

December 2021

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Thank you to all for the numerous donations made to the Bulldog Shop and also we would like to thank everyone for all of their support of our Pancake Breakfast!
- Please remember that if you drop your child off at school in the mornings to do so at the main entrance doors.
- 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

- 1/18 1/2 Day (dismissal @11:50)
- 1/12 First day of STEM Club



Christmas Concert



A packed house enjoys the Christmas Concert



Third graders perform for a full house



Second graders and first graders get ready to take the stage



Second graders return to class after their performance



Fifth graders kick off the show



Fourth graders sing for Barkell families



Second graders perform



Cole leads the performance "Rusty Chevrolet"



Fifth graders get ready for their last Christmas performance at Barkell



Mrs. Romney directs her students





Recess Fun



It's a nice day for hockey



Early el students enjoy recess on a sunny winter day



Students pose in front of their giant creation



Margaret creates her winter wall art

recess!



Kindergartners hang out in their fort



Students relax in the snow and play on the slide



Students take advantage of perfect snowball making snow





Young Fives News



It was a fun and exciting month of learning for Mrs. Koskela's class. Students continue to learn their letters and numbers. Students also had fun in the school garden, as well as learning shapes and building projects.



Matthew displays his shape robot



Leland and Marley built a tower



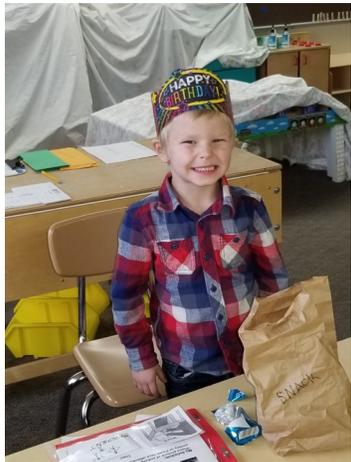
Students watch the 2nd grade parade



Matthew and Elliot display their work



Young Fivers have fun with the parachute



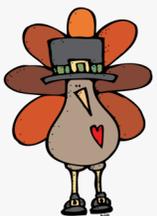
Elliot celebrates his birthday



Mrs. Koskela's students pick carrots from the school garden



Students enjoy a fun interactive math game



Madden and his turkey





First Grade News



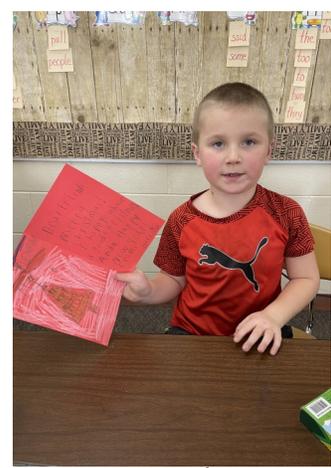
Mrs. Jackson's first grade class took a little time out of their busy holiday schedule to create Christmas Cards for the elderly folks in our local long term care facilities. Students enjoyed putting their artistic skills towards a great cause! Barkell students created approximately 500 handmade Christmas cards and they were delivered the last day before break.



Ellie and Alexis display their Christmas cards



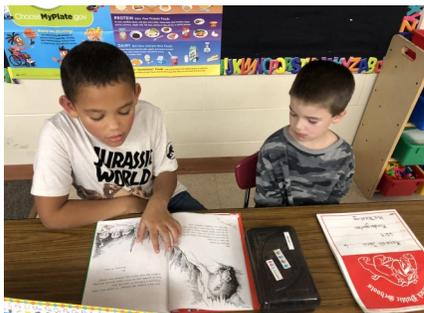
Mrs. Jackson's students take a break from their hard work to show their projects



Harrison shows his work

Second Grade News

Mrs. Nordmark's 2nd Graders read to their Kindergarten buddies in Mrs. Blessing's class every Thursday. After Christmas break, the 2nd graders will begin helping their buddies with learning to read!



Justus reads to his buddy



Adara takes a quick break for a photo



Tad listens to his second grade buddies read



Aaron and Merrick read to Abel



Andy and Maverick read with their kindergarten buddy





Second Grade News



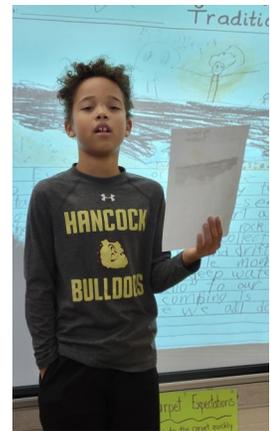
2nd Grade had our annual tradition of "Traveling the World" to learn about other countries and their cultural traditions. We then compare these traditions to those from our own families by presenting their own family tradition to the class. This year we traveled to: Russia, China, Mexico, India, Israel, and Italy. We even had a special guest presenter from Michigan Tech's Indian Student Association. He taught the story behind Diwali and all about growing up in India.



Students listen to their special guest discuss India



Wynter shows her work



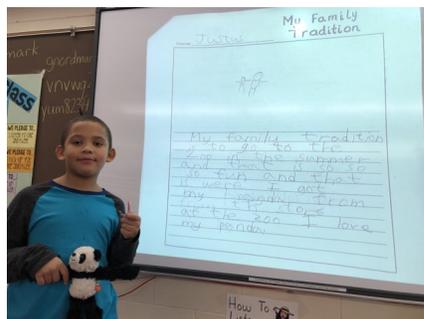
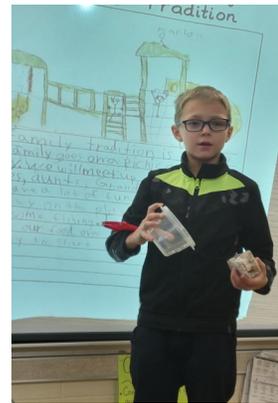
Caleb and Cooper share their family traditions



Second graders wait in line to have their passports stamped



Students enjoy their trip to Italy



Justus shares his family tradition



Dennis shares his family tradition



Second graders travel the



Olivia, Holden, and Jameson work on their projects





Second Grade News



Second graders went into our school garden to pick our fall vegetables. We picked some ENORMOUS carrots. We thought they were delicious! We also found a lot of worms in the garden. We were so curious that we made our own wormery. A wormery is a home for worms. We brought them in our classroom and explored. We used magnifying glasses to search for the bristles and saddle of the worm. We learned what a worm habitat needs and how worms help our soil. Our worms are now back in the school garden, ready to make the soil ready for planting again.



Rogue and Kiera examine their worms



Kell searches for worms



Jordyn shows all of the carrots they found



Students search the garden for worms



Layla and Penny show their speci-



Vivienne and Easton show the carrots they found





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **Ellie Alexander**– Homemade mittens **Rouser family**– Christmas gifts for sponsored Christmas families **Ann Stark**– board games **Marina Tanasova**- arts and crafts supplies **Bree Kilpela**– Winter jackets, coats, and hats **Susan Korpela**– new socks for kids **Protea Floral Design**– ten Secret Santa gifts for our students **Koski family**– chocolates for staff **Barkell staff**– Numerous weekly donations to help Barkell families



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.



Elliot greets Santa with a fist bump

Barkell Elementary needs help with:



*We are in need of kid size socks for all of the wet feet that come off of the playground

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