



Graminia Flyover

February 2024

Principal's Message

Graminia School

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Welcome to February!

Just like that it's the end of January already! We had many great experiences and some fabulous weather. With February, we enter the month of exciting registration for programs, upcoming experiences and many events for the whole school. Please check out these two possible programs we are looking to continue to offered for next year: [Everyday All Day Kindergarten](#) and [MyPath:Graminia](#). [Registration for next year begin February 12](#), please register as a Graminia student and then contact the office if you are interested in additional programs.

We had a great continuation of the basketball season in January, a lovely Hawk Spirit Assembly with a great performance by gr 3's. There is no school February 8 and 9th for Teacher's Convention and February 16 and 19 due to a PD day and Family Day.

As the winter weather continues, please remember to send appropriate outdoor gear with all of your children, kindergarten to gr 9 as recess, PE and options classes will continue outside until the temperature is below -22. Additionally, we have really been enjoying the Outdoor Rink, weather depending, and want thank the hard working volunteers of the Rink Society!

We are grateful for the time we have with your families on a daily basis and ar grateful for the trust you give us to learn and grown with them.

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. Please note there is **no school February 8 & 9**.





General Information cont.



Hawk Spirit Recipients - Humility - January

Save the date for this year's remaining events:

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



Congrats to KS for winning the Golden Garbage Can Award and KM for winning the Library Respect Award this month!



General Information cont.

MyPath:Graminia for the 2024-2025 School Year



Graminia School

My Path: Graminia School



Dear Parents and Guardians of registered 2024-2025 Gr 4-9 students,

We are excited to announce that after a very successful start to MyPath Graminia this year, Graminia School is excited to be running MyPath:Graminia program again for our grades 4-9 students for the 2024-2025 school year. MyPath is offered to families two afternoons a week, with some Fridays, at an extra monthly cost per student which will range from \$150-200, depending on overall transportation costs, program costs and based on a cost recovery mandate. The approximate program times will be 12:00-2:30pm. The MyPath program offers students a diverse blend of health and wellness activities to complement the core academic schedule. This unique program of choice grants students enhanced opportunities in physical education, arts, technology and health programming and is a partnership between Graminia School and Connections for Learning.

MyPath:Graminia will be committed to the purpose and core values of the MyPath program, as outlined [here](#) on the MyPath website. The MyPath program believes learning happens everywhere. They provide students with hands-on experiences to deepen their understanding and make learning fun. With passion comes enthusiasm and positivity. By offering opportunities that fuel a student's passion, we create a healthy learning environment where every student can share their strengths, talents or gifts. Therefore, students and families need to commit to the program for the full school year and students enrolled in MyPath:Graminia will not be permitted to stay back at the school on their MyPath afternoons but will be encouraged and supported to try new activities and grow their experiences.

If you are interested in MyPath:Graminia, please complete [this interest survey](#). We will have an open house/information night in March as well. A commitment is required at the time of program registration. We will accept registrations until May 1, 2024. If there are not enough registrations to make the program viable, we will cancel the program for the 2024-2025 school year. Confirmation of enrollment will be shared with parents and/or guardians by May 5.

If you are interested in the MyPath:Graminia program please fill out [this survey](#), you will be contacted regarding an information/open house night and then registration will commence if we have enough interest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at treena.neumann@psd.ca or at 780-963-5035.

Sincerely,
Ms. Treena Neumann
Principal, Graminia School

Please complete [this survey](#) if you are looking for more information or are interested in the [MyPath:Graminia](#) for your gr 4-9 child in the 2024-2025 school year !





General Information cont.

All Day Everyday Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 School Year

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE



DATE

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024

TIME

6-7 p.m.

LOCATION

Graminia School (in the library)
51101 Range Road 271, Spruce Grove

Join us at this in-person event! We'll be showcasing our amazing kindergarten programs, including an option that combines play, inquiry and nature into an **all-day, every weekday** kindergarten experience.

Please bring your child with you!

Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024.



Online registration for the 2024-2025 school year must be completed for every child (Pre-K to Grade 12).
Applies to new and returning students.

REGISTRATION OPENS
February 12

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 22 at 4:30 p.m.

graminia.psd.ca

Open House

February 15
in the Library
at **6pm -7pm.**

Click here for
more
information
on our
[All Day Every
Day Kinder](#)



General Information cont.



Bike Rodeo - Help Needed

We are looking for a parent(s) who might be interested in taking over planning of the Graminia Bike Rodeo. This is a popular event that brings the community together. It would be great to get fresh ideas and connections to help make this event even better! Mentorship support is available.

We will also be looking for parent volunteers at the event itself in June and prizes. If any parents are interested in volunteering at a station or know of a business who might be interested in donating, please contact Amber Darragh at robamber@gmail.com or 780-886-3387.



PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION

Stronger Together

A monthly newsletter with information to help you and your family navigate your child's educational journey.

FEBRUARY 2024 - Self-care, Stress & Resilience

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.



General Information cont.

RINK DAY

FEB 25
12-4PM

HUNTER
2-3PM

GRAMINIA RINK

SKATING & MUSIC
BONFIRE
HOT DOGS & CHILLI
HOT CHOCOLATE & COFFEE
SKATING/HOCKEY EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE
HOCKEY SCORO 50/50 CONTEST

51101 RANGE ROAD 271, SPRUCE GROVE, AB

Join Us
FEB. 16
7PM

GRAMINIA SCHOOL LIBRARY

DO YOU HAVE ANY SKATES YOU HAVE OUTGROWN?

We are asking for skate donations for our phys ed classes to help get our kids out on the rink. Specifically we are looking for some larger sizes: 7-11 mens, but all skates donations are welcomed!

HAWKS

Graminia Rink Society

Ice Cleaning Volunteers: We are always looking to add more helping hands (young or old) over the winter to clean the rink ice!

SAVE THE DATE(s):
Feb 25- Rink Day!

Keep an eye on the [Rink Project's Facebook Page](#) for the latest updates.



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.

IN PARKLAND **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!** SCHOOL DIVISION

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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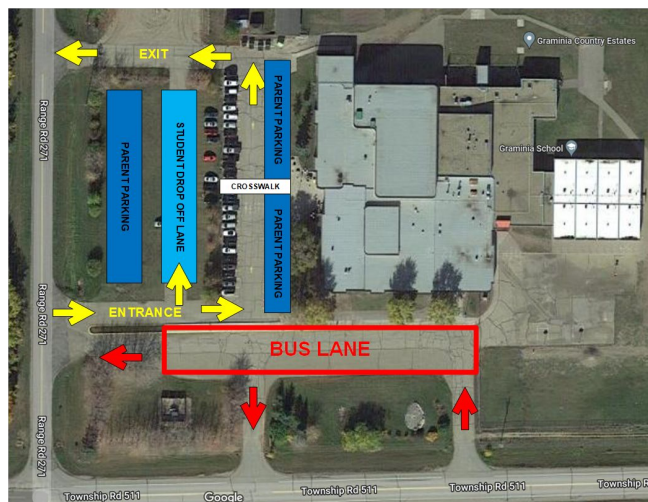
Parking Lot Safety

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

Basketball/Athletics Update and Calendar

**We have had a great month of Basketball!
A huge thank you to our coaches and families for supporting out student athletes!**

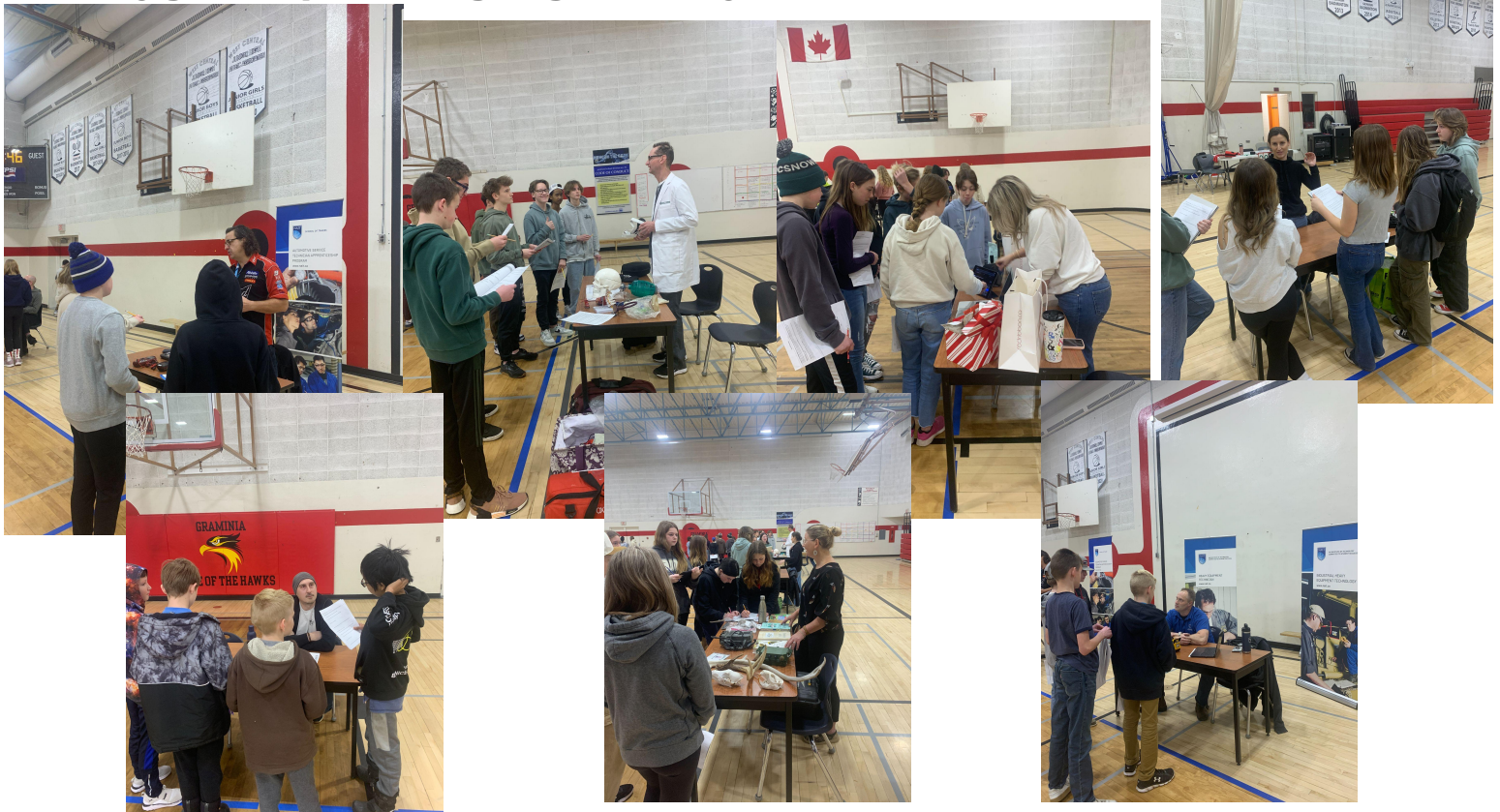
Reach out to your coaches if you're going to be missing practices/games:

- Sr. Girls - kara.holst@psd.ca
- Sr. Boys - sidney.lewis@psd.ca & kiran.kawa@psd.ca
- Jr. Girls - sidney.lewis@psd.ca & Coach Melissa
- Jr. Boys - isabela.ramos@psd.ca & laura.duncan@psd.ca
- Jr. B Boys/Girls - hailey.weiland@psd.ca



As always - keep an eye on the [continually updated Athletics calendar](#) for info on all things Athletics

Career Day! A huge thank you to the volunteers who came out to share about their careers with out Gr 7-9 students! Thank you Mr Lygo for planning a great day for our students!





General Information cont.



We are excited to announce Graminia Before and After School Care is **OPEN**.
6:30AM-until the bell's rings and then 2:30PM-6:00PM

Kindergarten non-school days **NOT** included.
\$550/Month includes PD Days, Spring Break, Fall Break

CLOSED for the Summer

Please call (825)967-9119 for more information or to book your tour today.

OPEN HOUSE Thursday, February 15th from 6:45PM - 7:45PM

Facebook: [Graminia OSC](#)

Email: graminiaosc@gmail.com





School Council and Fundraising Foundation

Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024 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](#)



GRAMINIA'S ANNUAL LEARN-A-THON

The Graminia Foundation will be hosting its 15th annual Learn-a-Thon! Our brilliant teachers have created an option for the kiddos to choose either math or spelling. The test will consist of: 20 words or 20 numeracy questions for grades 2 - 9, and 10 words or 10 numeracy questions for K - 1. This fundraiser always creates a lot of excitement around the school. It's a great incentive for students to practice their spelling and now math. Another new change we are including all grades!

Learn-a-Thon tests will be done online with the exception of Kindergarten. There is website created where you can access all this fundraiser's information
<https://sites.google.com/psd.ca/graminialearn-a-thon/home>

Important dates to put in your calendar:

February 15th (February 14th for KM): Test Date

ANYTIME BETWEEN January 15th & February 23: Return Pledge form/money back to your teacher

February 29th: Prizes and Parties



School Council and Fundraising Foundation cont.

SCAN this QR code!



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



One Small Thing

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.](#)



Waterpark

Thanks to everyone who shared our event and bought tickets for the waterpark fundraiser! It took a team for sure and we are very grateful to all of you. We were able to raise \$8200 to put towards the playground. We will be holding another event in the future and will be looking for your feedback soon.

One Small Thing

SHOWING GRAMINIA STAFF OUR APPRECIATION

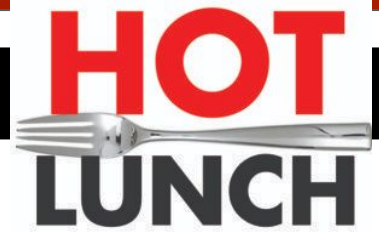
We know the staff at Graminia, including the administration, teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodial staff, librarian, and our counsellor are working hard everyday to make Graminia an amazing place for our children. Let's fill up their buckets and send them words of support and encouragement 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!





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.