

BARKELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hancock Public Schools

1201 North Elevation Street

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IMPORTANT DATES

- *Rescheduled* December 5th PTO Meeting at 5:30
- December 7th Pancake Breakfast
- December 10th at 9:00am Young 5's-5th Grade Christmas Concert (Back up date, December 12th, in case of inclement weather/no school)
- December 11th Teacher Inservice Students dismissed at 11:50
- December 18th Breakfast with Santa 7:30-8:15 (Back up date, December 19th, in case of inclement weather/no school)
- December 18th-19th Bulldog Shop
- December 23rd - January 3rd No School Winter Break



December is here! Let's finish the year with lots of learning, fun, and holiday cheer. We're ready for a fantastic month ahead!



REMINDERS

All students in grades preschool through 5th grade will be required to wear snow pants and boots. Please contact the school if your child is in need of any winter gear. Please be sure to label snow gear with your child's name.

All are welcome to enjoy breakfast

with Santa in our cafeteria on

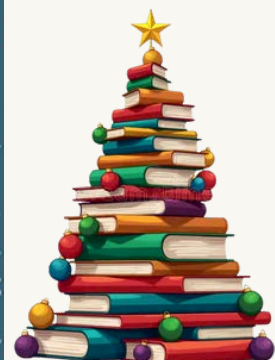
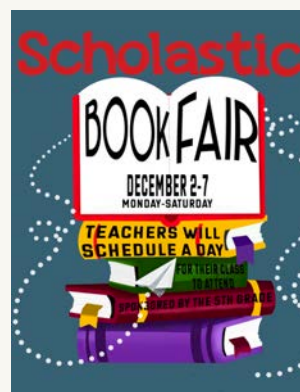
December 18th from 7:30-8:15.

Adults meal is \$3.50. Children younger than school age eat free. Please pay in the lunchroom line.

Menu: French Toast, Scrambled Eggs and Sausage, Assorted Fruits and Milk



Breakfast with Santa



COUNSELOR CONNECTION



Michael Garrison, Social Worker



A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP HELPS KIDS:

- Concentrate on longer tasks
- Be more creative
- Have better problem solving abilities
- Able to make more positive choices
- Have more energy during the day
- Able to learn and remember new things
- Create and maintain good relationships with others

HOW MUCH SLEEP DO KIDS NEED?



HAVE A BULLDOG NIGHT: BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR SLEEPING RIGHT!



Did you know that good sleep habits can help your child do better in school? A regular bedtime routine is one of the best ways to support your child's focus, energy, and mood. Here are five helpful tips for a better sleep routine:

- 1. Consistent Schedule:** Have your child go to bed and wake up at the same time every day, even on weekends. This helps regulate their internal clock and makes falling asleep easier.
- 2. Calming Pre-Bedtime Routine:** Spend 20-30 minutes before bed on relaxing activities, like reading, chatting about the day, or listening to soft music. Choose what works best for your family to signal it's time to wind down.
- 3. Limit Screen Time:** Encourage screen-free activities for at least an hour before bed. Blue light from screens can disrupt melatonin production, which is important for sleep.
- 4. Monitor Food and Drink:** Avoid large meals, caffeine, and sugary snacks before bed. A light snack, like a banana or yogurt, is fine if they're hungry, but heavy foods should be avoided.
- 5. Involve Your Child:** Let your child help create their bedtime routine to give them a sense of ownership. You can even make a fun checklist together!

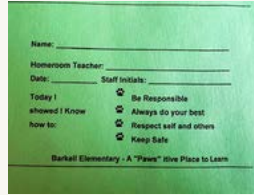
NOVEMBER BARK STUDENTS



Every week our school recognizes a student or students from each grade level that models our school BARK goals.



- B** - Be responsible
- A** - Always do your best
- R** - Respect self and others
- K** - Keep safe



NOVEMBER'S GREEN TICKET AWARD WINNERS

K: Connor Pakkala & Kaia Ruonovaara First Grade: Nellie Walli Second Grade: Tanner Hannon Third Grade: Emmett Cooney Fourth Grade: Scott Pietila Fifth Grade: Dennis Koskela	K: Aubrey Jurmu & Freya Borstler First Grade: Alina Vizanko Second Grade: Selah Stromer Third Grade: Bennett Bonini Fourth Grade: Jillian Muonio Fifth Grade: Greta Maunu
K: Violet Brown & Merida Smith First Grade: Sawyer Benson Second Grade: Carter Koski Third Grade: Macklyn Harden Fourth Grade: Aryana Bolo Fifth Grade: Wynter Boomanotti	K: Ella Erickson & Thea Rosenlund First Grade: Demi Oja Second Grade: Evan Cavis Third Grade: Tad Hammerstrom Fourth Grade: Hadley Koski Fifth Grade: Rogue Pelto

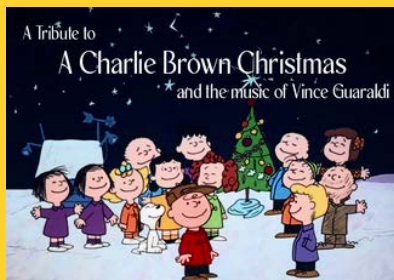
BARKELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 9:00AM



The concert will take place in the gym. Young fives through fifth grades will be performing along with the fifth grade band. This year's theme is celebrating the music of Vince Guaraldi from the Peanuts Films.

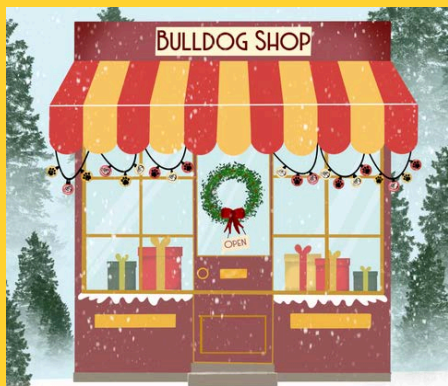


To help with parking and ensure we can accommodate all of our guests for the concert, we encourage parking in the lot of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church (1501 N. Elevation). There will be a complimentary shuttle that will run back and forth bringing guests to the school starting at 8:15am. The shuttle will start making trips back after the program at approximately 10:15am.



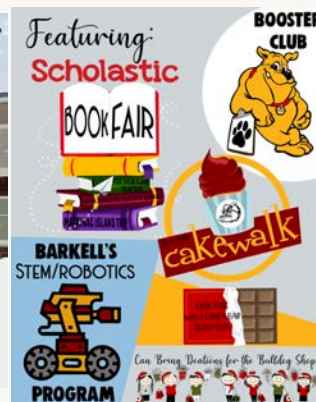


NEWS FROM THE PTO



THE BULLDOG SHOP WILL BE OPEN
 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18
 THURSDAY DECEMBER 19
 PART DAY FRIDAY DECEMBER 20

Bulldog Shop is accepting donations and volunteers are needed. A sign up genius will be sent through email on Dec 9th.



We are in need of volunteers to help out at the pancake breakfast. If anyone is interested they can email Deannalevanen@gmail.com

Money raised for the pancake breakfast goes towards: the Bulldog Shop, teacher appreciation week, Scholastic News for each grade and any other requests from teachers and parents for services for our children.

ROBOTICS COMPETITION NEWS

On Saturday, November 16th Mrs. Nordmark's Robotics Teams had their first VEX IQ Robotics competition day here at Barkell Elementary. The teams did well and all scored points in the matches. One team: Barkell's Rusty Buckets ended the day ranked 5th in Michigan for their Skills Score!



Michigan Tech's Astro Huskies Lunar Rover competition team was at the tournament. They helped run the skills competition field, talked with our kids about troubleshooting robotics issues, and showed off their lunar rover.

At the pancake breakfast, we will have a robot competition field set up and the robotics teams will have the chance to show off their robots. Guests will be allowed to drive a robot to see what it is like.



November Highlights



VETERANS DAY



All the classes worked so hard on different projects this month to recognize all the Veterans. Thank you to all the men and woman who have served our country!



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WORLD KINDESS DAY

NOVEMBER 13TH



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to be
kind

Students worked on World Kindness Day posters during art class and displayed them around the school.

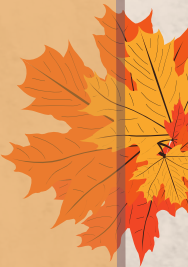




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TV6 CANATHON COLLECTION

This year we collected a grand total of 1,755 donations towards the TV6 Canathon. This is the most our school has ever collected. This was such a great community effort! Thank you!



This year we did a friendly competition for the two classes that brought in the most donations. Congratulations to Mrs. Dupuis' first grade class (321 items) and Mrs. Liimatta's fourth grade class (143 items) winning a Dunkin' Donut Party!

