



Graminia Flyover

June 2024

Principal's Message

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June 2024

Welcome to June! We have been so fortunate to have some rain recently which is turning everything so green! Please ensure you send a water bottle, hat and jacket with your child daily as we enjoy the nice weather.

May was a very busy month with Track Meets, Spring League, our last Hawk Spirit assembly and Caps for the Cure, a huge thank you to those that donated and the Buote family who matched all of the donations! Our students completed the gr 9 ELA PATs, and our newest students had their Kindergarten Test Run. We also announced the new administration team, Mrs Bileau and Mr English.

It was great to see many families out for the Bike Rodeo on Saturday. A special thank you to the organizers and sponsors of the event, especially Desjardin Insurance, Michelle Broadbent and our School Council Vice Chair Amber Darragh! We had a great turn out of parent volunteers and staff! June does not look like it will be slowing down!

This month our students will all be going on field trips to learn and experience together and to celebrate the learning communities they have created all year long in their classes. Our students will be working hard completing the remainder of the gr 6 and 9 PATS, the Spring Music concert will feature performances from our grade 1-6 and from the Concert Band and Choir. Our Grade 9 Farewell that occurs on June 26 followed by the Gr 7-9 Awards Ceremony on the last day of school for students, June 27.

I want to send a huge thank you to our School Council and Foundation for an amazing Staff Appreciation! Our staff was treated to a few wonderful meals! Thank you!

Finally, Mrs Chessor and I would like to truly thank all of our families, staff and students as we have loved and appreciated being able to spend our days with you! Thank you for letting us be a part of your community!

- 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. **The last day of school is June 27 - School Starts August 28!!**





General Information cont.



HAWK SPIRIT RECIPIENTS - COURAGE

Hawk spirit



Huge thank you to Mr. Breckenridge, Mrs Rupp and Miss Ramos for organizing and to our incredible performers.



Congratulations to our "Caught You Being Good" winners!



Congrats to KS for winning the final overall Golden Garbage Can Award this year!



General Information

Graminia Bike Rodeo

This was a great success! Thank you to Michelle Broadbent and Amber Darragh as this event would not have occurred without their huge support and planning. Our attendance was close to over 60 participants and we received phenomenal support for our gr 9 concession! Thank you to the sponsors that supplied the great prizes, volunteers and expertise!

Thank you to all who came out to volunteer and to participate!



Our Lucky Winners!

Small Gifts - gloves, bells, horns, t-shirts

Lyndell Arthurs - gr 2

Noah Worrell - gr 4

Leopold Nevesely - gr 4

Tyson Kostyshen - gr 5

Charlie Kavanagh - gr 2

Alfred Smith - Gr 3

Kayden Golka - gr 5

Ellie Christensen - gr 2

Helmets -

Nella Moore - Pre K

Cooper Moore - K

Emily Worrell - Pre K

Kindergarten - gr 1 Bike -Cooper Moore

Gr 2-4 Bike - Sam Bennett

Trex gr 5-6 Bike -Emma Smith

Trex gr 7-9 Bike -Rhett Neufeld

Grade 9 Farewell

(Gym)

Wednesday June 26 - PM

Grade 7-9 Awards Ceremony

(Gym)

Thursday June 27 - PM

Kindergarten Graduations

(multipurpose room)

Monday (June 24):

Munro - 9:30am-11:00am

Tuesday (June 27th):

K/1 Kerr-Arntson:

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Sloan - 1:00 - 2:30pm



Bike Rodeo





General Information cont.

National Indigenous History Month and Pride Season in Canada

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, as well as Pride Season in Canada.


In the spirit of inclusion and creating belonging for all students and their families, during the first week in June, our school's GSA will be repainting the rainbow crosswalk. Should your child's teacher be planning any activities during the first week of June for their class, families will or would have been notified in advance.

Families will have been given notice and may choose to reach out to their children's teacher if they need clarification on any of the activities.


June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. As a whole school we will have special events planned in each class specifically on this day, June 21, to recognize this national day!


If you prefer for your child to be offered with alternate opportunities at this time please contact your child's teacher.




 **JUNE 12, 2024**


NEW TO HIGH SCHOOL PARENT & STUDENT NIGHT

 COME AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT YOUR NEXT FEW YEARS AT SGCHS!





Large Gym
1000 Calahoo Rd
Spruce Grove, AB



7:00 - 8:00

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.

Library Year-End Updates

JUNE 6th Devon Public Library Summer Reading Club presentations Grade 1 - 6 (Details to come)

JUNE 14th All library books due! If books are not returned, the replacement cost of the book will be added to the students PowerSchool account.

JUNE 19th Teachers will return all chromebooks and chromebook chargers to the library. Grade 5 to 9 - If the chromebook and/or charger students were assigned are not returned the replacement cost of missing items will be added to the student's Powerschool account.

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule

2024 Dates	Times	Subject
Mon, May 13	9:00-11:00 AM	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
Mon, May 27		Deadline for office send back ELA Part A materials NOTE: Unused English Language Arts Part A booklets may be kept at the school
Wed, June 12	9:00-10:15 AM	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B
Thurs, June 13	9:00-9:30 AM	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) A
Tues, June 18	9 AM-10:20 AM	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) B Grade 9 K&E Mathematics
Wed, June 19	9 AM-10 AM 9 AM-10:20 AM 9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 6 Social Studies Grade 9 Social Studies Grade 9 K&E Social Studies
Thurs, June 20	9 AM-10 AM 9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 6 Science Grade 9 Science Grade 9 K&E Science

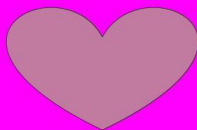




General Information



Huge thank you to all that contributed to our annual Caps for the Cure fundraiser for pediatric brain cancer in honour of Naomi Nevesely. Shout out to Aurora Machine who matched every dollar raised and helped us reach the HUGE goal of \$3242.00!



Thank you Graminia!



Caps for the Cure raised \$3,242.00





General Information

GRAMINIA SCHOOL
SPIRIT WEEK

JUNE 10 - 14



Monday:
Spectacular Sunglasses Day

Tuesday:
Tie Dye Day

Wednesday:
Western Day

Thursday:
Twin/Triplet Day

Friday:
Rainbow Day

CREEKSIDE
HOME AND GARDEN




THANK YOU!

Shout out to Creekside Home and Garden for donating some flowers for our planters at the front of the school! Mrs. Sloan is working so hard to keep them thriving

THANK YOU

to all those who supported the BOOK FAIR!
WHETHER YOU VOLUNTEERED, PURCHASED ITEMS, OR JUST SHOWED YOUR SUPPORT...
IT IS ALL APPRECIATED MORE THAN WORDS!
Our goal of \$5000 was **EXCEEDED!**



General Information



Assessment and Reporting for the 2023-2024 School Year

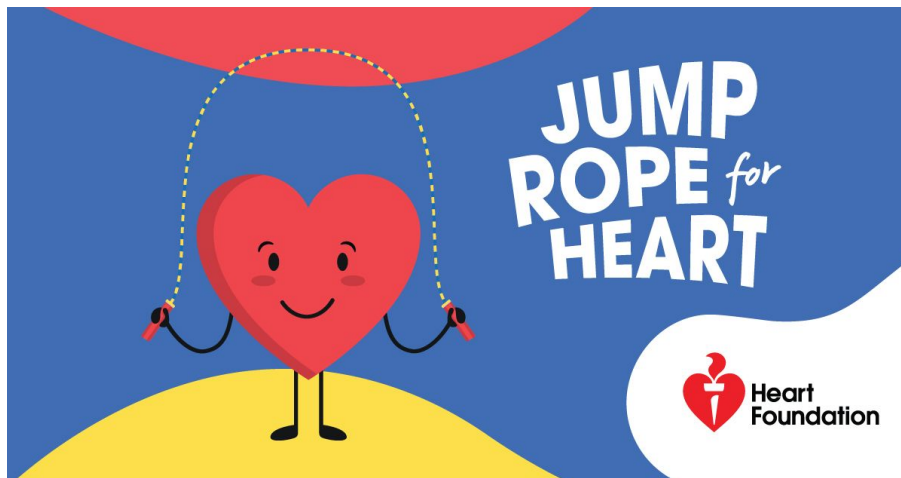


Term 1 Sept 5 - Jan 30		Term 2 Feb 1 - June 27	
Student Led Conferences	Term 1 Report Cards	Student Led Conferences	Term 2 Report Cards
November 7 & 9 3:30-6:30 pm	Live on PowerSchool January 30, 2024	April 9 & 11 3:30-6:30 pm	Live on PowerSchool June 27, 2024

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.

Jump Rope for Heart

Graminia will be holding a Jump Rope for Heart assembly on June 18th at 2:00. [Please click her for more information](#).





Hawk's Athletics



June Update

May was an absolutely incredible month for Hawks Athletics! We had an incredible showing from our athletes at the various Track and Field events throughout the month, our Golf Team had a great season and Spring League is in full swing!

Thank you to all of the athletes, coaches and parents for a great 2023-2024 year!

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



Badminton: Congrats to Chilana E. and Madison K. for winning the Copper medal and Si K. and Teagen F. for their silver medal win. Declan S. also won a silver medal!

Track: Graminia had a HUGE showing in Track this year. Special shoutout to Peyton Holst and Todd Kellier for getting the Top County Track Aggregate Points again! Way to go :) We also finished 4th as a team out of the 22 schools competing which is an awesome accomplishment :)

Golf: Our golf team has done so well! Shout-out to Elliot, Peyton S, and Ellie for making it to the PCAA golf championship!



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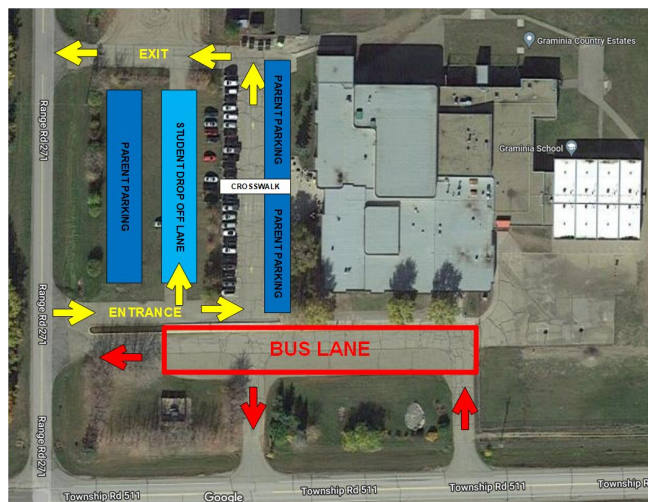
Parking Lot Safety

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 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.

Orders will be accepted until **June 10, 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



WRITE-ON STATIONERY

Upcoming School Council Meeting

All Graminia Families are invited to our School Council meeting of the school year on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:30pm**. Graminia's new principal will be in attendance to introduce herself. 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.

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



Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth
Graminia also has ongoing fundraisers with the following companies:
[Mabel's Labels](#) and [Tru Earth](#)

Hot Lunch

Due to track meets and field trips you may find that you are unable to order for certain grades. We have blocked them from the system for the days that they will not be able to have lunch at the school. All of this info will be posted on the hot lunch login page.

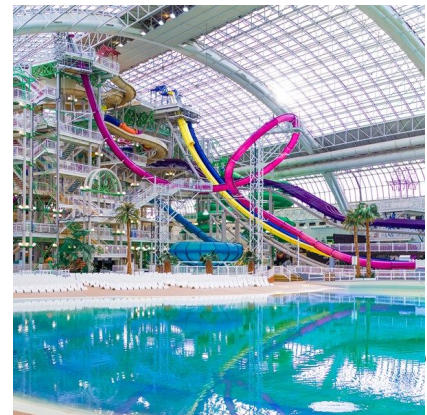
♥♥♥ *One Small Thing* ♥♥♥

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!





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.