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Dear Volz Families,

I am pleased to announce that we are continuing our exciting program partnership with an animal assisted therapy group called Paws for People.

PAWS (Pet Assisted Visitation Volunteer Services) is a group of volunteers who bring their trained therapy dogs to our school to visit with our students and staff. Each PAWS animal is a certified therapy companion. They have had a great deal of training and screening to ensure good temperament, behavior , and obedience.

We hope that this program will benefit students and provide a calming therapy experience with the animals. PAWS will be visiting our school twice a month. They visit with small groups of students and in a whole classroom setting. We strive to ensure all students have the opportunity to meet with PAWS at least once during the school year.

If you would **not** like your child to participate in this program or have contact with the therapy animal please email Mrs. Mangino or Ms. Deitz

Thank you,

Dana Mangino & Kacey Deitz  
Mary Volz School Counselors