



# Meet the New Rainbow Playschool Teacher



The children and parents of Rainbow Playschool were greeted by a new teacher this school season and her name is Teshia Rupp.

Teshia, mom to Tayvin (6), Landon(4), and Tayla (3), along with husband Max and pets Diesel and Lexi, lives in the County of Parkland.

After taking some time off to start a family, Teshia says she is now able to follow her passion — teaching. The opportunity to teach Rainbow Playschool at Graminia Hall not only fulfills Teshia’s passion but also allows Teshia to bring her youngest children to work.

Teshia’s formal education began at Mount Royal College in Calgary, where she studied general studies with a focus in education. During this time she played hockey for the college team and coached minor hockey girls programs around the city. She continued her education at the University of Calgary, working on a minor in communication and culture.

After this, Teshia took a year to coach a hockey for an academic program in BC. She came back to Alberta after this experience to complete her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta.

Athletics and active living—camping, quadding and generally anything outdoors are favorite pastimes for Teshia. Hockey is her favorite sport.

When asked what defines success for her as a playschool teacher, Teshia replied “Success is seeing the children having fun, interacting with one another, and enjoying play. Success to me as a preschool teacher is seeing and creating a bond and connection with each child in the class.”

For more information on Rainbow Playschool visit <http://www.graminahall.com/playschool/>



## Aim High—GCL President talks about his Vision

Thinking big!

How can Graminia Community League better serve its community?

Over the last two years that I have been involved in the Graminia Community League, first as Vice President and in the last year as President, we have worked on the day to day of the GCL, with a focus on "what can we do to get the community en-

gaged?" and we have had success.

Through self development activities I have been working on lately, I have been focusing on setting goals, specifically BIG goals and I wish to apply the same principle to everything I am involved in, including the business of the Graminia Community League.

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## Lust in the Wind



On Friday night, October 21, forty two artists in the making came to Graminia Hall to release their inner beasts and create their own Picassos at "Lust in the Wind", a one-night stand for the artistically or not-so-artistically inclined.

"Lust in the Wind" was the perfect coupling of creativity and conversation and where at the end of the night the only thing you took home was your masterpiece (and whoever you came with, of course :)

Thank you to everyone who showed us your love by supporting this Graminia Hall fundraiser.

Feedback to GCL Events Coordinator, Angie Gehlert, was so positive that a second paint nite event is being planned for Spring 2017. Watch our Facebook page or website for more information.



## 2016—It Was a Very Good Year!

The Graminia Community League had a very busy social calendar this year. Here is what went on in and around our little hall during 2016:

New Year's Eve Party & Wagon Rides—December 31, 2015

Graminia Community League AGM—February

2nd Annual Graminia Hall Community Garage Sale—April

T-Ball at the Hall—April

Kids Carnival— May

Graminia Hall/Parkland County Summer Day Camp—July

Fall Work Bee— October

Lust in the Wind Paint Nite—October

Christmas & Craft Sale— November 19

*Live and work but do not forget  
to play, to have fun in life, and  
really enjoy it.*

Teddy Bear Bingo— December 11

New Year's Eve Kid Friendly Celebration— December 31, 2016

## Help Us Make 2017 a GREAT Year!

Graminia Hall is doing its best to provide community minded events that appeal to everyone who lives in the area. In addition to GCL events, Rainbow Playschool, and Devonshire Pony Club, we are pleased to announce that piano and guitar lessons are offered at the hall as well. See our website for more information.

The GCL is planning to participate again in the Parkland County Community Garage Sale as well as offer a Kids Carnival, T-Ball, and Paint Nite in Spring 2017 and a Christmas Craft Sale in Fall 2017. In between these popular events, the GCL will be holding work bees to maintain the hall and grounds.

As well, the Alberta Gaming and Lottery Commission has given

the GCL a casino opportunity in St. Albert April 15-16 as a major fund raiser.

All these events require (wo)man power. Please consider giving us some of your time for at least one of these events. Help us make our community strong and vibrant in 2017!

(If you have any ideas or suggestions for community events at our hall, please contact gramini-ahallevents@gmail.com).

## Aim High—GCL President talks about his Vision (continued from page 1)

As I ponder on the needs of the community and ask others why they don't use the hall or get involved in the GCL, I find that we need a better building.

So I have set a goal to lead the hall into a new building!

As always, I encourage people to get involved in the GCL and ask that you don't let the current facts stop you from getting involved and creating the richest community in all the land!

To quote prosperity teacher Bob Proctor, "The facts have never stood in the way of the Winner. The Winner is the dreamer who understands how to turn their dreams into reality and, in so doing, create a better, more beautiful world for everyone. The facts may be real, they could represent strong opposition.... Nevertheless, the facts don't matter to the Winner, the person who holds in their heart a splendid image of their dream."

Deryk Kause, 2016 President, Graminia Community League



## What Kind of Volunteer are You? Op-Ed by MJ Brown

As a young girl growing up in rural Alberta, I saw my dad head out to meetings of the local public library, the Lions Club or the CNIB after long days teaching elementary school. All the meetings were part of his commitment to volunteering, to giving back to community in which we lived.

I admired my dad for his commitment and I appreciate what I learned from him about the importance of volunteering.

As an adult, I have been involved in the Graminia Community League in some way for 20+ years, most recently in the role of Communications for the GCL. Over the years, my ability to give back to my community through volunteering has ebbed and flowed based on the demands of my personal life and career.

If you stop and think about it, you may encounter volunteers daily — at a hospital., library, theatre, school, or sports event.

Imagine if, one day, all the volunteers simply didn't show up.

Studies suggest that globalization, modernization, and digitalization have had an affect on volunteerism. According to third-sector.com "The traditional ways of voluntarily working for the

same organization every week for years are slowly being replaced by new and innovative ways of volunteering." The news ways of volunteering include e-volunteering, corporate, episodic, international and family volunteering.

I consider myself as a traditional volunteer. I truly believe that volunteers have a tremendous impact on the health and well being of a community and that getting to know your neighbors through community social events creates belonging and fosters safety. I have met some great people through the GCL.

*"If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want ten years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want one hundred years of prosperity, grow people." -- Chinese Proverb*

In a world where technology is trying hard to replace real conversation and lives are busier than ever, I ask us all to dig deep to give something back to our little community. Give back in whatever way has meaning to you—give time for a social event, kid's event, fundraising casino or join the Executive. I have and I will. I think my dad would be proud.

## Celebrity Sighting at the Graminia Hall Community Garage Sale

The forecast was sun, sun, sun and a little breeze on Saturday, April 30. A great spring day for a garage sale!!

If you didn't make it to the Graminia Hall Community Garage Sale, you missed a good one! Sellers surrounded the hall with tables, trucks, and trailers loaded with treasures for sale. Volunteers at the concession were selling burgers and dogs as fast as they could cook them and children played on the playground while the adults bartered and visited. The sale was a tremendous success!

This was the second annual garage sale at Graminia Hall. The event is sanctioned by Parkland County who provides advertising

for all participating community halls.

So popular was the Graminia Hall Garage Sale, that two celebrities - King Kong and Santa Claus - made an appearance.

The third annual Graminia Hall Community Garage Sale will be held on April 29, 2017. Mark your calendars!





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***A community growing together.***

*The Graminia Social Society, as it was first named, followed by the Graminia Community League and Society but more fondly, the Graminia Community League as it is now known, has been in existence for 36 years. Graminia Hall, in its original form was built in 1908 and it was a country school for children of the area. It ceased to be a school in 1959.*

*In January of 1960, Graminia Social Society became an incorporated club under the rules of law. There were 30 members that first year. The community sponsored local dances, box socials, whist drives, and a host of community events. Now, in the twenty-first century, the hall hosts craft sales, children's events and other community minded offerings. Membership in 2016 was 50 families, down from 75 in 2015.*

*Visit <http://www.graminiahall.com/ourpast.html> for more information about the history of Graminia Hall.*

**We are on the web!**  
**[www.Graminiahall.com](http://www.Graminiahall.com)**

## Time to Renew Your Graminia Community League Membership

With a new year, comes the time to re-new your membership with the Graminia Community League.

The nominal fee of \$10 per family per calendar year (or \$100 per for a lifetime membership) helps support your community hall, allows you to ride your horse in the arenas (helmets and proper safety attire recommended please!), participate in T-Ball (plus registration fee), and more!

**Being a member of the GCL does not mean that you are required to volunteer for events at the hall.**

That being said, we would love to grow our membership and encourage more participation by people in the community.

Everyone has a gift, talent, skill, or personality that could be of value to a small organization like the Graminia Community League. We need you.

Here are some reasons to join the GCL:

- Ten bucks a year is less than one movie admission and we offer entertainment too.

- Events at the hall are practically in your back yard—no driving to Edmonton or elsewhere for entertainment!
- Need a place to have a birthday party for your dear old aunt? Graminia Hall holds 100 people, it has a kitchen, and is wheelchair accessible.



*Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.*

- We've got a pretty good playground, don't you agree? No, you don't have to be a member to play in it, but your ten dollars helps us maintain it.
- Graminia Hall provides the roof over the head of Rainbow Playschool. Your membership helps us keep the hall going.
- To renew your membership go to: [www.graminiahall.com/pdf/graminiamembershipform.pdf](http://www.graminiahall.com/pdf/graminiamembershipform.pdf)