



Graminia Flyover

May 2024

Principal's Message

Graminia School

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May 2024

Spring has sprung and we are finally getting some rain to green things up! As we enter the warmer months, we remind families to please send water bottles, hats and appropriate clothing with you children each day as we go outside a lot to enjoy the weather, rain or shine!

We have had a great month in April with many activities and May does not look like it is slowing down at all. May brings us **Spring League** for grades 4-6, **Track and Field Days** for gr 4-9 (please see the Athletics sections for dates) and PAT ELA for gr 9 (May 15). We have our School Council and Foundation meeting on May 8 with special guests, Mr Lygo and Ms Hee discussing the Health and Wellness initiatives and supports in the school.

We also have our gr 4 trip to Drumheller, gr 7-9 Skills Canada field trips and the amazing experience for our students with the Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair rental program. Our final Health Day for gr 7-9 will also take place at the end of the month. All of these events as well as many in class experiences, buddy time and our final Hawks Spirit Assembly!

Our Spring Book Fair is scheduled for May 21 - 24! We are looking for parent volunteers so please sign up if you are available! We thank you for trusting us with your children as we love seeing their smiles and joy when learning and having new experiences.

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. **There is NO SCHOOL May 17 and 20.**





General Information cont.

HAWK SPIRIT RECIPIENTS - HONESTY



Hawk spirit

**Mrs. Kerr-Arntson,
Mrs. Kinsella, Mr.
West, Mrs. Munro
and Mr. Lygo for
organizing and to our
incredible
performers.**

**Save the date for the final
assembly of the year:**

**MAY - Courage (assembly May 30
@ 1:30)
3 Rupp and 7 Breck**



**Congratulations to our first
"Caught You Being Good"
winners!**



**Congrats to 5H for winning
the Golden Garbage Can
Award this month!**



General Information cont.

**Graminia School
MEMORY BOOK ORDERS**

Go to SmartPhotography.ca

ONLINE CODE:
GRmb23-24

CONTACT US:
info@smartphotography.ca
780-944-0800

Order by June 1, 2024
**Late orders will be subject to shipping fees

Graminia School Memory Books

Memory books can be pre-ordered from Smart Photography for \$12.75 plus GST. For free delivery to the school, please place your order by June 1 to avoid extra shipping costs.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

**Hats on!
for Mental Health**

Wear a special hat to school to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.

CanWeTalk.ca The Alberta Teachers' Association Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta Global

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](#)



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.

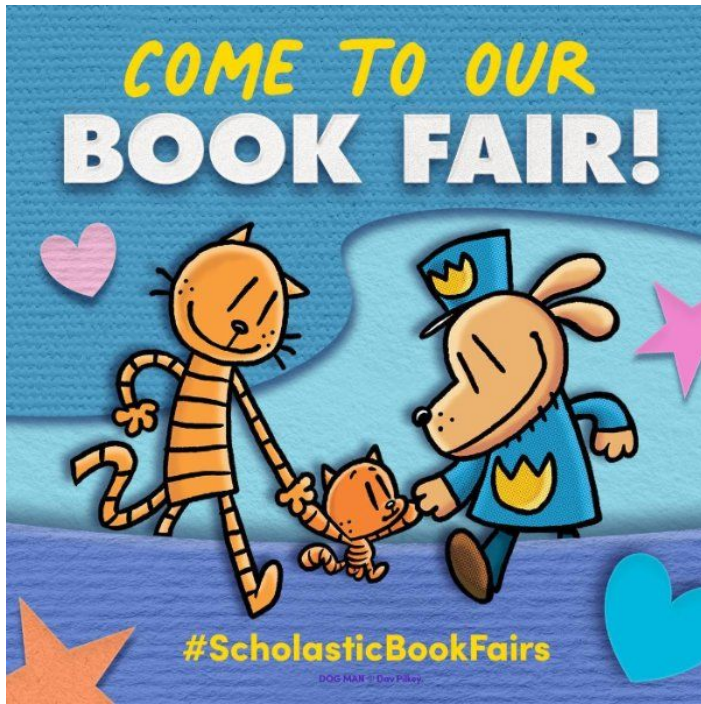
Bike Rodeo - Help Needed

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.



General Information



The Book Fair is Coming!

Save the Date and stay tuned for more details

May 21-24

Volunteers are Needed to make this event a success! [Please sign up here if you are able to help](#) and contact danielle.roebuck@psd.ca if you have any questions.



POWWOW PRACTICE

**APRIL 12 & MAY 10
6 - 8 PM**

With dance instructor Mariah Dumont and guest singers from Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

LOCATION: PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE
340 PIONEER ROAD, SPRUCE GROVE

SOUP AND BANNOCK FOR THE FIRST 50 GUESTS
FREE FAMILY EVENT. ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information email:
admin@skydancerindigenous.com








Powwow Practice at Prescott

For more information on this great event, [click here](#).



General Information

Thursday May 9th, 2024
6:30 - 7:30
Westview School Library
Having a Hard Time Getting your Teen to School?

Let's Talk About It!



Presenter


Julie DeRose

*Registered Provisional Psychologist
Owner of Open Door Psychology
Former Teacher and School
Counsellor*

Topics to be discussed:


- ✓ Challenges with your teen in the morning
- ✓ Positive and negative stress
- ✓ Resiliency and reasonable expectations
- ✓ Tips and support with parenting a reluctant child/teenager
- ✓ Avoidance and impact on future outcome

MAY 30TH

♥ **caps for the cure** 

www.thecurestartsnow.org

Donate \$1.00 and wear a hat for the day!



Help raise money for pediatric brain cancer in honour of Naomi Nevesely ♥

Educational Assistants APPRECIATION DAY



MAY 3 2024

 **PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION**



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.

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

Attend today, achieve tomorrow.

@MemAnimeClub

5\$ ADMISSION
Saturday, May 4
11:00am - 4:00pm

Memorial Composite High School,
50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain

MEMFEST
2024

JOIN US FOR:

- Anime Viewing
- Artists & Vendors
- Video Games
- Contests and More
- Drawing and Colouring Contest
- Cosplay Contest
- Ramen Eating Contest
- Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament (Bring Your Own Cards)

Art Credit: Bailey/Koda Matheson



Hawk's Athletics

May Update

In the athletics world, badminton is well underway with playoffs for both our Sr. and Jr. Teams ! There will be a meeting for any students interested in playing golf on Thursday May 2 during lunch recess in my classroom, there will be information given on what this entails this year and the requirements.

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in running a COED soccer program this year to make a team, I will look at this again next year!

Please see the [Athletic Calendar](#) and reach out with any questions you may have!

Coaches:

Sr. Badminton - jordan.fraser@psd.ca Jr. Badminton - 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



Online registration for the [8th Annual Try-Me Try-Athlon](#) opens on May 10!

FRIDAY
June 7
2024

REGISTRATION OPENS

FIND DETAILS AT

FRIDAY
MAY 10

www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/try-me-try-athlon



General Information continued

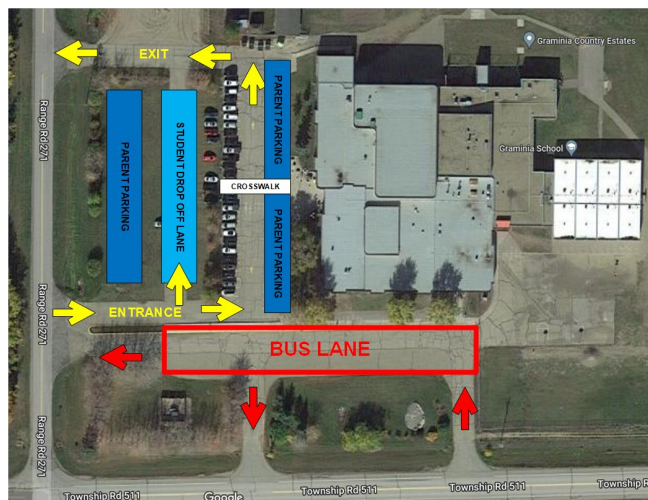
Parking Lot Safety

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 or stop in the bus lane to drop students off!** There is no time of day where this is allowed.

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.





School Council and Fundraising Foundation

Write-on School Supplies Fundraiser

An optional purchasing plan for every grade from K-9 is offered each year by Write-On Stationery in the "Parent Area". This voluntary program allows parents to pre-purchase a package of all requested supplies that will be delivered to the student at the school. Order will be accepted until June 1, 2024.

Paper forms will be sent home later this month!

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Graminia School - Spruce Grove
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'

For more information about Write-On orders, please contact Tammy Klippert at tbuk18@gmail.com

Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30pm**. Mr. Lygo and Mrs. Hee will be joining us to share some of the awesome work they have been doing around Student Health and Wellness. 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.](#)

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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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

Reminder to redeem your vouchers 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!

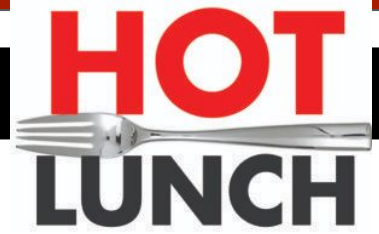


Save the Date!

Our next Water Park fundraiser will take place on January 18, 2025 from 6:30-9:30.



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.



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 if you are interested.