



## Paul Banks Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our annual Read-a-thon ends February 3rd. We will have the final school assembly on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is space. 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, which is where some of the fundraising goes to, was again a huge success. I hope you have noticed more reading being done by your child.

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 continually hone our skills. 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.

Soon, you will all receive a request to complete a survey about the need for a Boys and Girls Club. As you know, next year our school start and end time will be changing. Many parents have asked me about starting up the Boys and Girls club again. This survey will show us the actual need of such a program.

We will have our fourth Early Release Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month. This collaboration time allows us to reflect on what we have done thus far and what changes we need to make to ensure our processes are effective and efficient. This time has been valuable to our staff as we continue to grow and improve our instructional offerings. I thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting our final Parent Teacher Conferences. Next week, you will be receiving a letter about our second ALICE drill training. As always, please feel free to stop by and chat if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson