



Paul Banks Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are quickly approaching the fourth quarter. How time flies when you are having fun. The days are staying brighter longer and the recent snow has provided much fun for our students.

Recently, I took a trip to Juneau as a member of the Alaskan Elementary School Principal Board. While there I spoke with our legislators about education and funding. As a state we have to make some very tough decisions. I encourage all of you to write your senators and representatives and share your thoughts.

Being a PK-2 school, we are able to focus in 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 practice and to continually hone our skills. Many of you have made positive comments about the effort 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.

Coming up in April, we have swimming lessons. I know teachers will be sending home a number of requests for parent volunteers to get in the water and swim with the students. Having adequate supervision in the pool, not only ensures safety, but it also allows us to continue this incredible program. The PTA will again be offering swimming lesson vouchers for those who volunteer. If you are interested, please contact the school or a member of the PTA.

Once again, I would like to thank working parents for supporting our early release days. I know these days may be inconvenient. Please know that these days are useful for our ability to collaborate.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with your children. This is an incredible community and the amount of volunteers we have in our school is fantastic. As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments please feel free to stop in. My office doors are always open.

Have a wonderful March.

Eric Pederson