

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

### Hancock Public Schools



## Principal Announcements

- We would like to thank everyone for their patience as we work out how best to service our kids and community during these times. Packet pickup, as well as food pickup, have been a huge success thanks to the hard work of our staff and the patience and caring nature of our families. Communications will continue to come, notifying parents of any changes to our procedures as we get more and more guidance from the government and the MDE.
- We would like to thank everyone for helping with our Read-a-thon fundraiser.
- 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:

- Food pickup will continue on Wednesdays until further notified.
- You may register for K or Young 5s now. Simply print off an enrollment form from our website or call the office (487-9030). Once the lockdown is lifted, we will plan some sort of Y5s/ Kindergarten orientation activity similar to our original plan.



# Kindergarten Graduation



Barkell Elementary celebrated the graduation of the 2019-20 kindergarten class on Tuesday, June 9th. The event kicked off with a parade featuring fire trucks, police cars, decorated vehicles, and heavy machinery. Thank you to Mr. Mukavetz, the Hancock Fire Department, the Hancock Police Department, and the City of Hancock for providing the vehicles and for being a part of our parade. After the parade, students and families came to the school to receive their diplomas, pose for photos, and to enjoy some refreshments. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a special event.



Mrs. Carlson's class poses for a photo



Mrs. Koskela and Mrs. Blessing wave to students



The graduates receive candy from the Bulldog



Isabelle and Ar yana graduate from Y5s



Easton receives his diploma



Ava gives a high five

Graduates enjoy cookies and lemonade



Families get ready for the parade



Vehicles line up for the parade

**Congratulations**



# Fifth Grade Walk



On Tuesday, June 9th, Barkell Elementary celebrated the last day of school for our fifth graders.. Students assembled on the Barkell playground and walked through the building one last time on their way up to Hancock Middle School. The students enjoyed a beautiful day to see their classmates one last time before summer. Upon arrival, the students were greeted by HMS staff who provided them with some tasty ice cream sundaes. Mr. Pertile and Mrs. Maki then took the students onto the football field to fire off their bottle rockets that they created. It was a fun final day for all!



Barkell fifth graders prepare for one final walk



Students attempt to catch a rocket



Mari launches her rocket





# Last Day Parade



Barkell Elementary staff braved the cool, windy, and rainy weather on our last day of school to wave goodbye to our students before Summer Vacation.





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The school garden was damaged during the roof collapse. A committee was formed and we submitted a community garden grant to the Portage Health Foundation, which awarded our school funding to restart our school garden. Work began this week and will continue through the summer to get the garden ready for when we return to school in the fall. Any staff, or families who would like to volunteer their time and come to a work bee, should contact Mrs. Dupuis, Mrs. Blessing or Mrs. Meyer.



Cole, Trent, Blake, Connor, and Logan put their engineering skills to the test



Anna works on her gardening



Cooper does his schoolwork



Jasper does some off roading



Amelia's butterfly art project



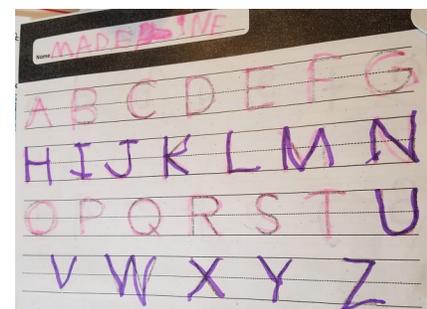
Alina's bulldog



Jonathan and James learn to weave



Madeline's letters





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Alina and Dale on a scavenger hunt



Jacie's science experiment



Forrest the Moth Whisperer



Anna practiced her math skills by baking a cake



Zayne works on his numbers



Connor's bulldog



Madeline take a quick break



Jasper gets ready for some exercise



Abby's robot



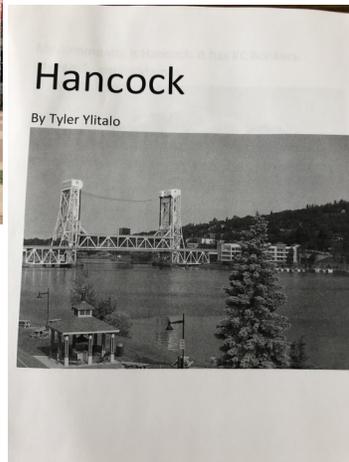
Zayne's airplane



Dennis writes about his teachers



5th graders meet with Mr Aho



Hancock

By Tyler Ylitalo



Tyler wrote about his community



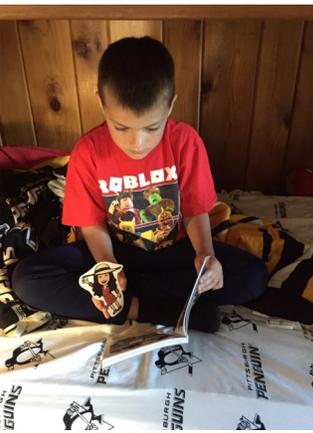
The Keweenaw Rocket Range



Tevin's rocket



Lorelei does her project



Henry works on reading



# Summer Birthdays



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



## June Birthdays

Merrick P, Keira I, Riley T, Mallory O, Reece S, Anna H, Rye H, Brynn K, Amelia P, Bria K, Rogue P, Isha H, Mabel H, Colson A, Kylie H, Andres M, Carter W, Cale L

## July Birthdays

Ian K, Jessalyn P, Liam J, Tyler J, Lucy B, Weston H, Landon L, Forrest L, Gabe F, Jodi B, Jameson J, Luciano P, Brandt K, Kyler N, Lily B, Logan D, Kiana B, Brady O, Ciara I, Jayla B, Mari M, Trent P

## August Birthdays

Isabelle P, Jana P, Anna H, Taylor H, Mallory P, Mason A, Mason S-S, Gunner L, Stephen P, Cathy F, Teddy B, Jacklyn J, Sawyer M, Samantha B, Bradley J, Eli S, Maggie K, Alia T, Ani S, Isabel R, Bryn K, Cami H, Darren J, James E, Kit M, Jasper T, Zayne B, Nolan H, Emma L, Ben L, Marcus H, Isaac N



# Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- \* **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- \* **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- **The entire Bulldog community** for all they have done to help during the Covid 19 shutdown
- **31 Backpacks** for their help with our community
- **HPS Staff** for their work putting together food packs
- **Dave's BP** for allowing us to use their sign
- **Portage Health Foundation** for their generous grant for our garden
- **Hancock City police/ Hancock Fire Department** for being a part of the Kindergarten Parade

## School Reminders

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 extra art supplies for our indoor recess arts and crafts program.
- \*We are in need of Legos for our Lego club

