



Graminia Flyover

May 2023

Principal's Message

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May 2023

Spring has sprung straight into Summer temperatures! We have had a hot first few days in May. We remind families to please send water bottles, hats and appropriate clothing with you kiddos each day as we go outside a lot to enjoy the weather.

We have have a great month in April with many activities and May does not look like it is slowing down at all. By the end of this week all of our students gr 1-9 will have been to **FitSet Ninja!** A huge thank you to our School Council and Foundation for making the opportunity possible! Coming on Thursday May 4, for all students K-9, except gr 4s (at FitSet) - **Dallas Arcand** will be performing at 1:15 pm, check out his website at <https://www.dallasarcand.com/>. This event is possible due to the cultural fees collected at the start of the year and supports our ongoing growth and understanding of indigenous ways of knowing.

May brings us **Spring League** for grades 4-6, Track and Field Days for gr 4-9 (please see the Athletics sections for dates) and PAT ELA for gr 6 (May 17) and gr 9 (May 15). We have our School Council and Foundation meeting on May 10 and three Special Parent Evening Events: **Literacy Night** May 4, **Numeracy Night** May 16, and the **RCMP ICE Social Media Parent Session** May 25. All of these events as well as many in class experiences, field trips and concerts!

We thank you for trusting us with your children as we love seeing their smiles and joy when learning and having new experiences.

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 **May 19 and May 22.**



General Information cont.



Hawk Spirit Recipients - Honesty APRIL

Hawk Spirit!

Thank you to 1P, 6K, and our French and Leadership students for an wonderful assembly this past month. Also a huge congratulations to our gr 5 music students on their performance! Many families came out and enjoyed the presentation! We look forward to LAST Hawk Spirit Assembly on **May 25** at 1:30pm, where we will be focusing on Truth. The classes presenting are 3 Faure, 8F, KSA and 7H.



General Information cont.

Note Change of Date: Special Parent Information Night!

We invite parents to join us in the library on **Thursday May 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



May 6th
Clymont Hall

Graminia Rink: Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the Hockey Night In Graminia Gala on May 6th! Ticket sales are now closed, but there will be a select number of tickets available at the door. If you forgot to get your tickets, or are in need of additional seats please email graminiarink@gmail.com and we will do our best to accommodate you. We're excited for the event and to kick off the fundraising efforts for phase two of the rink rebuild!

It's time for
Class Photos!

Graminia School
K, Grade 1 - 4 May 8th

Class Photos will ship to school 2-3 weeks after Photo Day. 

Bring your best smile!

 Smart Photography Ltd.
#5, 10121 - 82 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6E 1Z5
T. 780-944-0800 TF. 1-877-838-0800
www.smartphotography.ca
info@smartphotography.ca

It's time for
Class Photos!

Graminia School
K, Grade 5 - 9 May 9th

Class Photos will ship to school 2-3 weeks after Photo Day. 

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WEDNESDAY
MAY 3 2023


CANWETALK.CA

Wear a special hat to school, to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.

Hats On!
FOR MENTAL HEALTH



 The Alberta Teachers' Association
 Canadian Mental Health Association
 Global

SGCHS IS PROUD TO HOST AN INDIGENOUS ARTISAN MARKET

FEATURING VENDORS FROM THE I.A.M COLLECTIVE

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SGCHS Lounge/Cafeteria
1000 Calahoo Road
ALL ARE WELCOME

I.A.M Collective is an Indigenous Arts Collective of nearly 100 First Nations, Metis, and Inuit artists, Traditional Knowledge Holders, Entrepreneurs, Performers and Creatives who promote authenticity over appropriation by providing a place for market goers to purchase authentic, local, Indigenous arts and experience the splendor of Indigenous culture.



INDIGENOUS ARTIST MARKET COLLECTIVE
MORE INFORMATION: IAMCOLLECTIVE.CA



Hats on for Mental Health!
Wear a hat on Wed, May 3!



General Information cont.

UPDATED: Class Configurations for 2023-2024 school year

- 2 or 3 - Kindergarten classes depending on enrollment
- 2 - Grade 1 classes
- 2 - Grade 2 classes
- 1- Grade 2/3 split class
- 2 - Grade 3 classes
- 2 - Grade 4 classes
- 2 - Grade 6 classes
- 2 - Grade 7 classes
- 2 - Grade 8 classes
- 2 - Grade 9 classes



Jump Rope for Heart

Graminia will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart over the next month. Please [click here for the information letter](#) that students should have brought home [click here for our school's Fundraising page](#).

7TH ANNUAL

* MUD SWEAT & GEARS IS BACK FOR BIKE CHECKS!

* CLOCK YOUR SPEED WITH OUR COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER!

**SAT
3
JUNE**

**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**

**BRING CASH TO SUPPORT OUR GRADE 4 CONCESSION
DRUMHELLER FUNDRAISER!**

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General Information cont.

Volunteer Appreciation Event

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 31

Graminia is incredibly lucky to be supported by so many incredible volunteers. From field trips to hot lunch to classroom helpers and everything in between, there is always a helping hand when needed at our school.

On **Wed, May 31** we will have two opportunities to recognize our wonderful parent volunteers for their efforts:

Morning: 7:30-8:00 am

Grab and Go: Morning Coffee/Donut Station (outside)

Afternoon: 2:00-2:35 pm

Come inside! Treats and coffee will be served in the Multipurpose Room at this time.

All parents are welcome to attend this event. We would love to TREAT you!





General Information cont.

Graminia Takes on Vancouver for the SUN RUN!

Last month 38 students from grades 7-9 traveled to Vancouver to run the Sun Run. Huge thank you to our staff volunteers Miss Lewis, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Heiser and Mr. Woloshyn for leading this trip. Although the weather for the race was less than ideal, a lot of fun was had by all exploring Vancouver's sights.





Hawk's Athletics



Athletics Update and Calendar

- Our Badminton teams are in full swing with Mr Lygo and Mr Fraser coaching the teams
- Graminia Jr Hlgh Track Meet - **May 12** - concession available for 7-9
- Spring League forms Due **May 8**- Meeting at lunch May 8
- Gr 4-6 Graminia Track Meet - **May 23** - concession available for gr 4-6

As always, [the athletics calendar](#) is the best place to find all of your updated dates and information in Hawks Athletics.



GRAMINIA'S ANNUAL LEARN-A-THON

WOW Graminia!!!!

Thanks to everyone for supporting our new Learnathon!

The students, teachers and volunteers all did amazing. We brought in

\$25, 474 in pledges!

Special thanks to Michelle Broadbent, Desjardins Insurance Agent for the support of \$5000 to go along with all the other amazing pledges to help us fund more items for our school!



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!



Thanks for going the extra mile!



SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 1, 2023

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	21 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, May 10, 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!

Thank you for all of your orders! Pick up is **May 11 from 2-4 pm** at the Tennis Court. There will be extra stock to purchase in case you missed the order deadline or would like extras.

Hot Lunch

Due to track meets and field trips you may find that you are unable to order for certain grades. We have blocked them from the system for the days that they will not be able to have lunch at the school. All of this info will be posted on the hot lunch log in page.

Bike Rodeo - Help Needed

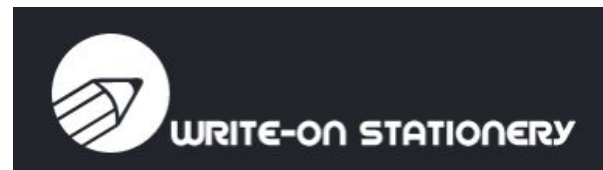
Planning for the Graminia Bike Rodeo is well underway! This is a primarily parent led event (with some staff support) so we are looking for volunteers for the Graminia Bike Rodeo in June and if anyone knows of any potential prize donors, please reach out Amber Darragh at robamber@gmail.com or 780-886-3387!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



Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth

Graminia also has ongoing fundraisers with the following companies:

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



Write-On school supplies-Going live next week

Get your school supplies out of the way for next year! Customize any order!! Two delivery dates are available, first one will be at the end of June with orders having to be in by June 1st and the second delivery will be the week before school starts with an ordering deadline of August 1st.

<https://www.write-on.ca/shop/>

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

Go to www.write-on.ca

Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"

School Name: Graminia Community School - SPRUCE GROVE

Choose your grade and place your order.

Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'

You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received

We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.



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

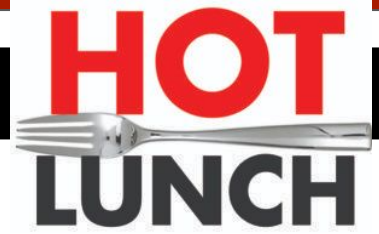
Scan the QR or click here to
submit
your One Small Thing!



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.