



Paul Banks Elementary School
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our annual Read-A-Thon begins February 12th. We will have a school assembly to kick off the event. This year's theme is the Iditarod. 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, is a great opportunity for students to get free books during the Read-A-Thon. It is February 22nd at 6:30.

Other events that are happening this month:

- 2/7 Early Release Day (12:50 dismissal)
- 2/7 Violin Prelude Spaghetti Fundraiser 5:00-7:00
- 2/8-2/9 Parent Teacher Conference and PTA Book Fair
- 2/20 Budget Meeting with Dave Jones 5:30 HHS
- 2/22 Bingo for Books 6:30

For our upcoming early release day, we will be discussing our Paul Banks Prelude's program. This is the last year of our pilot. The staff has decided to continue to offer the program for another five years before we do another review. Next year's model may look a little different from what we are offering this year. Information will be coming out soon.

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 be innovative. 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.

Thank you to everyone who came to the community bus and afterschool program meeting with Superintendent Dusek. Next week, I will be traveling to Soldotna schools to review how they partner with Boys' and Girls' Club. On the 20th of February, Asst. Superintendent, Dave Jones will be hosting a community budget meeting to review KPBSD's financial status. Your input is valued at these type of events. Please ask if you need more information about them.

This is the time of year when lice reenters our building. As a fellow parent, I suggest checking your child's head every now and then 😊. My family has had it in the past and it is a nuisance, but it is not a health hazard.

Later this month, you will receive 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