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Barkell Elementary School

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REMINDERS:

- * School Day
8:17 am to 3:18 pm
- * September 24th
Open House 5:30-6:30 pm
- * September 30th
PTO "Believe" orders and money are due
- * October 10th
No School—In service

Remember to bring in the following items to our school:

Econo Foods Receipts
Milk caps
Food labels

What is the BARK all about?

At Barkell Elementary School we have implemented a school-wide positive behavior support system, "BARK". Through this program we are striving to improve behavior, decreasing the time used for discipline, and also providing more time and energy for academics. Research clearly shows improving school-wide behavior improves academics. All students are taught the right way to do things, with common expectations.

These expectations are taught during mini-lessons teachers do in their classrooms and are reinforced at our MiBLSi Assembly the first week of school. At the assembly, students review "BARK":

Be Responsible

Always do your best

Respect self and others

Keep safe

Green tickets are issued to students by staff to promote and encourage positive behavior and interactions at school. Weekly drawings provide special recognition to students. Classrooms also earn "Golden Tickets" by following our school behavior expectations. When students reach twenty tickets, the class can redeem tickets for a classroom reward. We want to emphasize positive behavior and encourage students to make

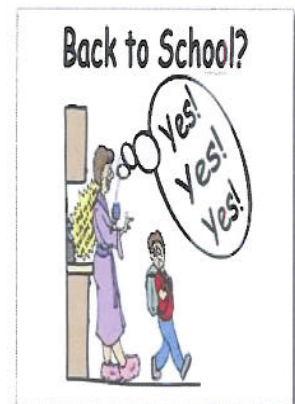


good choices. We will also have consequences which range from warnings, time-out at recess, and staying in the community room during recess. We know that if we can change negative behavior early with students, they will be more successful in school.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Please remember to follow only one lane when picking up and dropping off your child. Please move your vehicle forward as cars leave. Parking, or leaving your vehicle unattended, in the drop-off lane is not permitted. The drop-off lane is located directly in front of the main entryway. If you plan to leave your vehicle, please park in the parking lot before entering the building. You may be entering the

school for just a short time, but for safety reasons park only in the designated areas. When dropping off and picking up in the lane, please pull up to the furthest available spot to allow room for others. The bus lanes must remain clear.





Parent List Serve

This upcoming school year we will be sending out future newsletters, announcements, and reminders through our parent List Serve. Going paperless offers many benefits and for some parents is a better way to communicate.

If you do not have internet access or an email address, please return the paper form sent home in the beginning

of the year packet to your child's teacher to request paper copies of future newsletters.

To subscribe to the elementary school list serve, please visit the following website:

<https://lists.remcl.net/mailman/listinfo/haneleminfo>

Enter your email address and click

subscribe, no password is necessary.

We will try our best to communicate effectively and efficiently with you this school year.



"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them become what they are capable of becoming."
Goethe

What to do when entering Barkell Elementary

Please check in at the office when picking up students or bringing items for your child. Students will be called to the office. Please do not go to your child's classroom when picking him/her up at the end of the day. If you are dropping off your child before school, you may bring them to the classroom. Once school starts (8:17 am), please check in the office for an admit/tardy slip. If you plan on volunteering (with 24 hour teacher notification)

you will need to sign in and receive a visitor pass from the office.



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

Changes in schedules at the end of the day

NOTES ARE MANDATORY WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE DAILY SCHEDULE.

Notes must be brought to school with your child when there is a change in their schedule at the end of the day, such as:

- ◆ Taking another bus
- ◆ Leaving with a friend
- ◆ Leaving early for any reason
- ◆ Switching their GE schedule

(ALSO call GE @ 483-3918)

Please make these arrangements prior to the beginning of the school day. Students cannot call home. We will not be able to allow changes without written permission because of safety issues. Please do not call in schedule changes unless there is an emergency.

Please do not email the secretary or the teachers with end of the day schedule changes. They may be out of the building or unable to check their computer. Thank you for helping us to keep our time dedicated to your child's learning and safety.

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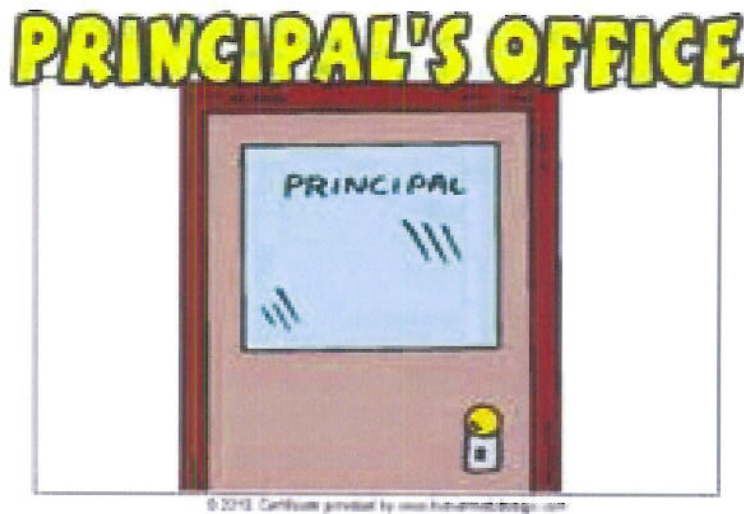
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Mission Statement of Barkell Elementary:

In the Barkell Elementary School (BES) we provide a safe, caring atmosphere, encouragement and high expectations so students can reach their potential. There will be ample time for learning and our students' progress will be closely monitored. By developing good study skills and a positive self-concept, our students will become responsible, productive citizens, and lifelong learners. Our personnel recognize the needs to approach their vocation with a positive, caring and cooperative effort in order to develop lifelong learners. Through communication, community involvement, and sharing expertise, we strive to develop an atmosphere of leadership, encouraging and enabling individuals to achieve maximum potential. Through positive communication as partners in the learning process, home, school and community relationships will foster an appreciation of our American Heritage and the importance of continuing education in our ever-changing world.

Mission Statement of the Hancock Public Schools:

Our mission in the Hancock Public School system is to educate our students and help each one become an independent learner. In a climate of high expectations, we foster good study skills and a healthy self-concept. Through interest, support, and involvement, parents and community members play an integral role in helping us develop responsible, productive citizens.



PRINCIPAL'S ROLE

I feel that my responsibility as the principal is to ensure your child receives a quality education in a safe and respectful environment. Parents, teachers, support staff, administration, and community all have an important role to encourage our children to become active learners. It is my sincere desire to provide increased opportunities for all our students to acquire the skills necessary to become productive citizens in a changing society.