



# Graminia Flyover

October 2023

## *Principal's Message*

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Welcome to October, we have beautiful leaves, bright sunny days and hopefully a continuation of the wonderful temperatures!

September flew by with many events to start the year, our Supply Drop Off, Hawks Hangout and Terry Fox Run had a families coming into the building. Our Graminia 101 and our first School Council and Foundation meetings had great turnouts with families coming together to talk about our school. Toonies for Terry was well supported.

Though September went quickly, October is looking to be just as busy with events, and exciting opportunities to build community and come together. Our Cross Country Team and our Volleyball teams are in full swing, and our Gr 3-6 Choir is coming together. We look forward in the coming month to our first Hawk Spirit assembly, and celebrating Thanksgiving and Halloween. Our Junior High Homerooms will be finishing up their class community building field trips. Last but not least, the Book Fair will be held October 16-20 in the library.

With all of these opportunities to come together, we additionally invite families to join us in the library on October 11 for our School Council at 6:30 where we will be reviewing the proposed spending list, as well as the elections for council.

We cannot be more excited and thankful for our community in supporting all of these experiences for our school and our students.

Treena Neumann

## *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 October 6 and October 9.





## General Information

### **Congratulations to everyone for participating in the Terry Fox Run on**

September 28! We had a great turn out of families who joined our students and staff! A huge thank you to Mr Kawa for organizing everything! For more pictures of the event - check out our our [facebook page](#).



### **Halloween is coming!**

We are looking forward to our Halloween celebrations. If your child does not celebrate Halloween, please share this information with your child's homeroom/online teacher prior to Oct 31, so alternate plans can be arranged for your child while they attend school. If your child won't be attending, please contact our school office.

[Please read here for more details regarding our celebrations, costume requirements and parade.](#)



### **Hawk Spirit Returns**

We are excited to continue the work on building community and learning more about the [Seven Sacred Teachings](#) with our buddy classes. We will continue to recognize a student in each homeroom that exemplifies that month's teaching at the assembly. We also have some new awards for athletics and some other fun things planned this year. Parents are welcome to attend all assemblies!

### **Save the date:**

#### **OCTOBER - Respect (assembly October 24 @ 1:30)**

2/3 Shea and 6 Duncan  
1 - Ross and 5 Sloane

#### **NOVEMBER - Truth (assembly Nov 30 @ 1:30)**

2 Kawa and 8 Jacobs  
2 Chorney and 6 Fraser

#### **JANUARY - Humility (assembly January 25 @ 1:30)**

3 Weiland and 7 Inglehart

#### **FEBRUARY - Love (assembly February 29 @ 1:30)**

K Sloan and 5 Holst

#### **MARCH - Wisdom (assembly March 21 @ 1:30)**

4 Marshall and 9 Lewis

#### **APRIL - Honesty (assembly April 30 @ 1:30)**

1 Kinsella and 4 West  
K1 Kerr-Arntson and K Munro and 8 Lygo

#### **MAY - Courage (assembly May 30 @ 1:30)**

3 Rupp and 7 Breck



## General Information



### Assessment and Reporting for the 2023-2024 School Year



Term 1 Sept 5 - Jan 30		Term 2 Feb 1 - June 27	
<b>Student Led Conferences</b>	<b>Term 1 Report Cards</b>	<b>Student Led Conferences</b>	<b>Term 2 Report Cards</b>
<b>November 7 &amp; 9</b> 3:30-6:30 pm	Live on PowerSchool <b>January 30, 2024</b>	<b>April 9 &amp; 11</b> 3:30-6:30 pm	Live on PowerSchool <b>June 27, 2024</b>

Regular updates and ongoing communication of student progress via PowerSchool take place **throughout the year** for grade 1-9. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. For a video tutorial of how to access PowerSchool as a parent, [please click here](#). Call us at 780-963-5035 if you need support with your parent portal username/password. We will also be running a parent session at the December School Council meeting.

### Student Led Conferences - Save the Date!

We will be holding our first set of Parent Teacher Interviews in the evenings of **November 7 and 9**. Information on how to book an appointment will be sent later this month via your child's teacher.



### Jersey Day!

Let's cheer on our Edmonton Oilers for their season opening game against Vancouver on **October 11**. Wear your Oilers jersey or Copper and Blue! Note: We support students choosing any team that is their preference.

## General Information



# GRAMINIA LIBRARY



## News

1

**Bookfair**  
**October 16th to 20th**  
**online and in-school**  
Open 3:00pm to 6:30 pm Tuesday &  
Wednesday  
Watch our Facebook page for updates



2

Ask your kids about  
**YRCA**  
**Junior & Intermediate**  
**8 Books to vote on in each**  
**division**



3

Starting October 1st  
Students with outstanding  
fees for lost books will not  
be allowed to checkout library  
books until fees are paid





# 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.](#) You can also access the [Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#) to learn more information and find sessions regarding child/youth mental health and parenting topics.

### STRONG FAMILIES SERIES:



**Transitional Support Information Nights**

**UPCOMING SESSIONS:**

- October 4th, 2023  
6:30 - 8:30pm Part 1
- January 10th, 2024  
6:30 - 8:30pm Part 2
- April 10th, 2024  
6:30 - 8:30pm Part 3

**You Will Learn:**

- Application overviews (FSCD, AISH, PDD, DTC, RDSP)
- Qualifying factors
- Where and how to apply
- Question and answer period

**Family Connection Centre**  
5600 50th St., Stony Plain, AB

780-963-0549  
heid@apfa.ca  
@albertaparenting

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

**NOURISHING YOUR ADHD CHILD'S FULL POTENTIAL**  
with Chantal Jackson  
Registered Psychologist  
Seeds of Hope Psychological Services

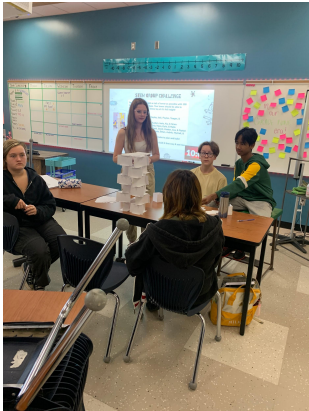
A workshop for parents and caregivers of children with ADHD to explore ways of growing their child's potential. We will explore strategies for executive functioning, social skills, self-regulation, emotional regulation, impulsivity, etc. Therapies will be set up with items to purchase. *Chickadee and a light snack also provided.*

**DATE:** SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023  
**DOORS OPEN:** 9:00AM - 10:00AM  
**LOCATION:** FAMILY CONNECTION CENTRE 5600 50TH ST., STONY PLAIN

Please scan QR code to register

## 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!



### 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.

### Graminia Rink Society

Our next meeting coming up:  
**Tuesday, Oct. 3rd @ 7:00**

Graminia School Library

We are looking for new faces to join our team! If you have an interest in taking on any positions for the Rink Society or just want to learn more about what we do - we hope you'll join us!

Time commitment is only 1-2 hours per month, many of our current volunteers no longer have children at Graminia School and are hoping to pass the torch to younger families who are enthusiastic about the next stages of the facility!



**Next Meeting**

## General Information cont.

### Terry Fox and Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day Events

During the last week of September the students of Graminia participated in the Terry Fox RUn and a multitude of activities and lessons to honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.





## General Information continued

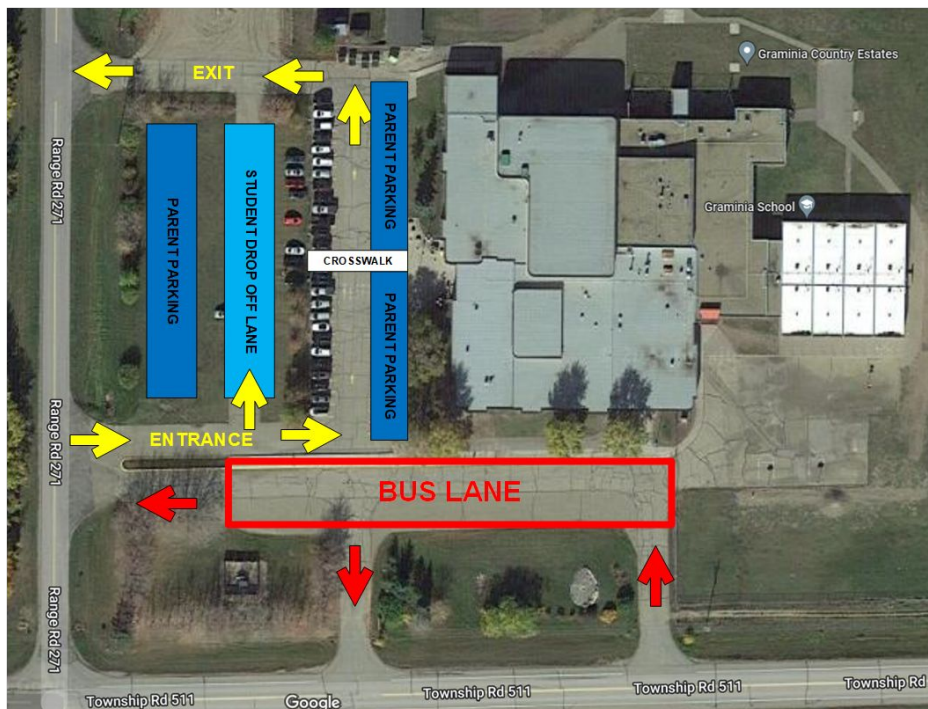
### Parking Lot Safety

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.





# Hawk's Athletics

## Volleyball/Athletics Update and Calendar

The volleyball season is underway! [Please access the live Athletics calendar for the most up to date schedule for all things athletic at Graminia.](#) We will be hosting a Jr. Volleyball tournament October 12th-14th! Come cheer on the boys in their games at home on Friday and Saturday!



Jr. Girls (missing Olivia and Ophelia)



Sr. Girls (missing Aila)

## Cross Country Update

Huge shout out to our Graminia cross country runners and coaches. Please remember to attend the X-Country practice on Wednesday @ Morning Recess.

This week's race is in Spruce Grove, hosted by Woodhaven. Please see the linked document for information about the race and parking. Please find your coaches at the Graminia Flag again before the race to get your nametag!

[Woodhaven Cross Country Race 2023](#)

If you have any questions please contact your x-country coaches; Mrs. Kinsella (jacqueline.kinsella@psd.ca), Ms. Ross (jessica.ross@psd.ca), and Ms. Kerr-Arntson (jenna.kerrarntson@psd.ca).



Jr. Boys (missing Elliot)





# 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, October 11 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](#)



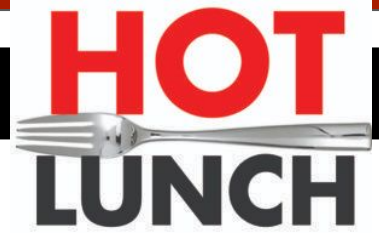
## Thank you!

To everyone who ordered from Farm to School! A quick Reminder that pick up is Thursday October 5!

Sommerset Farms will be joining us for pumpkin sales just in time for Thanksgiving!



## *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](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).



# 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

SCAN this QR code!



to get the most updated information on Graminia School Council & Foundation



## 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!

