



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are already in the second quarter. Soon black ice will be upon us. Thank you for driving slowly in the school parking lot. Please start sending your child to school with boots, hats and gloves for outdoor recess.

We just finished up our second Early Release Day. Thank you for allowing our staff this collaborative time to meet in our PLCs (Professional Learning Communities). Each group has an ongoing process to improve our instruction so we can achieve better results for our students.

On October 13th the Site Council, community and school administration met for a budget development meeting. This meeting will provided an overview of our budgeting process. The team of people developed some money saving suggestions and passed them along to district administration. At the bottom of this letter you will find a list of 2016-17 Site Council members.

Many of you have heard a lot conversation about our district's budget issues that may arise this spring. It is important that everyone gets informed and starts talking about the topic. If you have questions the district web page has a lot of resources available to review. Please come and see me if you would like more information.

The district is seeking your input on bussing/school start time, next year's budget, as well as, our district's strategic plan. The three links that follow will allow you access to these surveys.

Budget

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TKMYV3K>

Bus

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthernPeninsulaSchoolTimes>

Strategic Plan

<http://bit.ly/KPBSDstrategicPlanSurvey>

This link will take you to our last year's school report card.

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=36924>

Last month I met with First Student. The bus drivers wanted to thank parents for making eye contact with the drivers when crossing our yellow curbs into and out of the school. If your child misses the bus in the morning call First Student and they will work out a plan to have your child picked up. Please do not chase down the bus or have your child run up from the rear of the bus. Their phone number is 235-7513.

Paul Banks' students, parents and staff share a great sense of pride in the successful PreK-2 program we offer the community. Our unique configuration helps us stay focused on the fundamentals of education with an emphasis on early intervention and developmentally appropriate practices that nurture our young learners.

As always, I have an open door policy. If you ever have a concern or issue, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me.

Sincerely,



Eric Pederson

Site Council Members

Stevana Roy

Erin Briscoe

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