

April 1, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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. The I-Kid-A-Read was a huge success in pushing those reluctant readers and challenging our master readers. Thank you for all of your support with fund raising and spending time reading with your child.

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 8-10 Kindergarten and New Student Registration

April 10 Title I Pre-school Screening

May 1-2 Kindergarten Screening

April 15 Spring Program The Cheese Stands Alone

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.

Early Release April 16th Child Care

Thank you all for understanding the importance of our early release days. This time allows us to grow as a staff to better educate your children. I have had some parents express concern about childcare on these days. To help with this issue, I have worked with Mr. Marshall, West Homer Principal, and the district office to pilot a child care opportunity for students. The details are as follows:

- Child care will be provided at **West Homer Elementary School** from the time school is released at 1:30 until 3:15. Paul Banks students who sign up will be bussed.
- School busses will not run at 3:15, so parents will be responsible to pick up their children at 3:15 from **West Homer Elementary School**.
- We will provide different opportunities for students after school – gym, art, games
- A snack will be provided.
- There will be a \$5.00 fee to offset snack and staffing costs.
- If you are interested in participating in this pilot, please contact myself or Mrs. Turkington, building secretary, and have your name put on the list so we will know how many students will be attending.

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

Sincerely,



Eric Pederson