



Graminia Flyover

September 2023

Principal's Message

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Welcome to the Official September Flyover!

At the start of every month the administration team works together to build a newsletter to capture what has been happening over the month in the school and to inform families of upcoming events. Teachers send out weekly updates to families about their specific grade and classroom activities. We welcome families to reach out to their classroom teacher or the office with any questions.

We really enjoyed seeing everyone out on, September 7 for Graminia Council 101 at 6pm in the Library for an information session on School Council, Graminia Foundation and information on how to connect with your school team. The presentation will be available on the school website next week. We kick off our community building with the **Hawks Hangout on September 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**. There will be a concession selling hotdogs and snacks as well as a free ice cream treat for our students and families. The evening will start with a short presentation in the gym at 6pm 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.

In September we also have our first **School Council and Foundation meeting on September 20 at 6:30 in the library** and we invite families to join us for our annual, **Terry Fox Run on September 28. September 29 is PSD and Graminia's Orange Shirt Day**, where all students will engage in learning and understanding indigenous perspectives and ways of knowing.

It has been great to see all of our students this week! The excitement and energy has been wonderful to see and we look forward to a great year of learning, experiences and community building.

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. There is **NO SCHOOL October 6 and October 9**.





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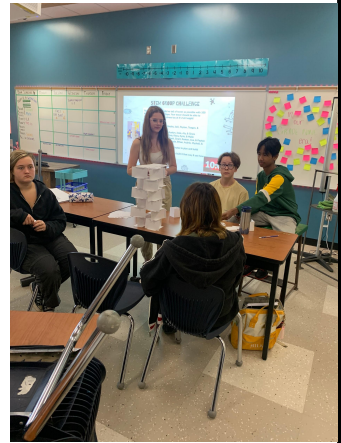
you are invited to our **HAWKS HANGOUT**

This evening will begin with a short presentation in the Gym followed by the opportunity to meet your teachers in their classrooms. Everyone can enjoy a free cold treat on us and there will be a cash concession with hot dogs, chips and drinks on offer. We hope to see you there!

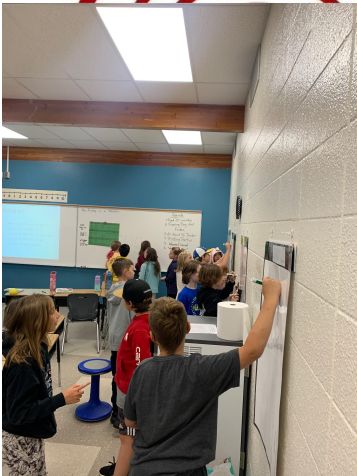


Thurs, Sept 14

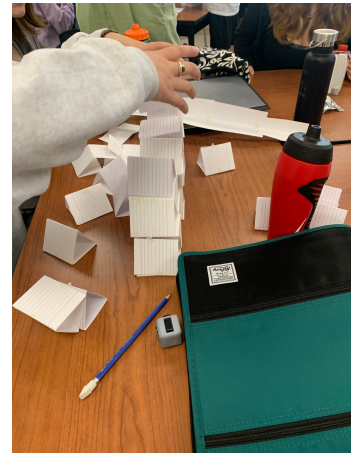
6-7:30



Gr 9
Structure
Building



Gr 5 -
Vertical
Learning





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Every Child Matters

On September 29 students and staff of Graminia will be observing National Truth and Reconciliation Day by wearing Orange Shirts and participating in classroom events and activities to honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

Hawk Spirit!!

Building on this popular initiative from last year, we will be continuing to connect and celebrate together at a monthly "Hawk Spirit" assembly. We will be buddying up our classes and learning focused on building community and learning more about the Seven Sacred Teachings. A student in each homeroom will be recognized at each celebration with families invited to join as well. Our first assembly will be in October. Stay tuned for more information!



THE
**TERRY
FOX RUN**
for cancer research

Terry Fox School Run

Our annual Terry Fox School Run will take place on **Thursday, September 28th**. We are excited to participate in the 44 st Terry Fox Fundraising campaign. Graminia School has achieved its fundraising goals in the past to help support cancer research. Many people are directly or indirectly affected by this devastating disease. We have established our annual "Toonies for Terry" campaign where we ask each student and staff member to donate a toonie for the Terry Fox Research Foundation. Our school goal is to raise \$2000.00 this year. All monies collected will go to the Terry Fox Foundation where it will be used to help fund cancer research so that one day this disease will be a memory of the past. Can you imagine a world without people suffering from cancer and dying from this deadly disease? We can help make that dream come true. We will kick-off our annual "Toonies for Terry" campaign on **Monday September 18, 2023**. In addition to our "Toonies for Terry" fundraising efforts. If you would like to donate more, please feel free. [You can donate online here as well](#). We are excited to share this with you now and hope you can take advantage of supporting this very important cause anytime in the month of September. Together we can work towards eliminating cancer for future generations. Please share this with others so they can take advantage of this opportunity to make a difference. Thank you!

Everyone is welcome to join us in the afternoon on September 28rd to run the Terry Fox circuit. We are excited to see you then!



General Information

SHOW YOUR *Hawk Spirit!*

Graminia gear webstore
open NOW until
September 22.

www.promoplace.com/graminiaschool





General Information cont.

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.](#)

Morning Breakfast Program & Snack Shack

Starting Monday, our Breakfast Program will be 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!

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.



**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR BOOKS!
CLASSES WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK!**

**WELCOME TO THE
LIBRARY**

**CHECKOUT THE LIBRARY WEBSITE FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOUNT
INFORMATION**

GRAMINIA LIBRARY WEBSITE

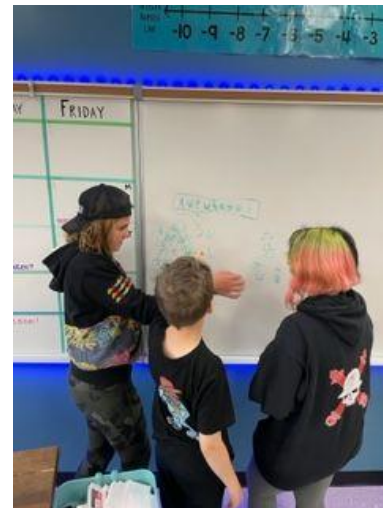
**NEW THIS YEAR
VRCA**

**AUTOMATED WEEKLY
EMAILS WILL LET YOU
KNOW IF YOUR STUDENT
HAS ANY OVERDUE
BOOKS**

*First bookfair in
October*



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General Information

Graminia Staffing 2023-2024

Kindergarten; Mrs Sloan, Mrs.
Kerr-Arntson & Mrs. Munro
Gr 1: Ms Ross, Mrs.
Kerr-Arntson & Mrs. Kinsella
Gr 2: Mr Kawa & Mrs Chorney
Gr 3: Mrs Rupp & Mrs Weiland
Gr 4 : Mr West & Mrs Marshall
Gr 5: Mrs Holst & Mr Sloane
Gr 6: Mr Fraser & Mrs Duncan
Gr 7: Mr Breckenridge & Mr
Inglehart & Mr Kawa & Ms
Ramos
Gr 8: Mrs Jacobs & Mr Lygo &
Mrs Holst & Mr Inglehart
Gr 9: Ms Lewis & Mr Lygo
PE Specialist 7-9: Ms. Lewis &
Mr Kawa & Ms Ramos
Music: Mrs Tepes & Ms Ramos
& Mr West
French Specialist: Mrs Wolff
EAs: Mrs. Weisenberger & Mrs
Sims & Mrs Skaret & Ms.
Zerebecki & TB
Librarian - Mrs Heiser
Secretaries: Mrs Velichko &
Mrs Kent
Assistant Principal: Mrs
Chessor
Principal: Ms Neumann

New Staff

In addition to the new staff announced in our June Flyover, we are happy to welcome Ms. Jessica Ross to the grade one teaching team. She comes to us from Edmonton Public School with a wealth of experience and knowledge in teaching Division 1 students.



Literacy and Numeracy Intervention

This will continue this year, teachers will be screening students in September and we will be contacting families after that to discuss supports.

Important Junior High Information - Gr 7-9

This is an exciting year where students will be traveling and moving classrooms to their various courses. This means that students **MUST have a locker with a lock** as their personal items and schools supplies will be kept there.

Option information will be coming out ASAP. Families will make their selection for the three terms. The options courses will begin soon.



Hawk's Athletics

Athletics News

Our wonderful PE Specialist Miss Lewis has created a google docs calendar that she keep updated with the latest information on ALL things athletic at Graminia.

[Click here to access this magical, very useful document!](#)



Volleyball Season

Tryouts are underway for Hawks Jr and Sr volleyball teams. Keep an eye on the Athletics calendar for more details.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Season is about to begin for any students in grades 1-9 that are interested in joining. [Please see this letter for more information.](#) There is a very quick turnaround time on the Cross Country season so please have forms back ASAP!





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CELL PHONE POLICY

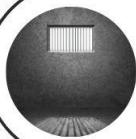


STORE IT!

From the time you arrive at school to the time you are dismissed at the end of the day your cell phone must be stored in your locker. They are not permitted in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, changerooms, outside at recess or anywhere other than your locker! Get a lock and use it. Don't share your combination.

CHECK IT (BRIEFLY!)

You are permitted QUICK (and we mean quick) checks of your phone at your locker at the beginning of scheduled breaks such as recess and lunch break.



THE CONSEQUENCE

Students seen with a personal device during the school day will have it confiscated. It will be stored in the office and you must speak very nicely to Mrs. Kent to retrieve it after the final bell of the day.

OTHER TECHNOLOGY

These rules apply to other personal technology such as tablets, external speakers, gaming devices and music players as well. Apple watches may be worn during the school day if they remain in DND mode at all times.



HEADPHONES

If headphones are required for in class work they need to be wired with a 3.5mm jack.

BE KIND

There may be times you will be directed by a teacher to use your device for classroom activities or assignments. It is expected that you will stay on task. Know that you may be questioned by well meaning school staff as to why you have your phone on you! Respond nicely and let them know which teacher or class you are in so they can confirm.





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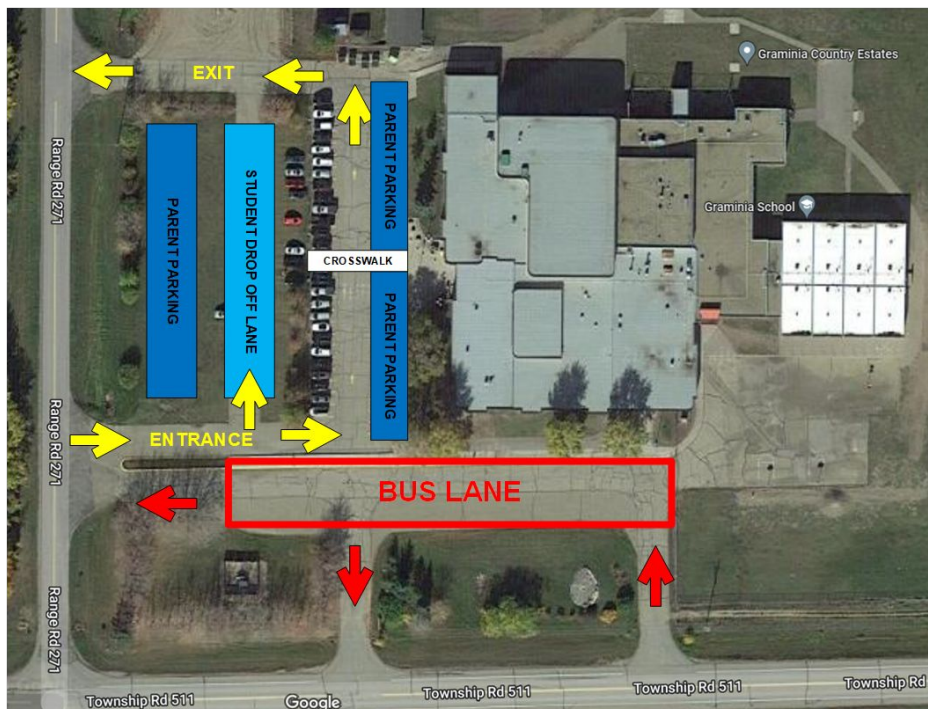
Parking Lot Safety

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). **This can only happen in this lane, not in the lane closest to the school.**
- 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.





School Council and Fundraising Foundation

Upcoming School Council Meeting

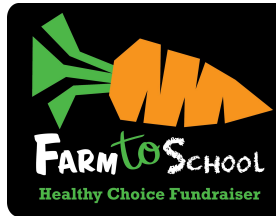
All Graminia Caregivers are invited to the first School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm**. This meeting will be held in person in the Graminia Library. Attendees are welcome to bring their children if necessary. An agenda will be sent via email prior to the meeting.



Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth

Graminia also has ongoing fundraisers with the following companies:

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



Farm to School Fundraiser

Ordering is now open for our Farm to School Ordering is open! You can now order veggies for yourself or order some veggies for the Parkland Food Bank! [Here are the instructions to order online.](#) There will be paper forms coming home shortly! All orders are due **Sept 22** and Veggies will be dropped off **Oct 5th** just in time for Thanksgiving! If you have any questions or concerns please let Angie Gehlert know either by email:

angiebyouth@yahoo.ca or by 780-977-8257.

One Small Thing

SHOWING GRAMINIA STAFF OUR APPRECIATION

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.

SCAN HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR ONE SMALL THING!



[Click here to submit your One Small Thing!](#)

New this year! A "Brag Box" will be set up in front of the office where students and parents can complete a paper form and submit to show their appreciation for our staff. Stay tuned for more details!



School Council and Fundraising Foundation continued



2023/2024 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

**HELP
MAKE THE
MUSIC
HAPPEN**

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.