



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Principal, Eric Pederson

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are already in the second quarter. Soon black ice will be upon us. Please remember to drive slowly in our school parking lot and give plenty of space between you and the car in front of you. 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 17th the Site Council, community and school administration met for a budget development meeting. This meeting was an informational overview of our budgeting process. At the bottom of this letter you will find a list of 2017-18 Site Council members.

Many of you have heard a lot of conversation about our school district's budget issues that may arise this spring. It is important that everyone gets informed and starts talking about this topic. If you have any questions, the district's web page has a lot of resources available to review (<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/>). Please come and see me if you would like more information.

This month, Paul Banks will start its journey into Personalized Learning. We will share information as we learn more about the process. The following link, will take you to our district and school's **Strategic Plan: 2017 - 2022**

Last month, I met with the staff of Apple Bus Company. 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, please call Apple Bus 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 235-0124.

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

Erin Briscoe, Jennifer Kumfer, Deb Turkington, Katy Countiss, Stephanie Fain, Jeri McLean