



Paul Banks Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, this is not the December weather we want, but hopefully this rain will turn to snow in the near future. This letter serves as the December/January newsletter. Please send your child to school with proper clothing such as hats, gloves, boots and snow pants (rain pants ☺). If you need any help outfitting your child, please contact your child's teacher or myself, and we can help you out. Our goal is to ensure all of our students are warm and safe.

We have had three Early Release Days and two in-services this year. Thank you for your support with this time. I know the change in routine can sometimes be a challenging situation for many of our working families. As the administrator of Paul Banks, I feel the time has been well spent. Even though we, as a school, are doing very well, there is always room for improvement. This collaboration time has allowed us to work in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to plan and assess how we are doing on our school goals, specifically in the areas of the state standards, differentiation for all students, as well as mapping instruction and assessment.

If your child is ill, please keep him/her at home. With winter, comes sickness. A sick child regains health by staying at home. If your child is too sick to go outside for recess, they are too sick to be at school.

This past week, a Paul Banks Leadership team attended our first Personalized Learning meeting with Ed Elements. You will be hearing a lot more about the initiative, the further we go into this learning process. The initial observation of our school, by Ed Elements, was very positive. We already have a lot of student choice and personalized learning in all of our classrooms. That said, we can always find ways to improve our practice. I will keep you posted.

I would like to end by saying thank you to the PTA. They continue to support our students and teachers to reach new levels of success. If you have missed the past few meetings, you can find the minutes and activities on Facebook.

Enjoy the holiday season!

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson