



# Graminia Flyover

April 2024

## Principal's Message

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### April 2024

April is upon us! I hope that you all had a wonderful Spring Break with your families. I'm sure that you are looking forward to green grass, blossoms and leaves on the trees as much as I am! We are looking forward to seeing all of our families in the building Tuesday April 9 and Thursday April 11 for our Spring Celebration of Learning! If you have not yet booked an appointment [please click here](#). Please take a look at the lost and found tables outside the library as we are looking to donate any leftover items after next week.

March was a busy month with our students finishing strong in to end the Basketball season, our students voices being heard at the Choral Celebration, and our very own Ms Isabela Ramos being recognized as Parkland School Division's Edwin Parr nominee. Please [read here](#) regarding the details of her award.

We have a very busy April coming up with our Badminton season in full swing and our Hawk Spirit Assembly. We have a special presentation for parents from the RCMP and Albert Health Services regarding internet safety and substance use on April 25 beginning at 6pm in the library and our April School Council meeting on April 10 at 6:30 with our Music team presenting to our parents.

We thank all of our families that have completed their registration for next year and for those that have yet to do so - please call the office for assistance if needed. We are working towards solidifying some of our programs for next year.

Your children never cease to amaze us with their endless energy, independence, and kindness. Thank you for all you do to help instill a love of learning.

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.



## General Information cont.



*Hawk Spirit Recipients - Wisdom*

**Huge thank you to Miss Marshall and Miss Lewis for organizing and to our incredible performers.**

**Save the date for this year's remaining events:**

**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 6D for winning the Golden Garbage Can Award this month!**



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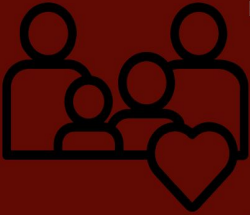
# GRAMINIA FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT



### INTERNET SAFETY

Cst. Gord Marshall, Parkland RCMP

Parkland RCMP Cst. and former School Resource Office Gord Marshall will share his experiences and provide useful strategies for parents and guardians for protecting children and young adults while online.



### SUBSTANCE USE SAFETY

Lisa Kimmerly, Mobile Substance Use Therapist

Parkland County Alberta Health Services Therapist will share her experiences and provide useful strategies and information regarding substance use and support.

**THURSDAY APRIL 25**

**6PM-8PM IN THE LIBRARY**

The content of these sessions are intended for adults or older teenagers. Families are welcome to bring their children as childcare will be available but younger children will not be able to stay in the session.



### Spring Celebration of Learning -

We are excited to have all of our families join us on April 9 and April 11 to celebrate our students learning!

[Please sign up for an appointment with your child\(ren\)'s teacher here if you have not yet done so!](#)

### 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. As a school - we really need the information to plan for staffing and class lists for the 2024-2025 school year!

### 2024-2025 Calendar

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



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### Stronger Together Newsletter

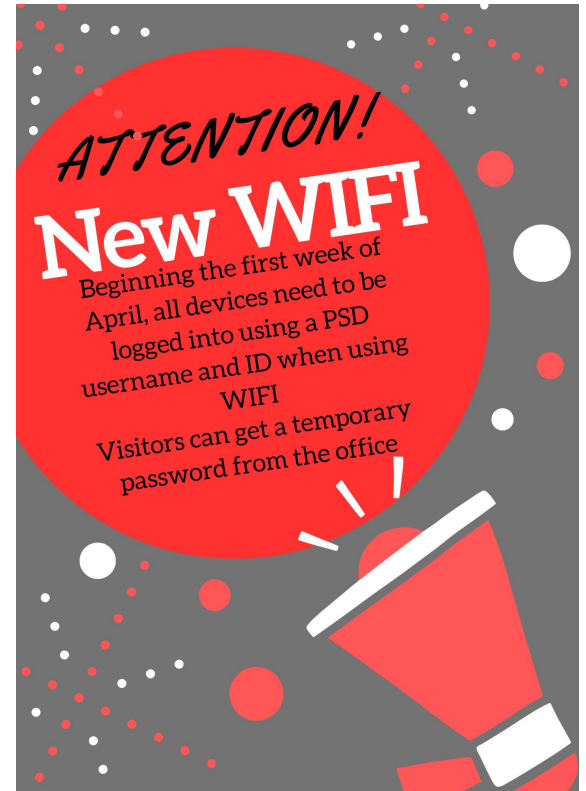
Each month, Parkland School Division's Learning Services team compiles a newsletter for parents and guardians of students. Inside you will find information, opportunities and strategies to help you and your family connect with us on your child's educational journey.

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.

### 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.





## General Information

### Programs at Graminia for the 2024-2025 School Year

Full Day Everyday Kindergarten!

We are excited to announce that Graminia School is planning to continue our inquiry-nature based full-time (everyday, all day) Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Our full-day everyday program would be structured to focus on classroom learning and curricular outcomes of the kindergarten curriculum in the morning and the afternoon programming would be a student-led, nature based, inquiry learning model.



If you are interested in registering your child for full day, everyday Kindergarten, please contact the office and speak with one of our helpful secretaries, 780-963-5035. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [treena.neumann@psd.ca](mailto:treena.neumann@psd.ca) or at 780-963-5035

Or you can [click this link - to read more.](#)

### MyPath: Graminia is open for registration!!

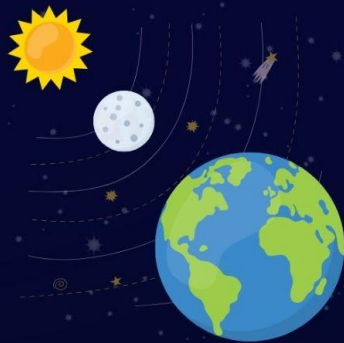
If you want to register your child for MyPath: Graminia, you must FIRST complete your registration for Graminia School confirming your child will be in gr 4-9 for the 2024-2025 school year and you must complete the [MyPath:Graminia Registration](#). Once you have completed this registration, the MyPath Navigator and Connections for Learning team will be reaching out to confirm registration, complete the waiver forms and pay for the deposit. 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 **the beginning of May.**



Please [click here for additional information](#) about the programs, fees and frequently asked questions.



## General Information

# Solar Eclipse - April 8



Phase	Time	Event
	<b>11:54:21</b> Mon, Apr 8	<b>Partial eclipse begins</b> The moment the edge of the Moon touches the edge of the Sun is called first contact.
	<b>12:46:37</b> Mon, Apr 8	<b>Maximum eclipse</b> The deepest point of the eclipse, with the Sun at its most hidden.
	<b>13:39:42</b> Mon, Apr 8	<b>Partial eclipse ends</b> The edge of the Moon leaves the edge of the Sun.



A total eclipse is set to occur on April 8, 2024, spanning from Southern Ontario to Newfoundland and Labrador, with the rest of Canada experiencing a partial eclipse. While these events are awe-inspiring, they also pose potential risks to eyesight if proper precautions are not taken. During a solar eclipse, the Moon moves between the Sun and the Earth, partially or completely blocking the Sun's rays. The danger lies in the fact that even during a partial eclipse (should be about 22% for the PSD region), the Sun's intense radiation can cause severe damage to the eyes. Looking at the Sun directly during an eclipse can lead to solar retinopathy, permanently damaging the retina's light-sensitive cells.

### What this means for Graminia:

Safe viewing of the solar eclipse can only occur when the participant **properly** wears eye protection that meets the ISO 12312-2 international safety standard. For this reason:

- all outdoor activities planned for that time will be held indoors instead
- if a teacher is planning on organizing a safe viewing event with their class, you will receive an info notice with the option to **opt out** of that activity.

Please reach out to your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions.



# General Information



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



<b>Term 1</b> Sept 5 - Jan 30		<b>Term 2</b> 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	<b>Live on PowerSchool</b> <b>January 30, 2024</b>	<b>April 9 &amp; 11</b> 3:30-6:30 pm	<b>Live on PowerSchool</b> <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.

### 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 30.**

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
**SKILLS DEVELOPED IN SCHOOL**  
THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE WORKPLACE

**DECISION MAKING**  
**TIME MANAGEMENT**  
**WRITTEN & VERBAL COMMUNICATION**  
**PROBLEM SOLVING**

Attend today, achieve tomorrow.



## General Information continued

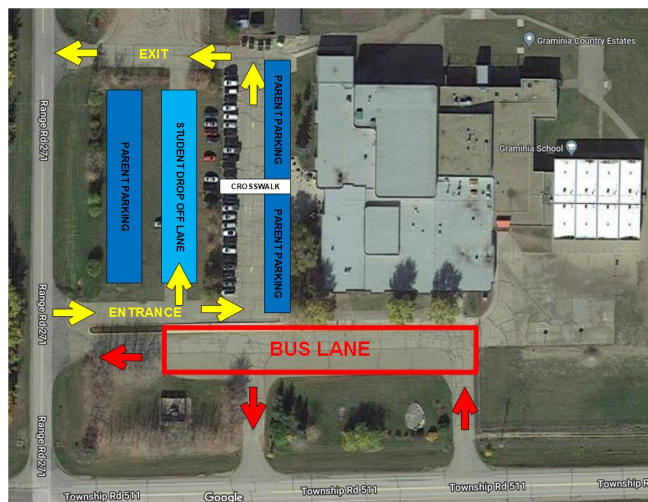
### Parking Lot Safety

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

Congratulation to all of our Basketball teams for a stellar season! Our teams played amazing and worked really hard! Congratulations to our Sr Boys for bringing home the banner and to our Sr Girls for their silver medal for the season!

### Badminton

Congrats to everyone who made one of our badminton teams this year :) The badminton season is relatively short and for that reason it is pretty busy with action for both teams starting this week. The schedule for the season can be found on the [Athletic Calendar](#), which is updated regularly based on changes in games.

Coaches:

Sr. Badminton - [jordan.fraser@psd.ca](mailto:jordan.fraser@psd.ca) Jr. Badminton - [isabela.ramos@psd.ca](mailto:isabela.ramos@psd.ca)

Please reach out to them directly if your child will be missing any games or practices

Sr. Team Practices: 2:45pm-4pm Jr. Team Practices: 2:45pm-4:30pm





# 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

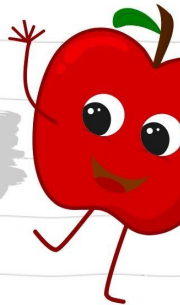


### Where to leave donations:

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](#)

**8TH ANNUAL** \* CLOCK YOUR SPEED WITH OUR COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER!

**SAT 1 JUNE**

\* MUD SWEAT & GEARS IS BACK FOR BIKE CHECKS!

**EAST PARKLAND CRIME WATCH IS BACK FOR BIKE ENGRAVING!**

**ENTER TO WIN 1 OF 3 BIKES!**

# GRAMINIA BIKE RODEO

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS:  
MICHELLE BROADBENT - DESJARDINS INSURANCE, GOLKA'S MECHANICAL & SERVICES LTD., AIMEE HENNIG, PSD TRUSTEE - WARD 3, EAST PARKLAND CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION, MUD SWEAT & GEARS SPRUCE GROVE, PARKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER

**BRING YOUR BIKE & HELMET!**  
**LOCATION: GRAMINIA SCHOOL PARKING LOT**  
**GRADES: KINDER TO GR 9**  
**10:00 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**BRING CASH TO SUPPORT OUR GRADE 4 CONCESSION FUNDRAISER!**

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### Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30pm**. We will be having members of our Music department join us to share some of the awesome work they have been doing. 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. [Click here for more information and to view past meeting minutes and agendas.](#)



## 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.](#)

### Flower Fundraiser

We are accepting forms until **April 5th!**

[Click here for a printable copy.](#)

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



### Coming Soon!

Write-on School Supplies Fundraiser



## 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.





## *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).



## GSBS NEEDS A NEW PRESIDENT

We are looking for an new President to run the GSBS.

Duties are minimal: 3-5 meetings per year, you decide; fundraising: up to you, but usually do Toonies for Tunes & Value Village, casino in 2025.

President holds meeting when decided and usually communicates with band teacher when needed.

Please message Jenn at:  
[jenniferking989@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferking989@gmail.com) if you are interested.