CUSTODIANS, AND BUS DRIVERS
HOW MUCH WE ALL APPRECIATE THE
IMPACT THEY HAVE ON OUR LIVES!

THINGS YOU CAN DONATE

- GIFT CARDS
- CASH OR CHEQUES MADE OUT TO GCSF
- ETRANSFERS TO
GRAMINIATREASURER@GMAIL.COM
- NEW PRODUCTS / ITEMS

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT
SCHOOL OFFICE LABELLED
"TEACHER APPRECIATION"

Write a note of encouragement
or appreciation through the
One Small Thing Project at this
link:

OneSmallThing.GSCF.ca



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

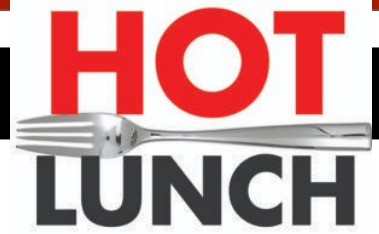
Scan the QR or click here to
submit
your One Small Thing!



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.

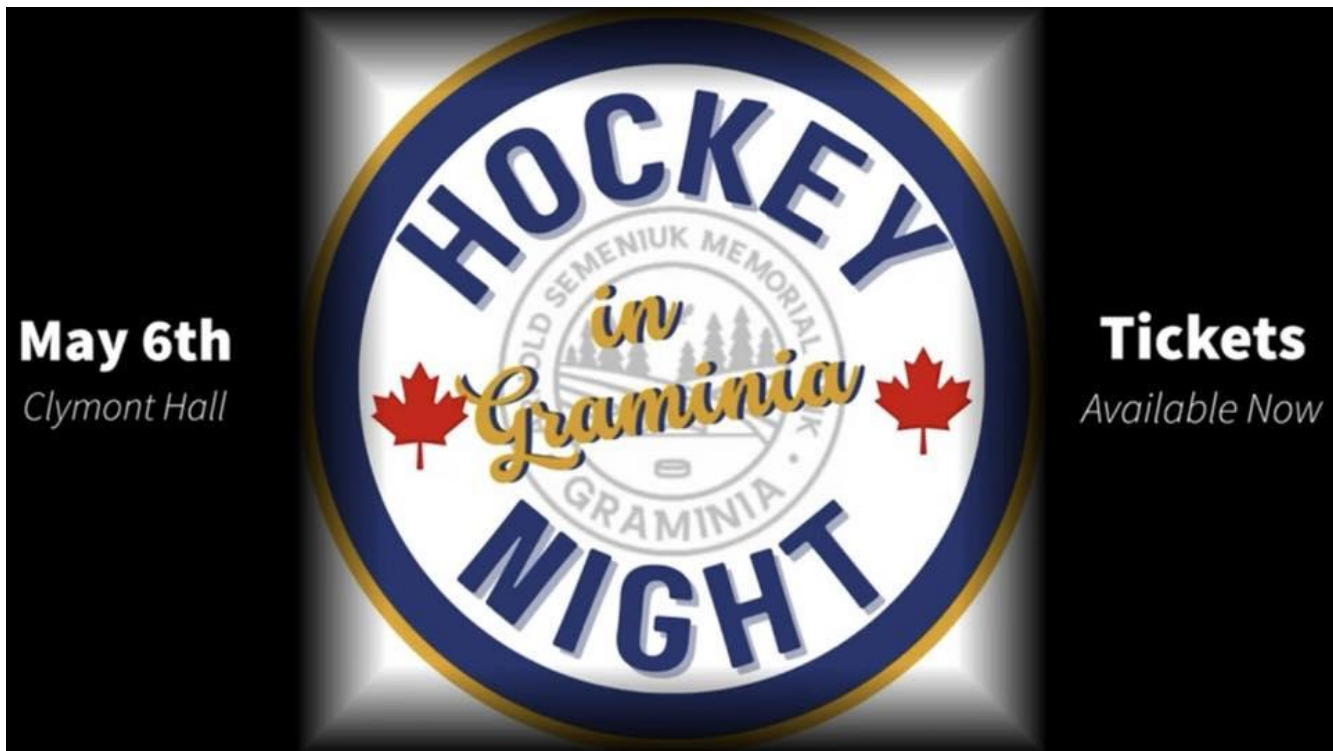
Donations

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 Rink Society



May 6th
Clymont Hall

Tickets
Available Now

The “Hockey Night In Graminia Gala” is coming up on May 6th at Clymont Hall. We encourage everyone in the community to attend. This year’s gala will kick off the fundraising efforts for phase two of the rink re-build project. Phase two consists of the (much needed) re-surfacing and rejuvenation of the tennis courts as well as the construction of a rink shack building that will provided a comfortable place for skaters to lace up / warm up & serve as a central hub of rink maintenance operations.

Individual gala tickets are available through [Eventbrite](#) using the link below. Tables of eight can also be purchased for \$440.00 by e-transfer to graminiarink@gmail.com . For more info visit our Facebook page or reach out to via graminiarink@gmail.com .

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graminia-community-rink-gala-2023-tickets-568658772697>



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

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.



FUNDrive® Coordinator
Jenn
(780) 445-0621

Our Goal: \$1000
385 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)
75 Medium boxes (household goods)
Fundraiser Dates:
04/18/2023 - 04/18/2023

Clean out your closets and cupboards for Graminia Swingin' Band Society!

Graminia Swingin' Band Society is hosting a Fundrive on Tuesday, April 18th from 7:30am to 3:30pm at Graminia School. All donations collected will go directly to funding the Hawks Band Program.

Can't make the drop off time? Text Jenn King at 780-445-0621 to make arrangements. Thank you for your support!

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly packed boxes for small household goods.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition.