



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

PEOPLE WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING FOR SWIM LESSONS NEED TO HAVE BACKGROUND CHECKS COMPLETED!!!!

Spring is in the air and fourth quarter is already with us. Looking down the halls, I am amazed at how much our students have grown, both in sheer size as well as their work that hangs on the wall. As a parent, it is hard to see how much growth has been made by our children, when we are living with them day to day. The minor daily growths truly adds up. Take the time to recognize the physical and academic gains your child has made in this school year. I am sure your child's teacher has sent home classwork from the beginning of the year that you can use to compare to today's classwork.

April also brings swimming lessons. This is an exciting time. I would personally like to thank parents who have stepped up to volunteer at the pool. The PTA also deserves a pat on the back for organizing the event and paying for busses and lessons.

Recently, I returned from a trip to Washington D.C. This trip was great professional development for me, as a principal. Next week, I am headed to Juneau to talk with our state congressional representatives. One thing I learned, is our congress members want to hear your thoughts and opinions in regards to public education. School safety, funding and school choice are all topics being discussed. If you want your voice heard, and need help contacting them, please come see me. I am more than willing to put you in touch with people who want to hear from you.

Important Dates

April 3th, 4th, 5th Kindergarten and New Student Registration

April 4th Early Release Day

April 13rd Title I Pre-school Screening

April 24th & 25th Kindergarten Screening for New Kindergarten Students

May 2nd Early Release Day

Transferring or Leaving

If you know you are going to be transferring to another school in district, in state or out of state, please let the office know. This helps us get an accurate count of pupils enrolled at each site.

Next Year Class Placement

At Paul Banks, we work to balance our classes for gender, academic abilities, behavior issues and student and teacher learning styles. There is a form in the office that allows you to share information about your child to help with this process. If you would like to share this information please stop by the office to pick up the form. Due to our current funding situation and the uncertainty of next year's Kindergarten size, we do not know which grade level each teacher will be teaching. **THE FORMS ARE DUE BY THE 30TH OF APRIL.**

As always, my door is open. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop in anytime.

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson