



Graminia Flyover

November 2023

Principal's Message

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Welcome to November, we have had a taste of winter with some snow and cold!

October went by in a flash! We experienced our first Hawk Spirit Assembly and wrapped up the Cross Country running season. Our School Council elections were held and we had a great turn out for our meetings. This month School Council and Foundation meetings will be held on **Wednesday November 8 at 6:30** in the Library where we welcome Associate Superintendent Scott Johnston who will be presenting on peer and student conflict. We welcome all Graminia families to join. Halloween was a blast with our indoor parade and classroom parties!

November brings us some exciting opportunities to build community and come together. Our student, teacher, parent conferences will be held as a Celebration of Learning on November 7 and 9. [Please click here to book your spots.](#) Volleyball finals are also that week and we will be cheering on our teams as they wrap up their season. We are honouring Remembrance Day on **November 10 with an assembly that begins at 10:30 am.** We ask all families wanting to attend to be in the large gym seated at that time. Fall break begins **November 11 and we return to school on Monday November 20.**

We want to remind families the **bus lane on the southside of the school is not a drop off zone or parking space** in the morning. Cars parking or dropping off there will be asked to move. With winter on our doorstep, busses will be coming in late and at various times and this is not a safe option please see the map below for our parking locations.

Thank you for continuing to trust us with your child's learning and we are grateful for all of your support.

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 November 11 - November 19 - Classes resume November 20.





General Information



Assessment and Reporting for the 2023-2024 School Year



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

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

We are excited for our November Celebrations of Learning where families come together with their teachers to view, show and share the learning that has been happening over the past months. [Please click this link - Celebration of Learning Booking Links](#) - or go to our [website news story](#) - here - to access all of the classes and teachers booking pages to sign up your child(ren).

IN PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

In PSD, we help support families who need help getting their child(ren) to school. We know there are many factors that affect attendance:

- Parents' work schedule
- Transportation
- Family events
- Appointments

Often families don't realize how much school their child is missing and the impact that has on everyone. They are more behind than you think.

1 DAY MISSED = 2 DAYS BEHIND

	19 or more days Missing just TWO days every month can add up to 19 days in a school year. This is the equivalent of missing an ENTIRE MONTH of instructional days.
	10 to 18 days Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss 1 YEAR'S WORTH of school by their graduating year.
	9 or fewer absences Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.



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GRAMINIA LIBRARY NEWS

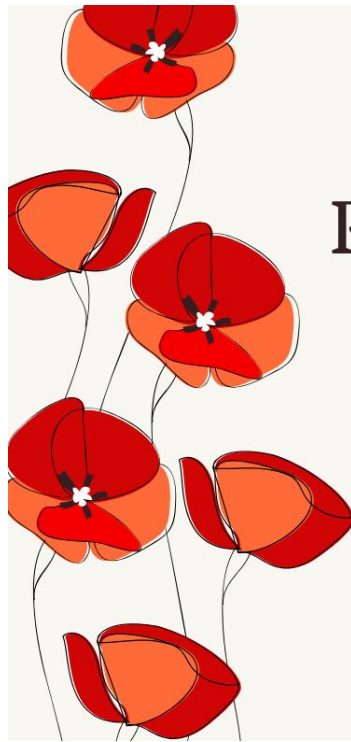


THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED OUR BOOK FAIR! WE ADDED OVER \$1400 WORTH OF BOOKS TO OUR LIBRARY AND EARNED JUST OVER \$1000 TO SUPPORT LIBRARY PROGRAMING

REMINDER TO SEND RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS: WE CURRENTLY HAVE 146 OVERDUE BOOKS



In November we will be focussing on Remembrance day Books and activities



ON NOVEMBER 10 AT 10:30AM

We honour Remembrance Day.

We invite Graminia Families to join is at our assembly. There will be a guest speaker, a performance from our gr 3-6 choir and readings by our gr 4 students.

Seating for families will be open at 10am with honoured guests seated at 10:30am. Poppies will be distributed in the morning for students and donations are appreciated for the Legion.

PICTURE DAY!!

Graminia School

RETAKE DAY

NOVEMBER 7th

IT'S ALL ONLINE NOW!

View images and order pictures online at smartorders.ca
Ordering information will be sent to home with students on picture day.

www.smartphotography.ca

View your photos online 3-6 weekdays after picture day.



10121-82 Ave Edmonton, AB T6E 1Z5 780.944.0800
info@smartphotography.ca www.smartphotography.ca

save the Date

Hard to believe this but Christmas is around the corner! More details coming in the December Flyover but please "save the date" for the following performances:

Wednesday, December 13

Grade 4-6 + Choir & Band Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Dress rehearsal: 10:00 am
School Performance: 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 14

Grade 1-3 + Choir Christmas Concert 1:00pm
Dress rehearsal: 10:00 am

2023 Kindergarten Christmas Celebrations

KM (Munro): Monday, December 18th 1:00pm
KA (Kerr-Arntson): Tuesday, December 19th 1:00pm
KS (Sloan): Wednesday, December 20th 1:00pm



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The numbers are in from our annual Terry Fox Run! Graminia raised a total of \$1067.65!!



Remembrance Day Ceremony

We invite all Graminia Families to join us to honour Remembrance Day on November 10 at 10:30 in the large gym. We invite any veterans or those serving to share their attendance as honored guests receive special seating. We invite students who are active cadets to also reach out if they are going to wear their uniforms as they will be invited to join our honoured guests. Please contact the office with any questions.

Hawk Spirit Returns

What an incredible first Hawk Spirit assembly we had last week! Huge shout out to Mrs. Duncan, Ms. Shea-Pecoskie, Ms. Ross and Mr. Sloane for supporting their students with this awesome event. The choir pulled off a beautiful performance, thank you for your leadership

Save the date for this year's events:

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

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT BY CHEERING ON THE OILERS THIS SEASON

BONUS: EACH GAME, ONE LUCKY PURCHASER AND 3 GUESTS WILL BE SELECTED TO SIT IN THE PENALTY BOX DURING WARMUPS

SELECT FROM 8 EXCITING GAMES

SPECIAL RATE TICKETS STARTING AT \$63

SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE SECURE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

 THURS, NOV. 2 7:00PM	 TUES, FEB 13 7:00PM
 SUN, DEC 10 2:00PM	 WED, FEB 28 8:30PM
 TUES, JAN 2 7:00PM	 THURS, MAR 21 7:00PM
 TUES, JAN 23 7:00PM	 SAT, MAR 30 2:00PM

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Hawk Spirit Recipients - Respect - October

We would also like to send out big congratulations to 3W for winning the "Golden Garbage Can" award and 6D for winning Mrs. Heiser's Library Respect award!



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.

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.



Items Allowed for Bus Transportation

Students can carry a backpack with the below dimensions. We do permit some items such as musical instruments if they are not overly large. A tenor saxophone, tuba, baritone, or trombone would be too large to transport. A clarinet or smaller saxophone such as an alto saxophone can fit either on the student's lap or in between their legs as shown below. [Please review PSD's Student Transportation Guide for more information.](#)

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!

Graminia Rink Society

The Graminia Rink Society is looking for volunteers both for board positions as well as maintenance & snow clearing this winter. If you're interested in a board position please consider attending our meeting in November or AGM in December. If you'd like to get involved with maintenance and snow clearing, please join the Graminia Rink Allstars WhatsApp group with this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HthXnHOCaF85L6ysG71EdW>

Upcoming dates:

- *November 7th- Rink Society meeting in the school library at 7:00pm
- *December 5th- Rink Society AGM (location TBA)
- *November 15th (approx)- Rink will be locked up until flooding to ensure surface is prepared
- *December 1st- Kickoff annual 50/50 sales (winner drawn on New Year's Day)
- *Early to mid December- Rink flooding (ASAP weather dependent)

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6D and 6F take part in the “Big Bean Count”

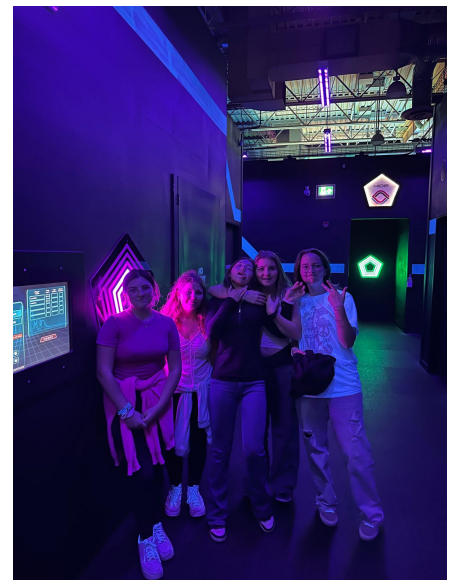
Both classes did the count separately and each counted over 20,000 beans. They solidified their knowledge of powers (alongside discoveries involving fractions, decimals, ratios, multiples, etc) by counting out 10 beans into each cup, then placing 10 cups on each plate, and stacking 10 plates on top of each other. They participated in a choral class count to end the activity.



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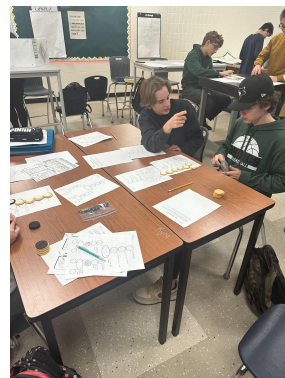
**Grade 8 & 9
Start Up Trips!
Activate and
WEM**



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Halloween Buddies!



Grade 9 Science in Action!





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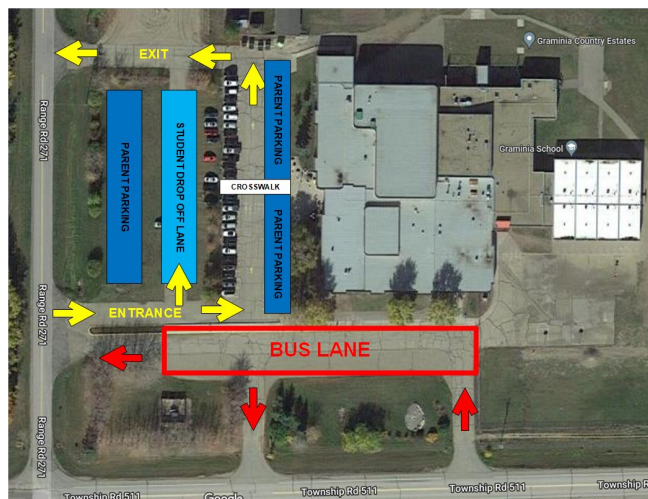
Parking Lot Safety

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!
- Please **do not park in the bus lane to drop students off!** As the weather turns chillier we typically have buses arriving later and it is not safe for there to be students disembarking from buses along with cars coming in and out.

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

Volleyball Playoffs start! [Please access the live Athletics calendar for the most up to date schedule for all things athletic at Graminia.](#) We Come cheer on the teams in their games !



Staff Student Volleyball Game!

Upcoming Events
ATHLETICS

GRAMINIA SCHOOL
WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS?

OCT. 30TH - NOV. 2ND

OCT 30 **VBALL PRACTICE**
Jr. Boys & Sr. Girls in the gym. 2:45-4:30.

OCT 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

NOV 1 **MORNING VBALL**
Open to any VBall players. 7am.
JR. BOYS VBALL GAME
Jr. Boys AWAY @ Broxton. 3:45pm.
JR. GIRLS PRACTICE
Jr. Girls in the gym. 2:45pm-4:30pm.

NOV 2 **SR. GIRLS VBALL GAME**
Sr. Girls HOME vs Westview. 3:45pm.
JR. GIRLS VBALL GAME
Jr. Girls HOME vs TBA. 4:45pm.
JR. BOYS VBALL GAME
Jr. Boys AWAY @ SML. 4pm. If we win Wednesday!

NEXT WEEK Jr. Boys and Girls Finals Tuesday!
Sr. Girls Finals Wednesday!
we only play if we win!
see the [Athletics Calendar.](#)

See Miss. Lewis in the gym if you have any questions.





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, November 8 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](#)



Waterpark Fundraiser - Save the Date!

Event Date: January 26th 2024
Event Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Ticket Price: \$40.00 (regular \$64+tax)

Information sheets will be coming home after fall break. We will have 2 pick up dates at the school for the tickets in December as well as 2 in January.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards new playgrounds at Graminia School.

Purdy's Chocolates

We are happy to announce we are continuing with our annual Christmas Purdy's fundraiser! Order forms with brochures will be coming home the week of Nov 6-10. You will be able to order online or through paper forms. Orders are due back Nov 24 for paper forms and Nov 26 online. Pickup will be in the school foyer Dec 7 or 8th (TBD) between 7:30-9:30am and 2:00-3:30pm.

Purdys Fundraising - Christmas 2023 Season
fundraising.purdys.com

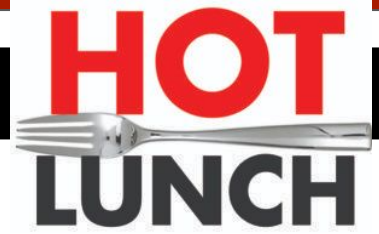
Campaign number 36844

If sending in paper forms please make cheques out to GCSF. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kerri Golka at kerrimcwilliam@me.com





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

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!

