

October 2015

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- I would like to thank parents and students for participating in our fundraiser. We were able to raise money that we will use for student activities and to help those in need.
- Please remember that Parent-Teacher conferences are on November 13th. More information will be coming home from your child's teacher. We hope to see everyone in attendance.
- The 5th grade Safety Patrol program has started. Thank you to Mrs. Smith, the fifth grade teachers, and all of the fifth grade students for their hard work.
- Please remember to always report to the office for a visitor sticker.
- I am here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaara– Barkell Elementary Principal



Upcoming Events:

*11/12 and 11/13 Both of these days are half days for students.

*11/3 Picture Retakes *11/12 PT Conferences

*12/5 Barkell Elementary Pancake Breakfast

Fire Safety week



Mrs. Cavis' students made fireman hats. Vana said her favorite part of Fire Safety Week was "meeting the fireman."

What we did for fire safety

We learned many things for fire safety month. One of the things we learned was to stop drop & roll when your clothes catch on fire. You should cover your eyes when you roll. Another thing we learned was to not play with matches. Matches are very dangerous. Another thing we learned was to feel the door with the back of your hand before you open it. You use the back of your hand because it's sensitive. Another thing we did was we reviewed our escape plan. You should know 2 ways out of every room. Finally, we had 2 fire drills. The fire alarm was really noisy!

by: Willa Givens, Mackenzie Collard, Matthew Lancourt, Robert Nelson.



October Fire Safety

What were learning about fire sa:
Never go back into a burning building or try to get anything. And never play with match lighters. You could burn yourself. And don't be afraid of firefighters. And when your play, if your clothes catch on fire don't be afraid, just Drop-And-Roll. And don't hide in a closet. If the fire alarm goes off. And that's what I learned about fire safety.

by Sofia, Stephanie Ryan and Addyson

The kindergarten through third graders learn about fire safety.



Fire Safety Week cont...

5th graders attend Jaws of Life demonstration



5th Grade Jaws of Life Demonstration

The 5th Grade was shown a demonstration of Jaws of Life. The Jaws of Life is a machine that is used to save peoples lives, in a car accident or fires. The Jaws of Life contains popping out windows, doors, and rolling the top of the car. In order to pop out the windows the firefighters have to use a special Spring tool to remove the windows. The Jaws of Life weighs and costs a lot. The machine takes two firefighters to lift it. Once they get the people out. They use foam and water to put the fire out.

By: Kacey Almonna,
and Lily Rusbo



Barkell Elementary Safety Patrol

Since October 7th, Barkell Safety Patrollers have been serving our school. A position of honor, these 5th graders have agreed to show leadership, set good examples, and earn the respect of fellow students. Many of their posts are visible within the building and on the playground, but some students volunteer "behind the scenes" in classrooms. Our kindergartners even have Safety Patrollers helping with buttons, zippers and shoe tying in preparation for cold outside recesses. Our 9th consecutive year of Patrol, we have our largest membership ever: 54 students!

Thank you, parents, for raising such responsible individuals and instilling the desire to volunteer.

-Mrs. Smith



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The NED Show

Visits Barkell Elementary



Barkell students enjoy the NED Show on 10/14/15. They learned about the importance of helping others, always doing their best, and never giving up.

Natalie was excited about being called up on stage.

I saw the ned show yesterday.
He ask us a queshten. I was
so excited wen he called on me!
And soooooo excited wen he like
my anser. Best. I got a yoyo a
ballbon cran! by Natalie

Here is what our 2nd grade students learned from the NED Show:

We want to tell you
about the Ned
show. the show had
a lot of yoyo and
lots of magic tricks.
it was cool wen
he made the flag from
the yoyo string.
We lorned about Ned,
By: Hailey and sophia

Never litter.
No hating others.
Take tons.
Play with others.
Share with others.
No posing.
No Kiking others
and puching others
by Zarianna

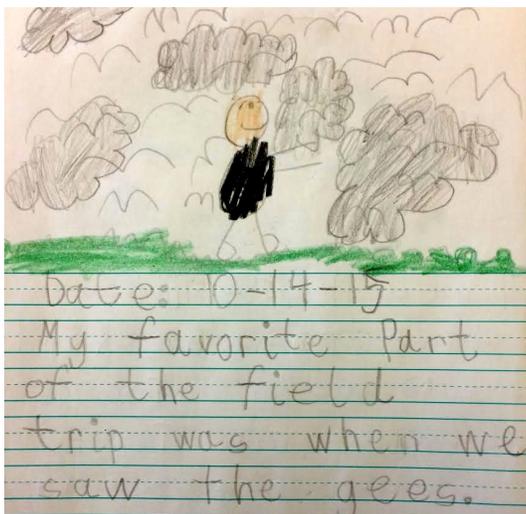
We are going to tell you and your
family about the Ned show! The Ned
show is about to stop bullying. The N
stands for never give up. The E stands
for energe others. The D stands
for do your best. The tricks were super
cool. He made the Eiffel tower, a
star, a flag with some super COOL yoyos.
He did a cool spiderman trik. He
took a peace tishou and ripped it
then put it in his mouth. Then he pulled
it out of his mouth then it turned
colors like green, red, blue, yellow,
purple, orange and white.
by
Mindy and
Alice



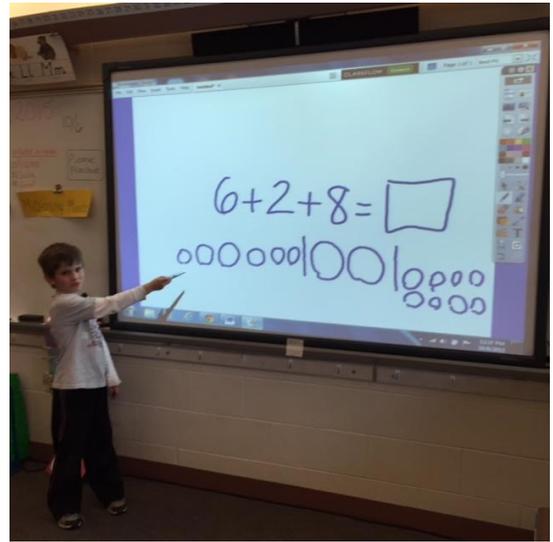
First Grade News



The first grade classes took a field trip to the school nature trail to learn about weather and bird migration. Presenters from MTU taught the students about clouds, wind, how to read a thermometer, and bird types. The students played a fun game to represent bird migration.



Second Grade News



A student in Mrs. Eddy's room uses the Promethean Board to demonstrate a math problem.



5th Grade News



The students in Mr. Pertile's science class designed a leaf project correctly identifying trees using a collection of coniferous and deciduous leaves. They used reference materials and class field trips to assist in this process. They learned how to classify and organize living things by their characteristics. They also learned how to create a table of contents and incorporate poetry into their project through research in the library and on the computer. Great job students!

-Mr. Pertile

Kindergarten News

Students in Kindergarten and Young Fives had the opportunity to explore the outdoors utilizing their five senses while out walking in the woods along either the Maasto-Hihto Trails or School Trail with Ms. Erickson. Ms. Erickson works for a program through Michigan Tech where she coordinates outdoor learning activities for children. The students learned how to use their sense of sight to find objects of the same color or shape they were given. Students also used their sense of touch to find objects with different textures, for instance they had to find something in the woods that had a smooth, rough, fuzzy, or pointy surface. Then the students used their sense of smell to find something that smelled like fall to them. This field trip was a lot of fun for our students and it was great to see them making discoveries as they learned new things about nature.

-Mrs. Pihlaja





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Bulldog Scientists



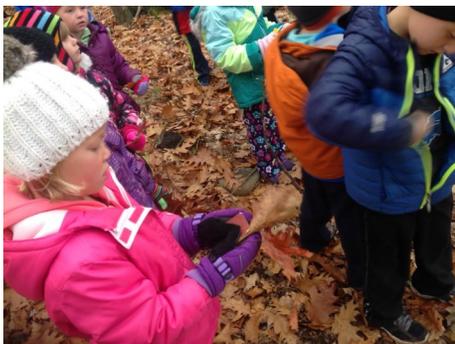
The fifth graders are learning about air pressure.



The 2nd graders are learning about the Scientific Method.



The fourth graders are investigating what mixture grass grows best in.



The kindergartners study the forest.



The first graders are studying weather using an anemometer.

Barkell Elementary Choir



Barkell Elementary Choir

The Barkell Barking Bulldog Choir is off to a fantastic start this fall. We have fifty talented young people who recently had their first performance, singing the “Pledge of Allegiance” for the entire school. We are currently rehearsing for two upcoming performances. The first will take place at the Hancock PTO annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 AM and our Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 1:30 PM. Both of these events will take place in the Barkell school gym. It is going to be a great year for the choir. We are currently working on the pop song “Best Day of My Life” and a beautiful and complicated arrangement of “Away in a Manger”. We are looking forward to sharing these pieces and many more in the next couple of months.

-Mrs. Delong



Rainbow Kids



We first went out in the morning and picked apples on the school grounds. Then we washed the apples. All of our students also brought in apples for us to use. Children were able to put apples into the grinding part and watch them turn into pulp, then into cider. We had several of the kindergarten classes also join in with dropping apples into the grinder and watching them turn to pulp and then cider. After cider was made, all of the classes got to taste the cider. Yum

-Mrs. Walls

Great Explorations News

Great Explorations has undergone several changes this year. Running four days a week (Monday – Thursday until 6pm), we now offer free programming across the board while serving a full meal to every child attending.

Homework help and tutoring is an absolute need among children who are performing poorly on their grades. However, if you look beyond the grades, you'll find poor performance is caused by outside factors such as, not being able to sit still in class long enough to concentrate. These types of issues are unable to be the focus of teachers, and that is where our GE program will differ from those surrounding us. We will teach children how to learn so they can learn in school.

I have designed our GE program to be a mentor program; this means we are teaching children how to be mentors to their peers beginning at kindergarten and carrying on through high school. Children learn best from each other. By allowing a third grader to help a first grader learn new spelling words, or even helping teach them to read, we are showing these kids the power of being a positive influence. We have also invited the high school National Honor Society students to come help tutor in our program.

Starting in November, we will be having up to three NHS students per day teaching our young ones about their studies. The expected outcomes from running our program like this are going to set the example for others to follow. Teachers can't do it all, if we can teach our children how to help one another, we will have an entire community of people willing to step up and not let someone fall short.

-Heather McGee, Great Explorations Coordinator





Barkell Elementary thanks:



- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all that they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations/ purchases
- * **Gloria Dei Luther Church** for their generous donation.
- * **Mrs. Osborne** for her help with a classroom library sewing project.
- * **Everyone** for helping with our fundraiser!



1. Please remember that students need warm jackets, hats and mittens for recess. Unless it is raining, students go outside for recess.
2. All visitors must report to the office. Please do not go to your child's classroom once the school day had begun
3. Please remember to call the attendance line when your child is absent.

Congratulations

to Noah Osborne for winning the fundraiser robot.



Barkell Elementary needs help with:



- *We are in need of board games (used or new) for our students to use during indoor recess.
- *If anyone has a digital camera (new or used) they would be willing to donate to the school it would be much appreciated. We currently do not have one.
- *We are in need of bird seed for our new science club/ bird identification program.
- *We need yarn and hooks for our Crochet Club.

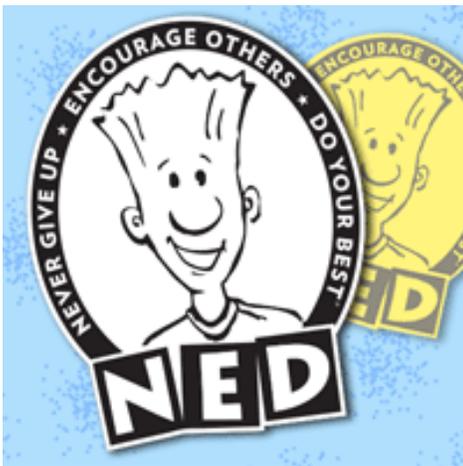
COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Mrs. Williamson

The NED Show came to town and was a great hit across the entire school! The NED Show proved to be an energetic for all ages!

The NED Show taught us what the NED acronym stands for: N = Never Give Up, E = Encourage Others, D = Do Your Best. The best part of NED is that it fits perfectly into Barkell Elementary Behavior Matrix, B.A.R.K. : B = Be Responsible, A = Always Do Your Best, R = Respect Self and Others, K = Keep Safe. The NED Show gave a new exciting twist to something Barkell has been teaching for years. The NED Show woke up our BARK!

Following the show, I heard from teachers that it was the best assembly in a long time. Students came to me saying they went on the website after the show. Parents even talked about how their child came home and talked about the show and what it meant to the child! We are so fortunate to have had the show come to our school for FREE! We met our goal for selling YoYo's after the assembly in order to pay another assembly forward to another school. Thank you for your support!



Please help us keep NED alive in our schools. You can access their website (www.thenedshow.com) and click on the Parents tab or encourage your child to click on the KIDZONE tab. There is a contest for students to design a new NED button. You can find this information in KIDZONE, but be efficient, deadline is December 1st!.

Together, we should all participate in the NED BARK!



PTO News



Clip, Save, Send...we will take care of the rest

Box Top Samples

- Box Tops - Campbell's Soup Labels - Coke Points -
- Econo Receipts - Shoparoo -



We'd like to thank everyone that continues to send (*just put them in your child's backpack to give to the teacher!*) in Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, Coke Caps, and Econo Receipts. Thank you to everyone that signed up for Shoparoo it is growing very quickly!

October had been our month for a Box Tops contest - the class that brings in the most gets extra "fun" time!

We will SOON be collecting IGA Labels. We are waiting on our account to be created! We will let you know as soon as it is done.

AGAIN thank you everyone! Every little bit helps.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK...

Earning Totals from BOX TOPS...

- 2013 - 2014 School Year \$2513.90
- 2014 - 2015 School Year \$2117.60

Our Family Labels

Easy way to tell if it is a Our Family Labels
the first digits are always 0 70523

Campbell's Soup Labels



Hassle-FREE Fundraising for our school at your fingertips!!!
(Download the FREE app on your smartphone)

It's easy as 1-2-3!!!

1. Shop - Buy any item from any store, like you do today.
2. Snap - Take a picture of your shopping receipt (you will need to download app for this step)
3. Earn - Shoparoo donates REAL money to our school! The more we receipts we upload, the more we EARN!!!

What do I need to do???

- Download the FREE app to your smartphone
- Snap pictures of your receipts within 14 days of purchase
- Spread the word!!! ANYONE can participate and ANYONE can designate a school name of their choice.

What receipts earn Roo Points?

All receipts from retailers that sell grocery items ear Roo Points! Types of that earn Roo Points include the following: supermarkets, convenience stores, club stores, closeout stores, mom-and-pops/bodegas, dollar stores, gas stations (not including gas-only purchases), drug stores, health stores, pet stores, toy stores, and beauty stores.

Shoparoo also offers monthly and yearly contest or incentives for the opportunity to earn even more Roo Points show what are you waiting for?

Download the FREE app today and start raising money for our school!

For any additional questions, visit www.shoparoo.com.

Coca Cola Rewards



Econo Reciepts

