

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:

- Packet pickup and 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.



Early Elementary



James from Y 5s completes his rainbow assignment



Jacie proudly displays her art project

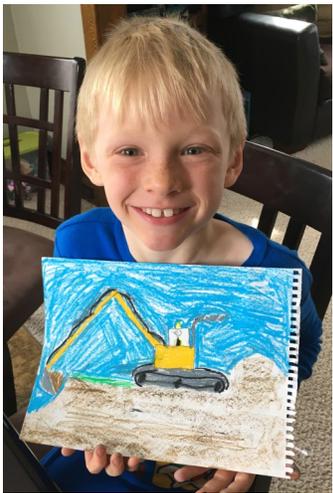


Kiana displays her project

Kendall works on his project



Colin, Jayla, and Rowyn do art projects at a local business to help spruce up the community



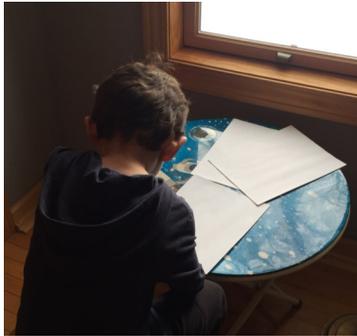
Jasper and his excavator artwork



Tenley uses the front door for her artwork



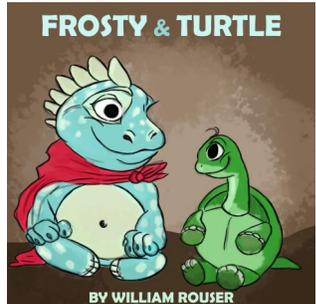
Aero's rainbow project



Karma, Kit, and Jillian show off their projects



Jessalyn dreams of warmer places



An author named Will works on his new book *Frosty and Turtle*.



Zayne's creation



KariAnn displays the checkerboard she created



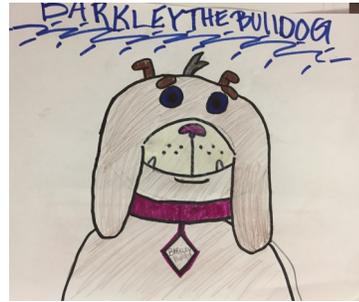
Early Elementary cont...



Ben displays his Rainbow Project



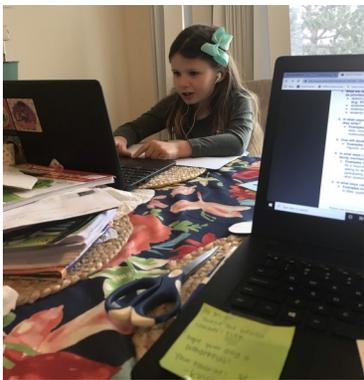
Emmet works on his art project



Gracie's bulldog project



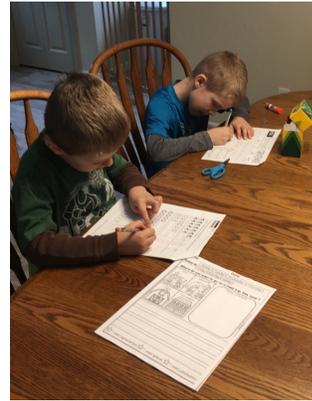
Caleb is part of his rainbow project



Tenley works on her online reading assignment



Clay works on his math



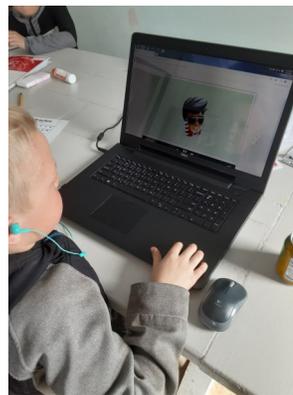
Hard at work



Dale enjoys a STEM activity



Students work together on their homework packets



Brady works on a Coding lesson



Jessalyn applies her math knowledge in the kitchen



Emmett works on Raz Kids



Cami proudly wears her project



Alina take a break to pose for picture



Rogue poses with her work



Jed relaxes after a tough day of work



Bradley displays his work



Upper Elementary



Anna takes a break from learning about place value to pose for a picture



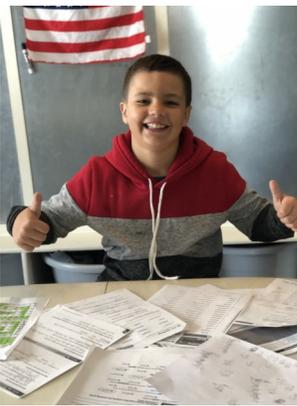
Marty used kinetic sand to make the UP!



Shelby did an amazing job on her bird house!



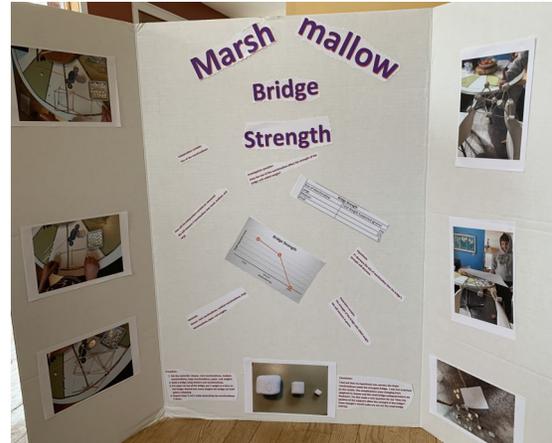
Mac reads about soil



Trevor is excited about all of his work



Students enjoy a fun STEM activity



Jasper's Science Fair project



Tevin joins his class for an online meeting



Shawn works on his reading



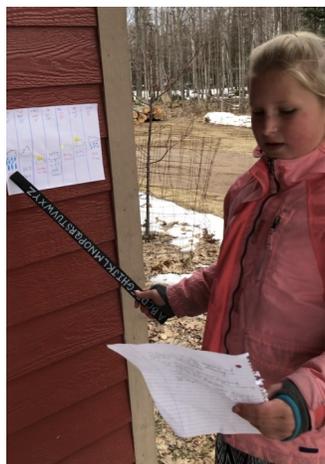
Riley shows the note from her teacher



Angela and Gunner working hard at home



Emily focuses on her project



Lorelei gives her weather report for the day



Tyler and Isha display their projects



Marty meets with his classmates



Fourth Grade Essays



Ball Elementary 4th graders wrote essays on whether or not schools should have to make up any days.

We should make up school for missed days during Covid-19

I think schools should make up the missed days from Covid-19 as soon as it is safe to go back. Missing so much school lessons and field trips will make the next year school year harder. It is not fun to learn school stuff with your family. It is more fun to learn with friends.

The first reason we should have to make up missed school is because if you don't learn the stuff you need to learn for the next grade it will be harder. They might ask you questions in the next grade about things you never learned yet. Also it would be harder for the teachers because they would need you to know that stuff to keep you on track for graduation.

The second reason we should have to make up missed school is because then you would not have to miss out on the planned field trips and all the stuff you learn from them. As long as we can still do the fun field trips when we get back to school. They would help us to be able to remember the stuff we learn better.

Lastly, it would be good to have the teachers teach us instead of our mom or dad. This is better because it would be more fun to learn with friends and not with siblings all around. Also there are kids that need extra help and can't get that at home. There are lots of moms and dads that have to work and do not have time to help teach their kids.

In conclusion with all of these reasons, making up the missed days of school from the Covid-19 Pandemic would be more helpful for everyone. Moms and Dads can go back to work and not have to worry about their kids. Teachers wouldn't have to worry about you having a harder time in older grades and they wouldn't have to try getting everyone to catch up from the last grade. It would be helpful for the students because then they wouldn't have to worry about not knowing what they are doing in the next grade.

Kylie Ek 4-O

Should schools make up days because of COVID-19? I don't think we should make up the days. Here are my 3 reasons, I'm learning how to do things at home, we also got a packet with our schoolwork, and I think kids would enjoy not making up the days and being away from school longer.

This is my first reason why I think we should not make up the school days. I'm learning how to do things at home. At home I have been doing science experiments, like to make a rainbow in water with no colors mixing together. To make that experiment we put m&m's on the rim of a plate and slowly poured water in the middle. Slowly the colors would come to the middle without mixing. We also tried with vinegar, and it worked. I also have been doing more experiments, baking and doing projects.

My second reason is I got work sent home. I do my work. I also try my best on the work sheets and try to read when I can. And if we made up the days, the kids who got the packets would just be doing more work.

Here is my last reason, I think kids wouldn't like to make up days. I know I wouldn't like to make up the days, so I think other kids wouldn't like it either. We would also get more time to do things we love like camping, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.

In conclusion I think we shouldn't make up school days because I work at home, I'm still learning, and I think kids would enjoy not making up school days.

Zoey Benda 4L

No Making up the days!

By Isaac Wanhala

Do you think Hancock schools should make up the days we missed because of Covid-19? I don't think so because it's a state of emergency, we have to stay home and do school work, and people are doing a good job with work anyway.

One reason we shouldn't make up the days is that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared it a state of emergency. So we should be staying home instead of being at school. Also the Stay Home Stay Safe order tells us to help stop the spread of Covid-19 by staying home.

Another reason is that we are doing a packet pick up every week so we are doing what we know and what we don't. We are all learning outside of a classroom. But learning at our homes and if we are learning at our homes why should we learn it again. If we did a good job then why would we be in a steaming hot classroom in July?

Lastly I think that we were doing a good job with work anyway so doing it at home is fairly easy for some people and your parents can help if you don't get a problem correct. So you learn from a paper and a pencil and the people you live with.

Clearly we shouldn't make up the days we missed because we are still learning outside of a classroom, since it's a state of emergency.

No Summer School

I don't think we should make up days because of Covid-19. Many people have plans in the summer. Also, we are doing packets of work right now. Another reason is that summer is our break. This is why we should not have school in the summer.

Many people have plans in the summer like going on a vacation or going camping. We have plans, like going camping in Copper Harbor and I'm sure other people do too. They don't want to cancel their camping plans. And, instead of going places and doing fun things we would be sitting in school.

We are doing packets, so what is the point of sitting in school when we already did work? I think since our brains are working on school already we don't need summer school. Other people and I probably will be mad if we have to go back to school when we did our packets of work.

Summer is our break. We want to play outside and have fun. School takes up a lot of our day and we want to play, and enjoy the warm weather. That is another reason why we should not have school in the summer.

These are just a few reasons why we should not have school in the summer. People have plans in the summer that they don't want to get ruined. We are already getting work from our teachers. Summer is our time to play and have fun. The Corona Virus is a weird thing that wrecked our school year, but it shouldn't wreck our summer too.

By, Ted Kilpela



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
- **The Bulldog** who helped with packet pickup
- **The Easter Bunny** who also helped with packet pickup
- **Domino's** for their donation of pizza for our families
- **HPS Staff** for their work putting together food packs



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.

Happy Birthday!

For the Week of 4/20:

Angela B, Savannah K, Jonathan E,
Penny L.



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

