

May/ June 2023

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



## Principal Announcements

- We would like to thank everyone for all of the gifts received for Staff Appreciation Week. We truly appreciate all of your support!
- Barkell Elementary is accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Parents can register at our elementary school office or on our website.
- Breakfast and lunch are no longer free this year for all students. Please fill out a free and reduced lunch form if you have not already done so. Bills can be paid at this link: [hancock.familyportal.cloud](https:// Hancock.familyportal.cloud)
- 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

- 6-26 First day of Summer GE
- 8-18 Last day of Summer GE





# Track and Field Day



Second graders jump



And they're off!



Pull!



Photo finish



4th grade relay champs



Ridge heads for the finish



Amelia let's er fly



Happy Hoppers



Weston gives it a boot



James does the Long Jump



4th graders hand off



Third graders prepare for Tug O War



Gavin leaps!



Third graders race to the finish in the 70 yd dash







# Field Trips



Spring is field trip time for Barkell Elementary. Students enjoyed trips to the Nara Nature Center, City Hall, the Keweenaw National Historic Park, and Paavola Wetlands, to name a few.



Fourth grade visits the Coast Guard station



2nd graders at the Paavola Wetlands



Mrs. Kertuu's class at the police station



Third graders explore Nara Nature Center



Second graders search for frogs at the Paavola Wetlands



Second graders learn local history at KNHP



Kindergartners learn about snakes



Young Fivers enjoy the park





# STEM News



Barkell Elementary STEM students were treated to a wide variety of exciting activities to close out the school year. All students enjoyed watching chickens hatch as they learned about life cycles. They also designed flowers for our 3D printers for Mother's Day cards. Fourth graders built robots to be able to maneuver around and over obstacles and ended with a robot battle where they used their robots to push each other off of the rug in order to be the last robot standing. Fifth graders built bottle rockets to launch at our picnic. These among many other activities are why our students have thoroughly enjoyed their time in STEM class!



Peyton learns about life cycles



James and hunter focus on their work



Addison and James hold new born chicks



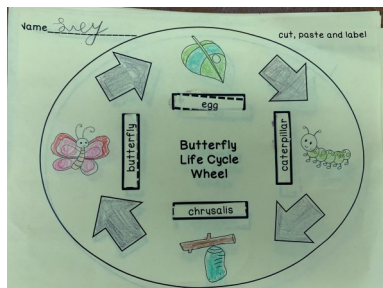
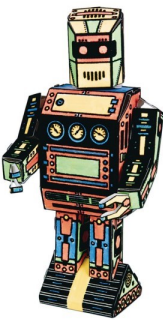
Students gather to watch the 5th graders launch their bottle rockets



Jeb and Kendall build their robots



Avery takes a break for a photo



James, Mason, and Delia put their robot together while Bentley, Bryn, and Kit do the same







# Art News



This spring, our art and STEM program worked together to create Mother's Day cards. Students created 3D printed flowers in STEM class to go with pop up cards created in art class.

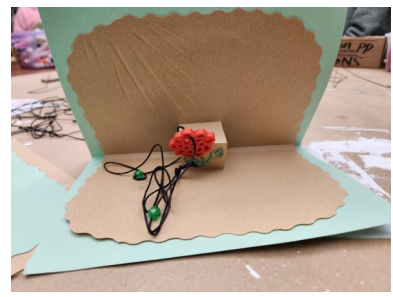


Naomi and Cord work on their cards

Bryant displays his card



Mrs. Scholie shows students how to create their pop up cards



# Spring Activities



Barkell fifth graders walk the halls for one last time



Runners make their way up Elevation St. during their 5K run



Third graders perform a puppet show for the kindergartners



Students receive their popcorn at our picnic



Jameson bikes to school on Bike to School Day



Barkell Elementary Running Clubs get ready for their 5K run

Picnic goers enjoy 5th grade rockets







# Kindergarten News



It has been an exciting spring for Barkell kindergartners! Students enjoyed building bird feeders with their fourth grade Reading Buddies, which they hung on our nature trail. Students also enjoyed spending time on our nature trail learning about wildlife. But the most exciting event for our kindergartners and Young Fivers was their graduation!



Bryn hangs a bird-feeder



Fourth graders help kindergartners with their bird feeders



Briggs looks at eggs in a bird house



Students tie dye shirts for graduation

Ryleigh says what she wants to be when she grows up



The graduates take the stage!



Kindergartners learn about life cycle in STEM class



Kindergartners line up for hotdogs at our picnic







# Second Grade News



This spring, Barkell second graders enjoyed learning about water habitats. We learned about the adaptations plants and animals have depending on the habitat they live in. Then, we pretended we were scientists that found a new water plant! We designed our water plant and made a model of the plant. Finally, we tested the water plant model to see if it would work the way we intended. In Geography, we are learning how maps and globes are representations of real places. In math, students are learning about big numbers, shapes, and measurement.



Students work together to learn about maps and globes

Students show their flower designs



Students inspect the order of their num-



Serena measures



Phoenix



CJ, Claire, and Ellie test out their designs



Cami gets ready to test out her design



Kylie gets measured



Walter shows his plant design



Mehmet puts big numbers in order







# Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **Pat's Food** for their generous donation of ice for our picnic
- **Moriah Goodall, Wendy Chynoweth, Amy Pietila, and Alan and Lenora Ratio** for all their help in running water and popsicle station
- **Ann Stark** for her generous donation of various items
- **Vicky Vichich** for her generous donation of new clothes for kids
- **Walmart** for their generous donation of Teacher Appreciation items
- **The Barkell PTO and Barkell families** for their generous donations for Apprec. Week



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 Girls Who Code team pose with their championship trophies. Congrats girls! Thank you for representing our school so well!

## Barkell Elementary needs help with:



\*We are in need of kid size socks for all of the wet feet that come off of the playground

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

\*We are in need of boys/girls pull-on pants size 5-7