



# Graminia Flyover

June 2023

## Principal's Message

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Welcome to June! We have been so fortunate to have a little bit of rain recently which is turning everything so green! Please ensure you send a water bottle, hat and jacket with your child daily as we enjoy the nice weather.

May was a very busy month with Track Meets, an Indigenous Hoop Dancer, Mini-legends Program, Spring League, our last Hawk Spirit assembly, Gr 6 & 9 ELA PATs, Kindergarten Test Run, Family Literacy and Numeracy Nights, RCMP ICE presentation, Volunteer Appreciation, Concert Band Trip and the start of our inclusive accessibility wheelchair unit in gr 7-9 PE. June does not look like it will be slowing down!

This month our students will all be going on field trips to learn and experience together and to celebrate the learning communities they have created all year long in their classes. Our students will be working hard completing the remainder of the gr 6 and 9 PATS, the "Graminia Grammys" will feature musical performances from the Concert Band and Choir, the Jr High Drama class will be presenting "OZ" to our community and gr 4-9 students. The theme of the Grammys continues for our Grade 9 Farewell that occurs on June 28 followed by the Gr 7-9 Awards Ceremony on the last day of school for students, June 29.

I want to send a huge thank you to our School Council and Foundation for an amazing Staff Appreciation! Our staff was treated to two wonderful meals and some extra goodies for lucky winners! Thank you!

We truly love and appreciate being able to spend our days with your exceptional children! Thank you for letting us be a part of their 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. The last day of school for students is **June 29**. To coincide with "Graminia's Grammys" performance on **June 9** we will be having a school-wide "Dress to Impress" Fancy dress up day.



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## General Information cont.

### **National Indigenous History Month and Pride Season in Canada**

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, as well as Pride Season in Canada. In the spirit of inclusion and creating belonging for all students and their families, throughout the month your child's teacher will be reaching out to let you know the age-appropriate activities and events they may have planned for their class in regards to either of these topics. Families will be given advance notice and may choose to reach out to their children's teacher if they need clarification on any of the lessons or activities. If you prefer for your child to be offered with alternate opportunities at this time please contact your child's teacher. June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. As a whole school we will have special events planned in each class specifically on this day, June 21, to recognize this national day!



### **Huge Thank you to our Volunteers!!**

On May 31 we took some time to honour all of the hard work and commitment our volunteers put into our school. Hopefully you got a chance to stop by and enjoy a coffee or a donut from our staff before or after school! We cannot say enough about how much we appreciate you!







# General Information cont.

# Hawk Spirit Recipients - Truth MAY



## Hawk Spirit!

Huge thank you to 3 Faure, 8F, KSA and 7H for a wonderful assembly this past month. Many families came out and enjoyed the presentation! It was an amazing year honoring and celebrating our students and learning more about the Seven Sacred Teachings.





## General Information



Last month we enjoyed an incredible cultural presentation from Dallas Arcand.

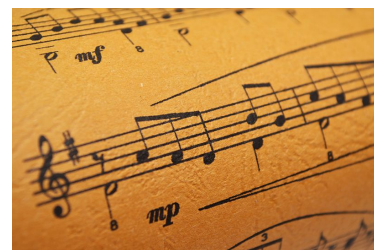


The Mini-Legends program was a success with our K-6 students! We were thrilled to have them out!

### Graminia Music Grammys!

We are thrilled to announce that our Choir, Grade 6 Music, and Band concert will be held on **Friday, June 9th at 1:00pm in the Gym.**

Students have been working very hard to prepare the performance songs and are excited to be able to share their music in this special school event. Parents, family and community members are welcome to attend this concert. **We will also be having a school-wide "Dress to Impress" Fancy dress up day to coincide with this event!**







## General Information cont.

**7TH ANNUAL**

**SAT 3 JUNE**

**\* 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**

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

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### Come on out to Graminia's Bike Rodeo!

There will be FIVE incredible bikes that participants will be entered to win! All participants will get a swag bag.

Also an extra shout out for the Grade 4 concession Drumheller fundraiser at the bike rodeo - come buy lunch even if you aren't participating in the bike rodeo!



## Concession Menu

Hot dogs	\$2
Chips	\$1.50
Gatorade	\$2
Water	\$1
Pop	\$1
Freezies	\$1
Combo: Hot dog/chips/pop	\$4





# Hawk's Athletics

## Athletics Update and Calendar



May was an incredible month for Hawks Athletics! We had an incredible showing from our athletes at the various Track and Field events throughout the month and Spring League is in full swing!

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



### Provincial Achievement Tests - Grade 6/9

- ELA Part B** - Tuesday, June 20
- Math Part A** - Thursday, June 22
- Math Part B** - Friday, June 23
- Social Studies** - Monday, June 26
- Science** - Tuesday, June 27



**Parkland Youth Pride Party**

**June 23rd, 2023**

Dance event for LGBT+ youth and allies aged 14 - 22

Tickets on sale for \$10!  
(We won't turn anyone away due to cost)

This is a dry event, meaning there will be no alcohol

To register, scan this QR code or visit the link in the @parklandpride Instagram bio!



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Stony Plain Public Library



### Wheelchair Sports

Our PE Department was supported by Graminia Foundation to allow our students to experience an inclusive physical education experience.



## 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!

### **End of Year - Library - From Mrs Heiser**



I have had a wonderful time watching all the kids develop their literacy skills this year, thank you for all you do to support their love of reading.

I am hopeful they will continue their reading over the summer, and I'm excited to announce that Devon Public Library will be coming out to our school on June 6th to tell our grade 1 through grade six students all about their Summer Reading Program!

**JUNE 6th** Devon Public Library Summer Reading Club presentations Grade 1 - 6  
(Details to come)

**JUNE 9th** All library books due! If books are not returned, the replacement cost of the book will be added to the students PowerSchool account.

**JUNE 16th** Teachers will return all chromebooks and chromebook chargers to the library. Grade 5 to 9 - If the chromebook and/or charger students were assigned are not returned the replacement cost of missing items will be added to the student's Powerschool account.

 The first class to have all items returned to the library will have the chance to watch a movie on the big screen in the library 

### **Graminia Out of School Care for 2023-2024 School Year**

We are excited to announce that there will be before and after school care available at Graminia School! Check out all the information here: [Graminia Out of School Care](#)



### **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, June 21, 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.



### THANK YOU!

Huge Special thanks to the families and businesses who helped with donations for staff appreciation. We were able to provide lunch for all staff on 2 different PD days. We were also able to give a meal to our bus drivers.

### 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 login page.



### 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 open through August 1

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](http://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

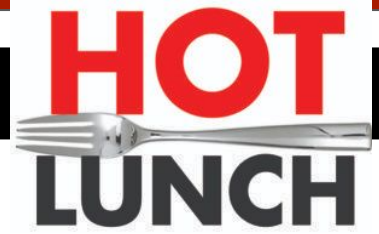
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your One Small Thing!



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](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).