

Graminia Flyover

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Principal's Message

Welcome back Graminia Families!!

We are so excited to have everyone returning to school and to continue our learning and growing together. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer with a lot of fresh air, adventures and memories made. We are excited to see everyone on August 30 for our supply drop off day from 1pm -3pm. It is a great way for students and families to make the first day of school a bit lighter and less stressful! On our first day of school, September 5, we ask families to follow the parking and drop off rules to keep everyone safe and to use their designated doors to reduce congestion at the front entry. We will have extra supervisors out front to assist families. Our teachers will be both inside and out to greet their students and their families. When school starts, the temperatures are looking to be sunny, we ask that families send along refillable water bottles for our students, hats for recess and outdoor play as well as wearing layers so students do not overheat but are warm in the cooler mornings. We look forward to seeing everyone out for our Hawks Hangout on September 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. There will be a concession selling hotdogs and snacks as well a a free ice cream treat for our students and families. The evening will start with a short presentation in the gym and then we invite everyone to check out their child's classrooms, visit the concession and have a sweet treat! During the presentation, we will introduce our staff. the amazing organizations that support our school and give a brief overview of the year. We kick off our connecting with Graminia 101 on September 7 at 6pm in the Library for an information session on School Council, Graminia Foundation and information on how to connect with vour school team.

Our goal this year is to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our Graminia community! We are all grateful that you entrust us with the care of your children, and for the parent support we receive. It is wonderful to see students learn and grow as the year progresses. Treena Neumann - Principal

School Events and Calendar

Check out our <u>school website</u> 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 **school starts September 5. A full Flyover will come out the first week of school.**





General Information

Morning Breakfast Program & Snack Shack

We are excited to announce both of these programs will begin the second week of school beginning September 11.

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.

Parent Communication

As in previous years, homeroom teachers will be sending out weekly updates and communication. Please expect **a welcome email prior to school starting on September 5** with specific class information for your child!



UPDATED: Class Configurations for 2023-2024 school year

2 - Kindergarten classes: one fulltime and one alternating days 1 - Kindergarten / Grade 1 split

- 2 Grade 1 classes
 - 2 Grade I classes
 - 2 Grade 2 classes
- 1- Grade 2/3 split class
 - 2 Grade 3 classes
 - 2 Grade 4 classes
 - 2- Grade 5 classes
 - 2 Grade 6 classes
 - 2 Grade 7 classes
 - 2 Grade 8 classes
 - 1 Grade 9 class

2023-2024 Staffing Update

At this time of year we are excited to have new staff join the team for 2023-2024! We are very sad to announce the Mrs Osmond has stepped away from Parkland School Division over the summer. She will be very missed. Coming to our school this year will be Ms Weiland and Mrs Jenna Kerr-Arntson joining our Elementary Team and Ms Ramos supporting our Music and Phys Ed programs. We are currently working on finding a new grade 1 teacher for Mrs Osmond's class and will be updating that class with information next week. We will also have a full listing of staff on the September Flyover which will hit your inboxes the first week of school.



General Information continued





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Parking Lot Safety

For those families that are new to Graminia it is important to note that our parking lot is a **one-way street**. The entrance is at the South and the exit is at the North. It helps us to keep everything safe when traffic flows in this direction. In order to ensure the safety of students during pick-up and drop-off we would ask you to follow

the following rules:

• If dropping off students in the lane closest to the school, please park in a parking stall following all traffic rules. No dropping off in this lane without correctly parking (**no drop**

and roll).

- If dropping off students in the grass/gravel lane (in front of the totem pole), you may drop students off without parking (drop and roll). <u>This can only happen in this lane, not in the lane closest to the school.</u>
- It is critically important that students, parents and staff use the crosswalk when crossing the parking lot in front of the front doors. It is not safe to cross from in between parked cars and the Parent Parking areas have cars constantly backing up and moving. As the adults, we can model this for the kids!

Thank you for your cooperation. Ms Neumann and Ms Chessor will be out to support a safe drop off and pick up each day.



Please make sure that anyone dropping your child off is aware of the rules.