



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already three weeks away from the end of first quarter. The leaves are changing colors and ice will soon appear on blacktop. Please continue to drive safely when dropping off and picking up students.

The Site Council will have their first meeting this month, on **October 17th**, to review our school development plan. Last month, we had a great learning experience with Ed Elements/Personalized Learning. Two teachers, the Educational Elements Team and myself visited classrooms and observed our teachers in action. There are so many great teachers and resources at this school, it is imperative that we learn from one another. This process will continue throughout the school year.

Funding and financial budgeting continue to be a topic of concern for our school district. There is a budget meeting on Oct. 30th at 6:00 pm. This will take place at Homer Middle School. This meeting will provide an overview of our budgeting process. All community members are invited to attend. This spring we will be facing challenging decisions as we work within our school budget. Please get involved, your voice matters.

Violin Spagehetti Dinner is **October 18th 5:30-7:30**. This was a huge event for our school last year. It is a significant fund raiser for our Preludes program. We will have enough food this year 😊.

On **October 19th**, there is no school, it is an in-service/workday for staff. We will be focused on instruction

Early Release days will again be used to help our teachers focus on their instruction. This last Early Release Day, grade levels collaborated to review schoolwide behavior and epectations. The next Early Release is **October 24th**. Students will leave at **12:50**.

November 1st and 2nd are our parent teacher conference dates. As a reminder, we will not have school on those days. If you have a concern, please do not wait until this date. Our staff welcomes parent communication to best meet the needs of your child. Together, we can enhance your child's education. My door is always open and I know the same applies for the teachers. If you do not have time to stop by, but would still like to give us positive or constructive feedback, please visit www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/schools.aspx?id=3526 and fill out a school survey.

October 31, is our Halloween Parade. We appreciate your support in not having students wear scary costumes.

I want to thank the Paul Banks PTA and their volunteers for all of their support during the start of the school year. The greenhouse produced some of the biggest spuds on the Peninsula. The first run of after-school programs will end the week of October 15th. Our after-school programs are no small undertaking. If you utilized the program, the best way you can thank the PTA, is to come to a meeting and volunteer. Thank you to all who have volunteered to make this possible.

Thank you for supporting our school and staff here at Paul Banks Elementary. All of you deserve credit for making Paul Banks a special school. Our teamwork will continue to make Paul Banks a five star school.

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson