



# Graminia Flyover

March 2024

## Principal's Message

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### March 2024

Welcome to March Graminia Families!

We are so excited about all that has been going on this past month and look forward to some exciting events in March.

February brought us an amazing Hawk Spirit Assembly where we learned about Love, and enjoyed fantastic music performances. We participated in an awesome Learn A Thon with prizes being chosen on March 5, The month flew by as we continued the Basketball season, and ran a very successful open house for Kindergarten. Winter came back with a blast and we ended the month with a fantastic Rink Day provided by the Graminia Rink Society.

March brings us Basketball finals and Spring Break! We also begin our planning for next year. Please make sure you have completed your child's registration/confirmation of enrollment prior to Spring Break so that we can accurately plan our classes and staffing in addition to bussing.

Thank you for your continued trust in us to work with and learn alongside your children. We look forward to see families out at the MyPath Information session on March 6, or our School Council meeting on March 13 where our Deputy Superintendent will be presenting and answer questions from Graminia families.

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 from March 22 -April 1 - our first day back is April 2.**





## General Information cont.

### MyPath:Graminia for the 2024-2025 School Year



# INFORMATION SESSION

**Wednesday March 6 at  
5pm in the Library!**

We are inviting all families and students currently enrolled in grade 3-8 to come and learn about the amazing MyPath:Graminia program. The MyPath Navigator and Graminia Administration will be there to share a short presentation and answer any questions. If you have already decided that you are choosing MyPath for the 2024-2025 school year, register or confirm enrollment with Graminia School and then enroll in MyPath through the enrollment link. Enrollment and deposits will be confirmed at the end of April.



Please complete your regular Graminia registration and then complete the [MyPath registration here!](#)





## General Information cont.



PARKLAND  
SCHOOL DIVISION



### Registration is now Open!

Returning PSD students will receive an email reminder to log into their PowerSchool Account and look for the RSVP button in the side navigation to launch the registration process.

Deadline is **MARCH 22!** Please call the office if you have any questions or need help.



### Registration and Class List Planning for 2024-2025

Parkland School Division registration and confirmation of enrollment is OPEN!! Please go [to the website for directions](#) on how to enroll a new student or to confirm registration on a returning student. We very much appreciate families completing this as soon as possible.

The transportation deadline for registration is **March 22** and as a school, we really need the information to plan for staffing and class lists for the 2024-2025 school year!

### Class List Planning for 2024-2025 school year

As we begin our planning through the registration process, our teachers will be building our class lists for the upcoming year. Our teachers work carefully to create balanced and inclusive class lists that are designed to provide a supportive learning environment for all students. We remind families that all of our teachers diligently meet the needs of all of their students and work collaboratively regarding their planning, assessment and in class activities. Additionally, we will not have completed our staffing assignments prior to the end of May or beginning of June, and even some years in August. Class lists are created to grow your child's experiences socially, academically and emotionally. Each year gives a students an opportunity to build new peer groups, create connections within the school community and connect with new teachers. We ask if you have a class request that you please email [erin.chessor@psd.ca](mailto:erin.chessor@psd.ca) **PRIOR to April 25**. As our teachers will be starting the complex process of building the class lists on the the April PD day.



# General Information cont.

Hawk Spirit Recipients - Love - February



Huge thank you to Mrs. Holst and Mrs. Sloan for organizing and to our incredible performers.

Save the date for this year's remaining events:

- 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 Mr. Breckenridge and 7B for winning the Golden Garbage Can Award this month!



## General Information cont.

### All Day Everyday Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 School Year

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

### 2024-2025 Calendar

The PSD Calendars for next year  
have been published to the PSD  
website. Click [here for the regular  
school calendar](#).

### 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](mailto:robamber@gmail.com) or  
780-886-3387.

**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



## 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.

### WAYS TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

#### GET READY

Help your child get organized for school the night before.



#### SHOW INTEREST

Ask your child questions about school and celebrate accomplishments.



#### TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss the importance of going to school every day and arriving on time.



#### BE CONSISTENT

Maintain regular bedtime and morning routines.



#### PLAN AHEAD

Schedule appointments and vacations for when school is not in session.



#### REACH OUT

Contact teachers or school administrators about ways to help your child feel comfortable at school.



It's never too late to improve attendance.



### Staffing Updates:

We are sad to see Mrs Skaret leave to pursue an amazing opportunity! We wish her well and hope to hear about her new adventure.

We are excited to announce the addition of three new Educational Assistants: Victoria Nirlungayuk, Cyrus Morgan and Nicolle Acevedo. As well as a new temporary secretary, Amanda Rodgers, and temporary Library Tech, Danielle Roebuck.



## General Information continued

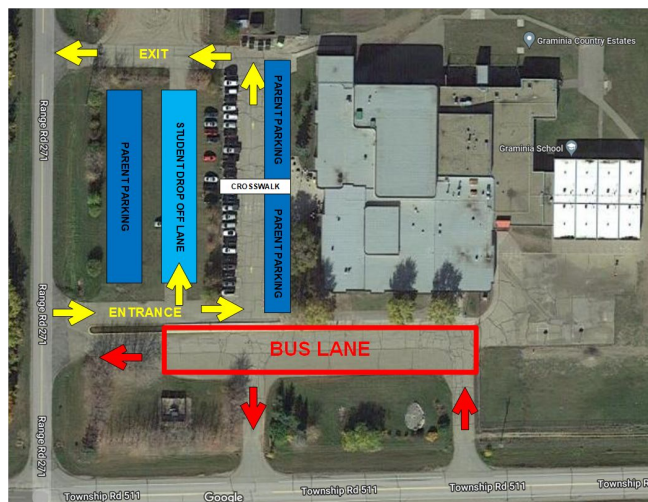
### Parking Lot Safety

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!
- 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

Congratulation to all of our Basketball teams for a stellar season so far! Playoffs are happening early this month. Please keep an eye on Miss Lewis' emails for the most up to date information and remember that, as always, keep an eye on the [continually updated Athletics calendar](#) for info on all things Athletics

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

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




**Devon Dolphins Swim Club**

New registrations starting Mar 10!  
Check us out on Facebook

Are you at least 6 years of age?  
Can you swim 25m unassisted?  
Are you comfortable in deep water?  
Have you completed Swim kids 4 or Swimmer 3?  
Did you want to have an AMAZING summer?  
What are you waiting for Register NOW!!

# BASKETBALL SEASON IS WRAPPING UP!



## Graminia Community Soccer registration is open!

Registration for the 2024 soccer season is open. To register and for complete information, visit <https://www.graminiasoccer.com/> Registration closes March 17, or earlier if teams are full.





# School Council and Fundraising Foundation

## TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

Let's show our teachers, EA's, office admin, custodians, and bus drivers how much we all appreciate the impact they have on our lives!

### Things to donate:

- Gift Cards
- Cash, cheques made out to GCSF, EFT to graminiatreasurer@gmail.com with "staff app" in the comments
- New products/items
- Wobbly pops
- Beverages such as water, pop, juice, Bubbly, Roar, etc.
- Home made items

### Write a note of encouragement or appreciation:

Scan this QR code to submit your note

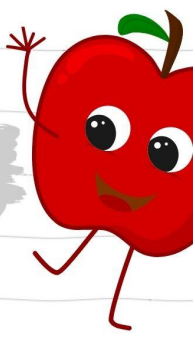


### Where to leave donations:

These can be left at the school office labelled "STAFF APPRECIATION"

TAKING DONATIONS UNTIL:

**Friday, April 5th**



### Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth

Graminia also has ongoing fundraisers with the following companies:

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

### Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting of the school year on

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30pm.**

Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis will be our special guest. 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.



## GRAMINIA'S ANNUAL LEARN-A-THON

A huge thank you to all the students for participating in our annual Learnathon, to the teachers for all their help and to everyone who pledged!

We were able to raise \$17,000 for our school!

Our prize day will be on **March 5**. The classes that earned Booster Juice and Ice Cream parties will receive them this day as well.



## School Council and Fundraising Foundation cont.

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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.](#)

### Flower Fundraiser

We will be offering a new flower fundraiser this year.

Watch for forms coming home early March. [Click here for a printable copy.](#)

We will be selling hanging basket vouchers to be redeemed at Creekside Home and Garden.



## One Small Thing

### SHOWING GRAMINIA STAFF OUR APPRECIATION

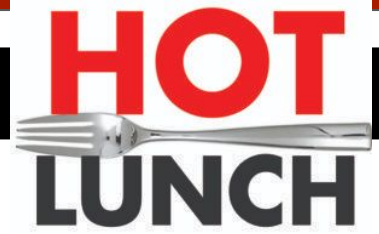
We know the staff at Graminia, including the administration, teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodial staff, librarian, and our counsellor are working hard everyday to make Graminia an amazing place for our children. Let's fill up their buckets and send them words of support and encouragement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



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Carnaval

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by Perks

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**SPRUCE GROVE**

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