



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our annual Read-A-Thon begins today. We will have a school assembly to kick off the event. This year's theme is Pirates. Our Read-A-Thon promotes reading and also acts as a school fundraiser. Thank you for your help collecting pledges to support our school programs. Bingo for Books, is going to be a little different this year. We are going to do it within the school day on the 21st.

Other events that are happening this month:

2/6 Early Release Day (12:50 dismissal)

2/7-2/8 Parent Teacher Conference and PTA Book Fair

2/13 Site Council Meeting

2/19 Budget Meeting with Dave Jones 6:00pm HHS

2/21 Bingo for Books during the school day

For our upcoming early release day, we will be discussing our Maps assessments. We are piloting it this year. Recently, the district stated that Maps testing will be a district-wide assessment starting next school year.

Being a PK-2 school, we focus on age appropriate activities such as the Read-A-Thon and Bingo for Books. As many of you know, public education is once again under the public microscope. This is not all bad as it causes us, as educators, to reflect on our practices and to be innovative. Many of you have made positive comments about the efforts of Paul Banks teachers. The best way to complement our teachers is to talk to your friends who do not get the opportunity to experience Paul Banks first hand.

As many of you know, Mr. Dusek has informed us that he will be retiring this summer. The district is putting together a plan for recruitment and interviewing of our next superintendent. Feel free to contact our local school board members for more information.

This is the time of year when lice reenters our building. As a fellow parent, I suggest checking your child's head every now and then 😊. My family has had it in the past and it is a nuisance, but it is not a health hazard.

Finally, at the end January, we successfully completed our ALICE drill with the Homer Police Department. While we hope we never have to call upon these skills, it was a good practice for all of us. If you have any questions about the drill or school safety, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson