



# Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Principal, Eric Pederson

April 1, 2016

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 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 school. 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.

### Important Dates

- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten and New Student Registration
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Title I Pre-school Screening
- April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Screening for New Kindergarten Students
- May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL.**

### Child Find Program

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children not yet in Kindergarten (3 to 5 years old). We will screen your child's motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. There are two screening dates to choose from:

Chapman School, Tuesday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. to 2: 30 p.m. To make an appointment for your child, please call the Chapman School @ 235-8671.

McNeil Canyon School, Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To make an appointment for your child, please call the McNeil Canyon School @ 235-8181. For more information about the screenings, contact Robin @ 714-8930.

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

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson