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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year. I hope you all had a relaxing and restful summer. For those of you new to Paul Banks, I am delighted to meet you and work with your child. Last year was my first year in Homer. This school is an example of one of the many great things this town has to offer. For those of you returning to Paul Banks, I look forward to working with you to push your child to the next level.

The teachers here are very dedicated and work hard for your children. As parents, you are the most important team member in your child's education. If at any point in the year you have questions or concerns, please bring them to your child's teacher or myself. It is through communication and collaboration that we work together to build the best educational plan for your child and our school. Your opinions and thoughts do matter to us as professionals. Please do not hesitate to share this information.

It is evident that there is a lot of pride in being a Peanut. My goal is to push it to the next level. My leadership philosophy has always been based on students come first. I always ask myself what is best for students when faced with a decision. Many times this involves bringing data into the scope. It is important to me that students have a sense of belonging to an entity larger than self.

Parent volunteers are one of the many shining stars at Paul Banks. There are numerous opportunities for you to participate at our school. If you have any interest in helping, please contact the office or your child's teacher to get more information. Our site council is also looking for volunteers to serve for the school year. If you are interested please stop by the office.

This year, we will again be having early release collaboration days. The dates are 9/17, 10/29, 11/26, 2/4, 3/27, and 5/1. This time is pivotal in our quest to improve our already great educational offerings. I thank you for supporting this time. We will again partner with West Homer to provide child care for those of you who need it. Please be reading future newsletters for this information.

I look forward to working with all of you this school year. Again, if you ever have a concern or question, know my door is always open. Thank you and I will see you later this month!

Sincerely,

Eric Pederson