

January 2021

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Barkell Elementary would like to thank the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club for their continued support of our PE ski program.
- Please consider writing your child's name on their winter gear. We find many items every day and are able to return them if they have a name. When there is no name, it goes to lost and found and unfortunately, very few items are ever claimed.
- Please consider helping out our PTO. They do a lot for our school and could use a few volunteers to help with various events. You do not need to come to all of the PTO meetings to be a volunteer. They are looking for individuals who can help once or twice per year.
- Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaara— Barkell Elementary Principal

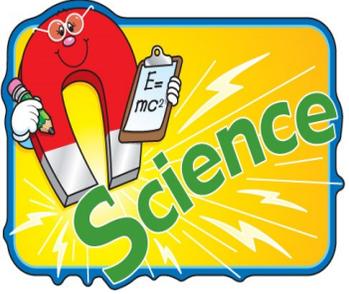


Upcoming Events:

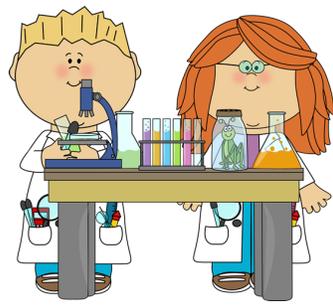
- 2/19 No School—Teacher PD
- 2/22 No School— Midwinter Break
- 2/25 11:50 am dismissal— PT Conferences in the pm



Bulldog Scientists



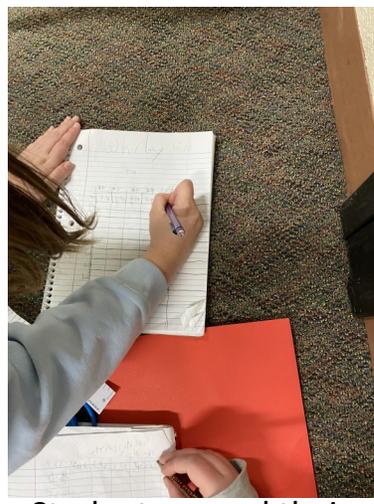
Barkell Elementary fifth graders are learning about the Scientific Method the fun way. Students are investigating whether or not the length of a whirlybird's propellers effects the time it takes to hit the ground from 2 Meters? Students tested, collected, and analyzed data, and made conclusions supported by their data.



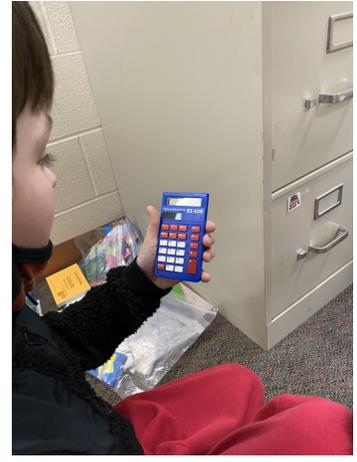
Jordan and Liam test their whirlybird, as does Abby and Teddy



Mr. Pertile holds an example of a whirlybird used in their investigation



Students record their data



Marcus does some calculating



Students focus on a plan to determine if the length of a whirlybird affects the length it travels



Angela drops her whirlybird



Students created their own whirlybirds for this investigation





Young Fives News



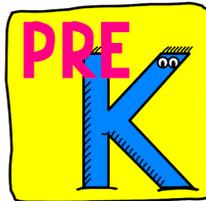
Students in Mrs. Koskela's Young Fives classroom have fun playing on the hills on a nice winter day.



Soraya, Naomi, and pose for a quick picture



Students from Mrs. Koskela's class take a quick break to pose for a photo

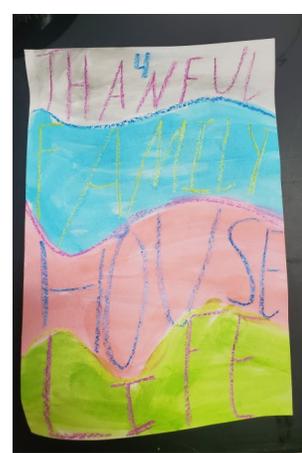
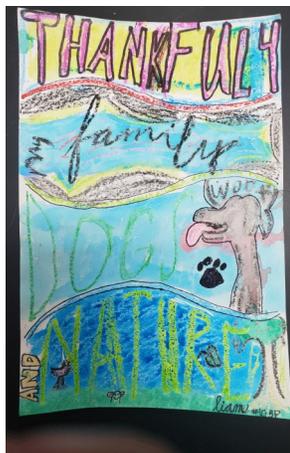


Young Fivers enjoy sliding down the hill



Art News

Barkell Elementary students in Mrs. Scholie's art class spent time creating artwork to show what they are thankful for.

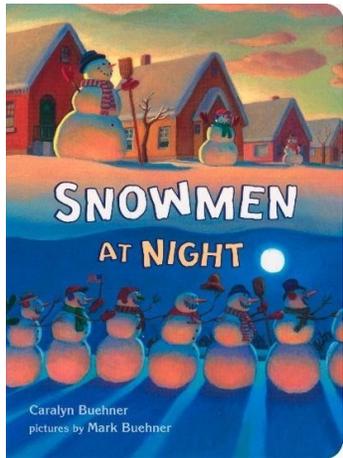




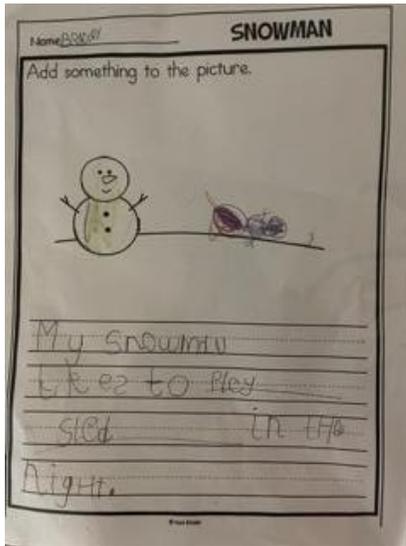
Kindergarten News



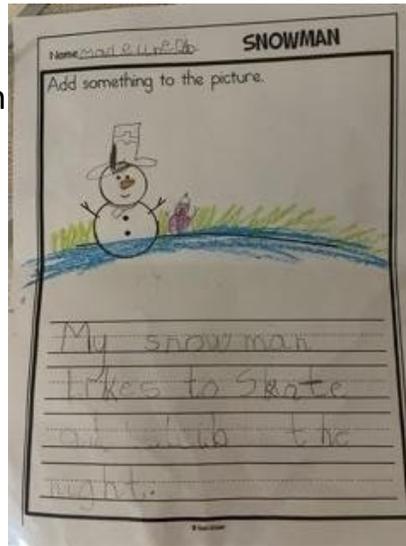
Mrs. Pihlaja's class listened to the story: Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner and learned how to use their ideas while writing about what they thought a snowman would like to do in the night.



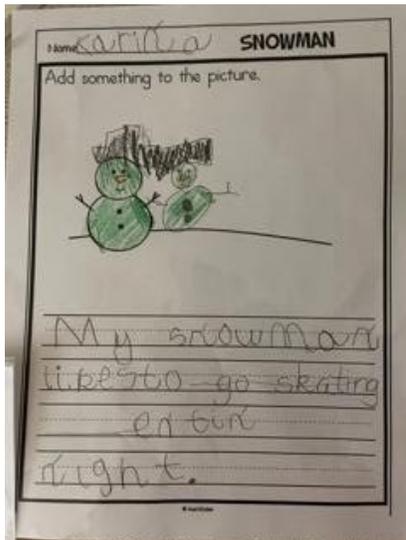
Mrs. Pihlaja's class shows their snowmen writing



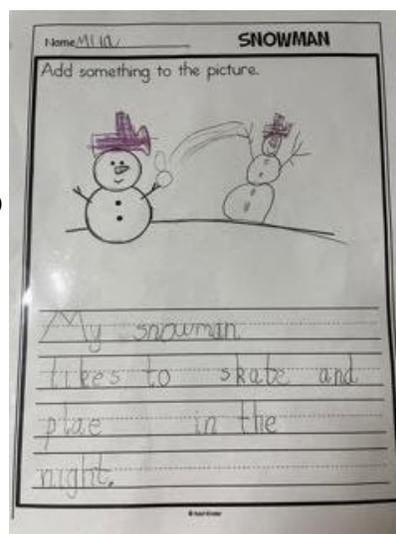
Bradley's snowman likes to sled



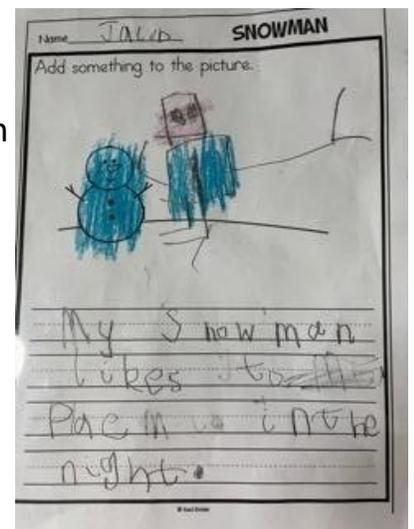
Made-line's snowman likes to skate and Kai-sa's plays with friends



Karina's and Mila's snowmen also like to skate



Jacob's snowman likes to play at night





Third Grade News



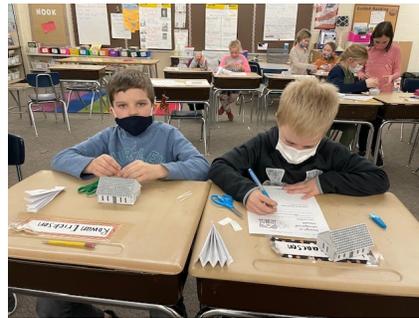
Mrs. Cavis' class is learning about weather in science. They completed the Mystery Science "How can you keep a house from blowing away in a windstorm?" First the students learned about how dangerous hurricanes, tornadoes, and dust storms are. They learned about the differences and similarities between them. Then they completed the activity by building a house and learning how to construct the roof in a way where it would not blow off during a windstorm. The students really enjoyed building their houses and found some creative ways to attach the roof to the top.



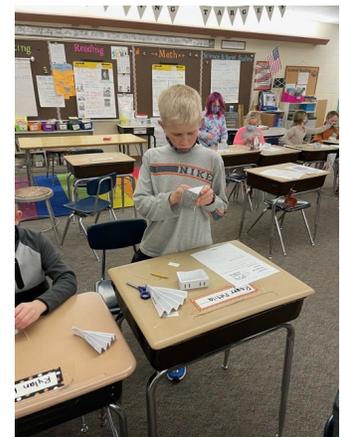
Jed and Rylan work on their houses



Viviana and Emery construct their homes



Rowan and Levi record their data



Roger is focused on his work



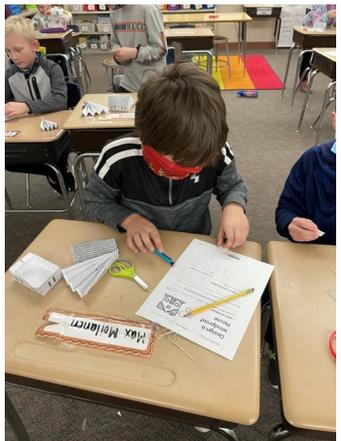
Mallory and Ava help each other out



Leo takes a break to pose for a photo



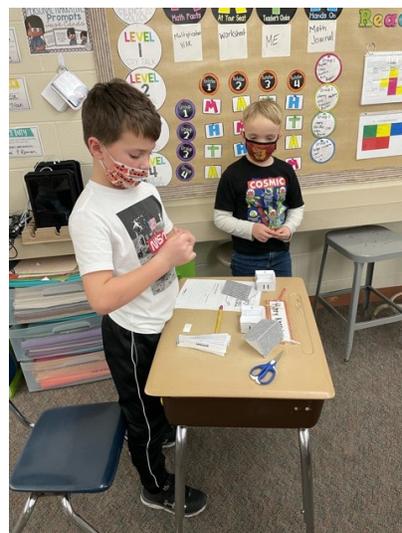
Cami and Payton strengthen their rooves



Max focuses on his project



Stormy and KariAnn make their construction plans



Henry and Austin work on their buildings

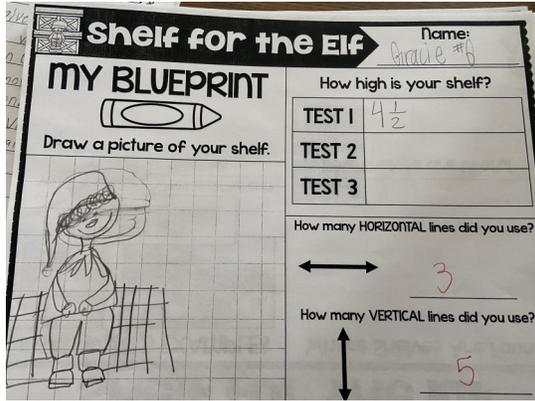




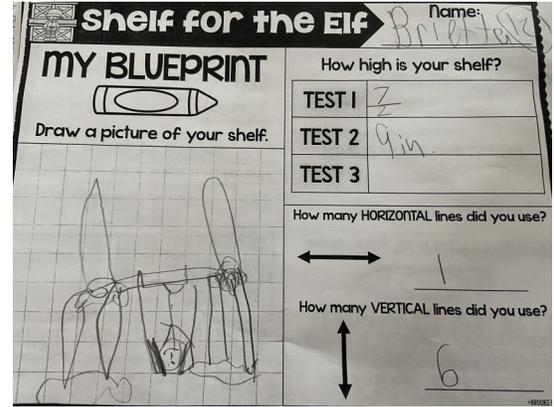
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Students in Mrs. Knuttilla's third grade class had fun learning about the engineering design process. Students created shelves for their elves. They planned, built, tested, and modified to create a comfy shelf for their elf.



Eviona and Meg work on their shelves



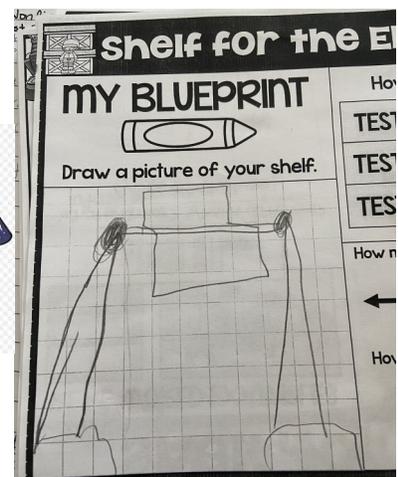
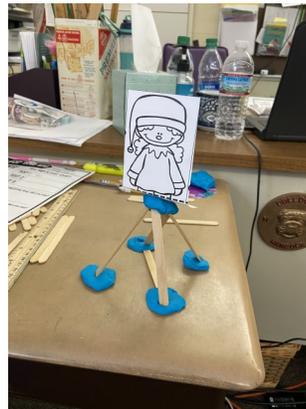
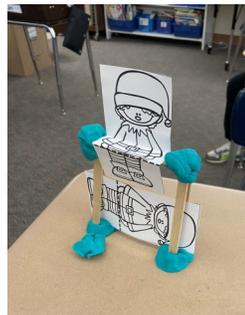
Solomon and Brietta focus on their work



Sam, Jariya, and Tyler build their shelves

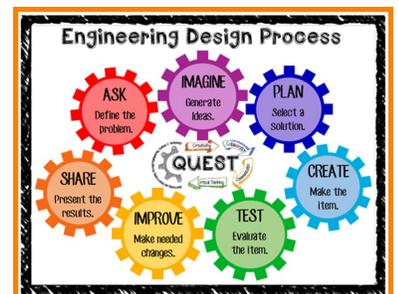
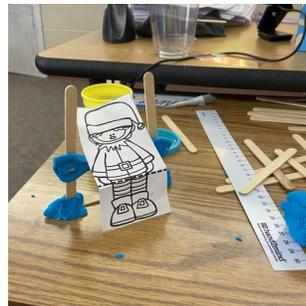


Gracie and Amelia take a quick break to pose for a pic



Colson works on his project

CREATE & TEST

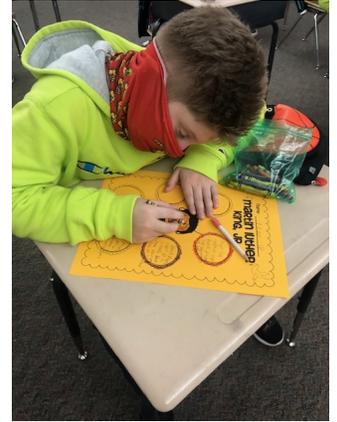




Fourth Grade News



Barkell Elementary fourth graders in Mrs. Liimatta's and Mrs. Smith's classrooms learned about Dr. Martin Luther King. They then used what they learned to make posters.



Brooke, Madeline, Ayden, and Alex work on the MLK posters



Isaac, Lindy, Maya, and Kolin focus on their projects



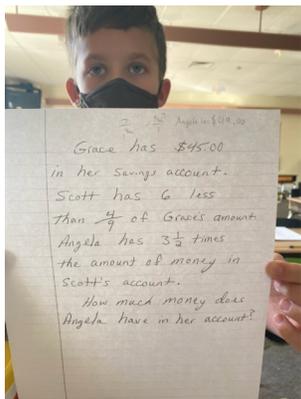
Gunner, Nate, Perrin, and Logan work hard on their assignment



Fifth Grade News



Barkell Elementary fifth graders have had an exciting time learning about math and science in a hands on way. Students learned about crystals and chemical change while making Christmas ornaments. They also learned about the Scientific Method and measurement through a process to determine if they are a square or a rectangle.



Liam solved a challenging math problem



Trent watches as Mason is measured



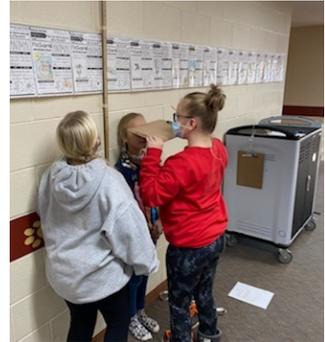
Jordan, Marcus, and Nolan work together



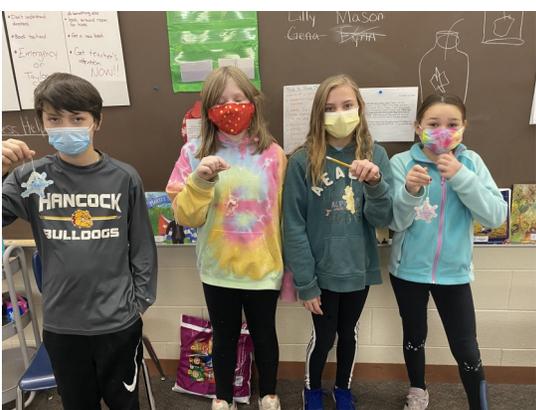
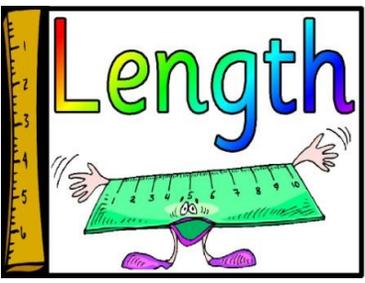
Tatum shows her crystal ornament



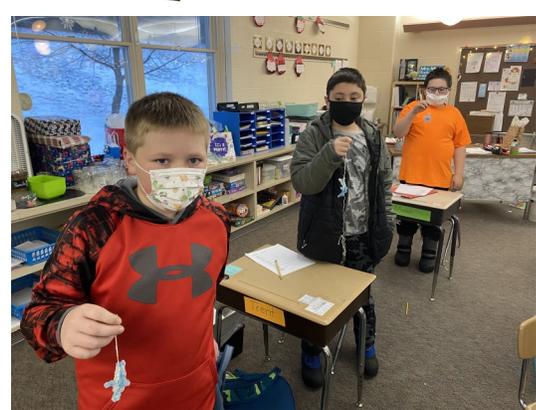
Mrs. Maki's class shows us their ornaments



Students take their classmates' measurements



Lance, Trent, Mason, Jax, Lilian, Azura, and Tia proudly show their ornaments



Vaeda and Ivy measure Karma



Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **Ashley Freeman** for her generous donation of Legos
- **Hanson family and Thrivent Financial** for generously sponsoring popcorn day
- **Beth Helminen** for her generous donation of hats, mittens, and boots
- **Gerri Klein** for her generous donation of homemade masks
- **Calumet Hats for Hope** for their generous donation of winter hats
- **Smitha Rao** for her generous donation of pencils
- **Sporalski family** for their generous donation of board games
- **Melissa Osborne** for her generous donation of bakery

School Reminders

1. All visitors must report to the office. Please do not go to the classroom once the day has begun.
2. Please remember to call the attendance line when your child is absent.
3. Please remember to check the lost and found. We have quite a few unclaimed belongings.



Barkell Elementary needs help with:

*We are in need of board games (used or new) for our students to use during indoor recess.

*We are in need of extra art supplies for our indoor recess arts and crafts program.

*We are in need of Legos for our Lego club

