

November 2018

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- I would like to remind everyone of the Pancake Breakfast this Saturday (12-1)
- Lego Club meets after school on Thursdays and runs from 3:25-4:30.
- I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience with our new dismissal plan. It has gone extremely well because of your support. Thank you for your help in making our school an even safer and better place to learn.
- 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:

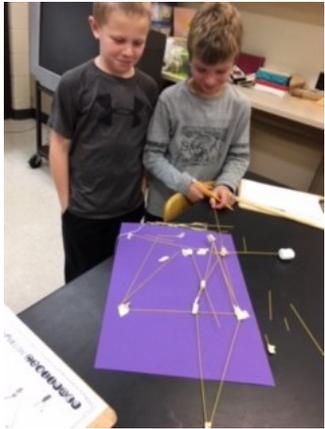
- **12/13** Christmas Concert 9:00 am
- **12/19** Breakfast With Santa (7:30-8:30)
- **12/12** Early dismissal (1:46)
- **12/21** No School/ Winter Break– School resumes 1/2



Bulldog Engineers



Barkell Elementary third graders in Mrs. Liimatta's room enjoyed a fun STEM activity. Students were given 20 spaghetti sticks, a little masking tape, and a marshmallow. Students had to design a tower that could support the weight of the marshmallow.



Ted and Daniel plan their next move.



Fernanda and Samantha build their tower.

Marsh mellow challenge
We did a marsh mellow challenge. We earned it. It was fun. We got 20 Spaghetti sticks, we got 1 yard of tape, we got 1 yard of string and a marsh mellow that had to go on top. Only two structures stay up. We brought one of the structures back to our room. We had a blast!
Samantha



Students work together to determine the best possible design.



Nolan Hanner
Marshmellow Challenge
We earned the marshmellow challenge by getting all of the marbles in the bucket. then We started by getting are supliys. we got 20 spaghetti noodles 1 yard of tape and 1 yard of string. We had to make a tower. Only 2 stayed.



Anna, Azura, and Samantha pose for a photo of their design.



Kyler Trevor Levi. Great team work! Winners of the challenge





PE News



Barkell Elementary 3rd-5th graders received a special treat in PE class this past month. As part of our Multi Cultural Studies Program with Michigan Tech, students received instruction in the sport of Handball. Sven, an MTU student from Germany, came and taught our students rules and strategies for the game. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to his return.



Brady jukes through the defenders.



Students learn strategy for the game of handball.



Students chase after a loose ball.



Sven delivers strategy tips to the students.



Students get ready for a game of handball.



Sven teaches the rules of handball to Barkell students.



Students fight for a loose ball.



Curtis makes a nice save.

Students listen to instructions from Sven.





Lego Club



The Barkell Elementary Lego Club is in full swing. There are currently over 80 students enrolled and the number continues to grow. The students are divided into two groups. The K-2nd grade students work together and the 3rd-5th grade students work together. Thank to you everyone who has donated Legos and volunteered to help supervise.



Students work intently on their projects.



Tyler poses for a photo with his Minion.



Carter, Cale, Keaton and their three vehicle creations



Sam and Jada take a break to smile for the camera.



Students are hard at work building a Lego City.



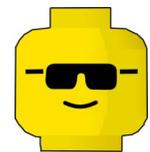
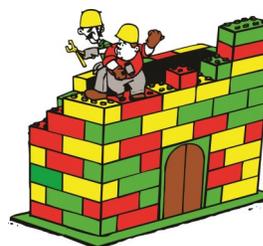
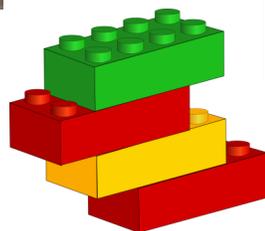
Mason and Walter unveil their castle.



Forrest displays his rocket ship.



Mason shows us his creation.



Max poses for a quick photo.



Liam, TJ, and Colin display their projects.



Second Grade News



Virtual Reality: Students used virtual reality goggles to go on a field trip around the Earth! They visited Mt. Everest, the Grand Canyon, Hawaii, and mountains around the world. During the visit, they saw a variety of landforms such as: mountains, canyons, volcanoes, plateaus, lakes and rivers. They absolutely loved the virtual reality tour!



Students enjoy a nice hands on experience learning about geography through the use of Virtual Reality.



Students in Mrs. Nordmark's class have been learning about bats. Students have had the opportunity to learn about bats through examining specimens as well as through a number of books on bats.



Students use magnifying glasses to examine the Little Brown Bat.



Second grade students enjoy learning about bats in a hands on way.





Second Grade News cont.,,



Barkell Elementary second graders had a special guest in November. Bob Wheeler visited and taught our students about the geography of the Great Lakes. Students had the opportunity to learn about the various cities, states, and provinces through hands on activities. All students also received a National Geographic book courtesy of the John Wheeler Memorial Fund. The students enjoyed the presentation and learned a lot.



Students learn about the Great Lakes.



Barkell second graders enjoy finding cities on the giant map.

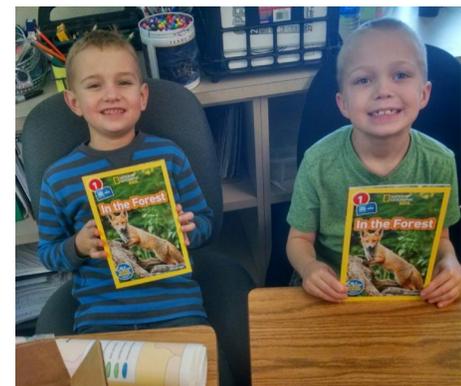


Mabel, Maya, and Tally enjoy their new books.



TJ and Gunner display their new books.

Mr. Wheeler teaches the students about the difference between maps and globes.





Third Grade News



3rd grade went on an in school field trip to visit a restaurant that served a wide variety of book genres. Students "tasted" the books to discover new genres they might want to read in the future.

Vince
At book tasting we were trying out books. We were checking what kind of books they are. Like mystery books I thought it was sweet because I saw new books. At book tasting we went in groups and there was a basket of books. You would try to figure out what kind of type books they were. You would pick out a book. Then your teacher will set a timer for 6 minutes to read. After 6 minutes you talk with your group and check what kind of genre it is.

Mrs. Knuuttila's class poses for a photo after tasting books.



Adalynn tries out a variety of different books.



Barkell third grade teachers set up the Science Room as a book restaurant.



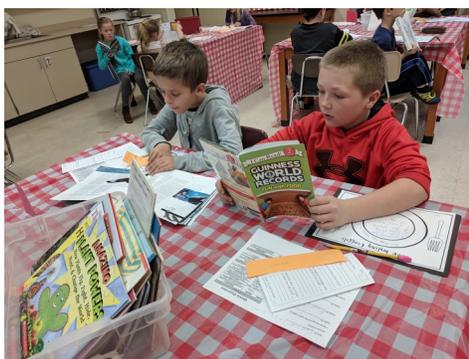
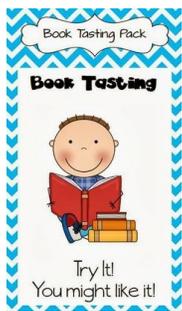
Mrs. Liimatta samples some books with her students.



Students enjoy a wide variety of books on a cold winter day.



Students enjoy a fun way to learn about books.



Allie
At book tasting we were looking at books. We were trying to figure out what genre of books at each table. Each table had a number and we everybody got a bookmark that if you found a good book that you really like but didn't finish. Then you would write the book title and the author. There would be a plate at each chair and you would write down if you have any notes for the next person that comes. The teacher would set a timer for six minutes and we would get silent reading time. After we would share with our table what genre we think it is and how we found it.



Fifth Grade News



Barkell Elementary fifth graders recently completed their leaf projects. Students learned about trees and leaves by finding a wide variety of leaves which they assembled into an album and reported to Mr. Pertile.



Camryn takes a leaf from a birch tree.



A nice red and yellow maple leaf



Students display their finished leaf projects.

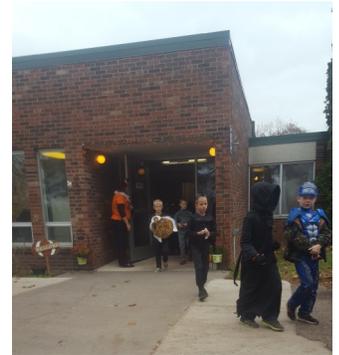
Curtis displays a wide variety of leaves.



Bulldogs Serving the Community



Barkell second graders made their annual trip to the Light House on Halloween. Students paraded through the halls and interacted with the residents. It was a good time for all.





Barkell Elementary Thanks:

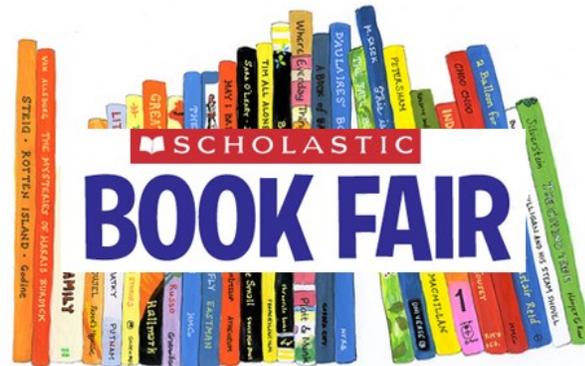


- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- * **Carla Bekkala** for her generous donation of soccer balls
- * **Angela and Michel Meersman** for their generous financial donation to the PTO
- * **Paul Nelson** for his generous financial donation
- * **Kate Osborne** for her generous donation of games and art supplies
- * **John Wheeler Memorial Fund** for their generous donation of books for our 2nd graders.
- * **Doug and Julie Lancour** for their generous donation of gifts for the Bulldog Christmas Shop.



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.

Thank you to everyone for the tremendous support for our Book Fair. The profits are used for the 5th grade Mackinaw Island trip.



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 educational DVDs or VHS tapes for our indoor recesses.
- *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

