

April 1, 2015

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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Site Council Meeting  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Musical Drums Alive  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> No School  
April 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten and New Student Registration  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> Title I Pre-school Screening  
April 29<sup>th</sup> -30<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 the large current Kindergarten and the uncertainty of next year's Kindergarten size, we do not know which grade level each teacher will be teaching.

#### **Early Release May 1st 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. As a reminder we have a program that supervises children at West Homer. 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.
- There will be a reminder in your child's Monday Folder.

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

Sincerely,



Eric Pederson