

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- I would like to thank everyone for a great school year. The support we receive from our parents and our community is outstanding!
- I would like to thank everyone who attended the Spring Concert. As usual it was an excellent turnout. Thank you to Mrs. Delong for putting on a great show!
- We will be registering incoming kindergartners throughout the summer.
- I am here to help and will be in throughout the summer. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaara– Barkell Elementary Principal



Upcoming Events:

- September 6th First day of school
- October 14th Half day for students



Kindergarten Graduation



Barkell Elementary graduated 79 kindergartners this spring. The students sang some songs and recited some poems in front of a packed house. Thank you to the kindergarten teachers for a job well done.





2nd Graders Tour the Great City of Hancock



Checking out the old high school



We have a new mayor and new city council.



Meeting Chief Butler





4th Grade Visits Quincy Mine



Barkell fourth graders visited the Quincy Mine this spring. They learned about the entire process of mining. They also learned about the influence that copper mining had on our area. It was an excellent experience for all.





Butterflies



Barkell Elementary students studied life cycles by raising butterflies. Students had a chance to observe the process of metamorphosis as the butterflies changed from an egg to a caterpillar, followed by the pupa stage, and ultimately emerge as a butterfly. Students then released the butterflies to begin the process all over again.



Mrs. Nordmark's second graders release their butterflies.



Mrs. Blessing's kindergartners watch as the butterflies they raised return to the wild.



Second Grade News



Barkell Elementary would like to thank Mr. Muonio for coming in and teaching our second graders about beekeeping. The presentation was amazing and the students asked a lot of questions.

-Mrs. Eddy



Barkell second graders visited the Paavola Wetlands Nature Area to learn about and hunt for frogs.



Heading out on their adventure



Searching for frogs and tadpoles





Third Grade News



Students in Ms. Gades' third grade class constructed this functioning lift bridge. The bridge goes up and down just like the Portage Lift Bridge. The students also did an experiment to determine the strength of different shaped support columns.



Barkell third graders visited Brockway Mountain this spring to view the bird migration. The students saw many different types of raptors.





5th Grade Mackinaw Trip



The first stop was at the Michigan Iron Museum. Our students had the opportunity to learn about the history of iron mining in the Upper Peninsula.





5th Grade Mackinaw Trip cont...



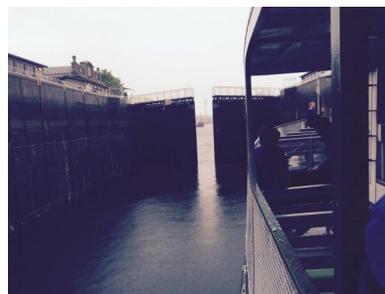
Historic Mill Creek



Our students had the opportunity to learn about one of the oldest industrial sites on the Great Lakes at Historic Mill Creek. They learned first hand about what it was like to be a lumberjack and fur trader in the early Upper Peninsula. It was a great learning experience for all.



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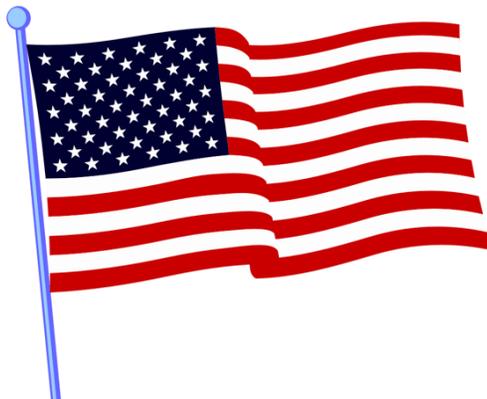




5th Grade Mackinaw Trip cont... Historic Forts



The fifth graders also had the opportunity to tour two historic forts. They toured Fort Mackinaw, as well as Fort Michilimackinac.





Mackinaw Island Trip cont... Visiting the Island



The students anxiously await their arrival with the island in sight.



Barkell students tour the Mackinaw Island museums.



Austin holds a butterfly at the Butterfly House.



The students prepare for their island carriage tour.





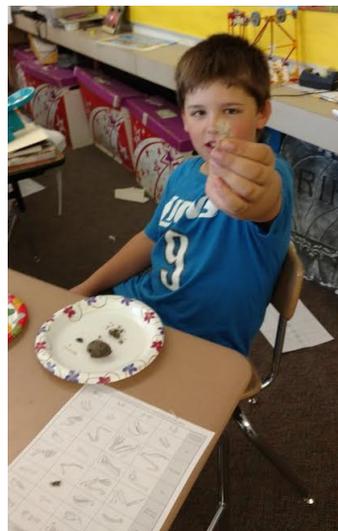
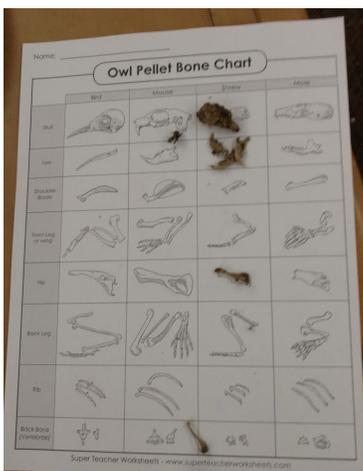
Bulldog Surgeons



Barkell Elementary 2nd graders dissected sheep eyes. It was an excellent hands on learning experience for all.



Students in Ms. Gades' class dissected owl pellets this spring.





2nd Grade News



Barkell second graders learned about forest ecosystems from foresters from Michigan Tech.



Kindergarten News



Barkell kindergartners learned about Lake Superior this spring from Michigan Tech students as part of our LSSI grant.





4th Grade News



Barkell fourth graders visited the Keweenaw National Historic Park this spring. They learned about Geocaching, the history of fire fighting, endangered species, and plenty more. It was an outstanding trip that our students will remember for a long time.

In Dangered Bats

Have you ever heard about white nose Syndrome? if you havent you should go to Keweenaw National Historical Park you can learn about it. White nose Syndrome wakes the bates up while thar hibernating. So there you go now you know more about white nose Syndrome!

By: Lexis Johnson



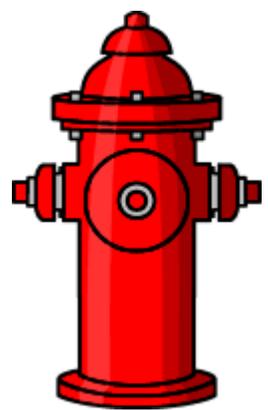
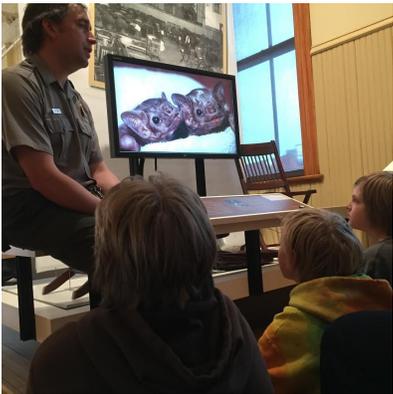
By: Emile pierren



When we got to the fire station there was so many trucks and hose trucks. They were so cool they were from like 1989, 1950, 1951. We got to go uppers and see were the fire men lived. This trip is so fun I wish I could go again.

Geocaching

One of are events was geocaching. When we got to the event we talked about the containers on the table. Then we went to search for the containers with help from a Gps. Brita found the the first one and Connor found the second one and we did two where when you found it we told are ranger and waited for the others to find it. I had a fun time learning about geocaching.



Track and Field Day





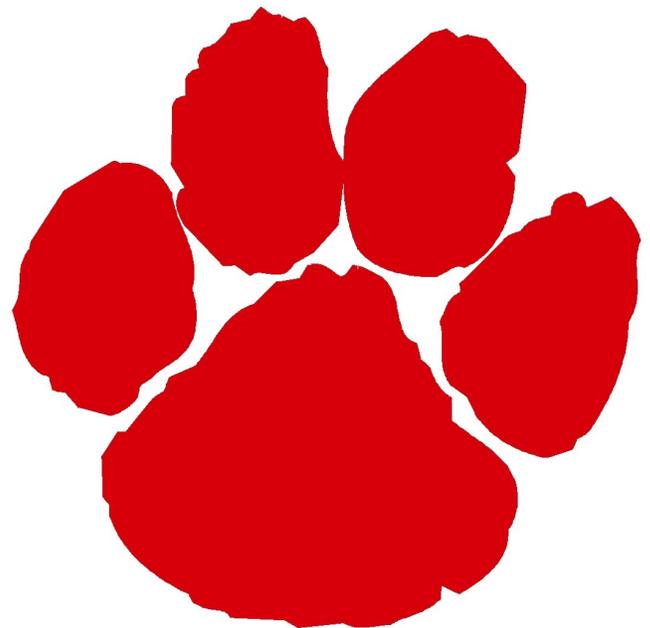
Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- **Keweenaw National Historic Park** for helping fund a number of our field trips
- **Mrs. Baltensperger and Carol Waisanen** for her help with the Spring Concert
- **Jean McParlan, Kristen Neva, and Amanda Malik** for help in the classroom (KA)
- **Annette Levanen** for her snack donation!



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 bird seed for our science club/ bird identification program.
- *We need yarn and hooks for our Crochet Club.
- *We are need of extra art supplies for our indoor recess arts and crafts program.