

November 2019

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



## Principal Announcements

- Breakfast with Santa is on December 18th from 7:30-8:30.
- Lego Club has begun. It meets on Thursdays from 3:20-4:30. Please let me know if you need a permission slip.
- The Barkell Elementary Christmas Concert is on Dec. 12th at 9:00.
- 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:

- 12/7 Pancake Breakfast (7:30-12:00)
- 12/12 Christmas Concert (9:00-10:30)
- 12/18 Breakfast With Santa (7:30-8:30)
- 12/21-1/5 Christmas Break



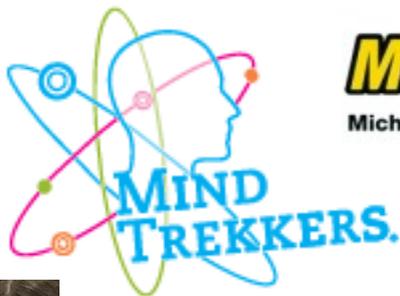
# Mind Trekkers



On November 20th, Barkell Elementary 4th and 5th graders visited Hancock MS/ HS for an exciting day of fun and scientific discovery. Students had the opportunity to learn about scientific concepts in a fun exploratory sort of way. The event was put on by Mind Trekkers from Michigan Tech.



Lauren learns about air pressure in a fun way.



Alex learns about density is an extremely fun way.



Students wait in line for their turn to learn about chemical reactions.



Forrest learns about sound waves in a fun way.

Students learn about balancing points and center of gravity

Dear Mr. Patchin, That was the best thing ever! The best part was probly the ice cream but the basket ball thing was cool as well. The 3D printer was really, really, cool. That was awsome can you please have it again next year!

sincerely,  
Connor 4th grade



Isabel is learning about aerodynamics

Dear Mr. Patchin

I loved doing the science activities and my favorite things were the pom pom finding, banana piano, basketbal shooting vision test and trash bag sucker that was the most amazing science ever!

Sincerely  
Azura Aho  
4th grade.



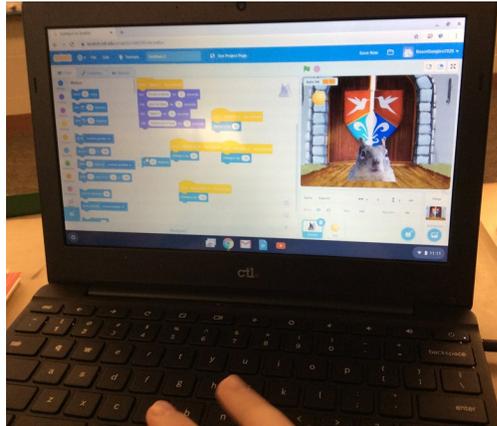
# Bulldog Coders



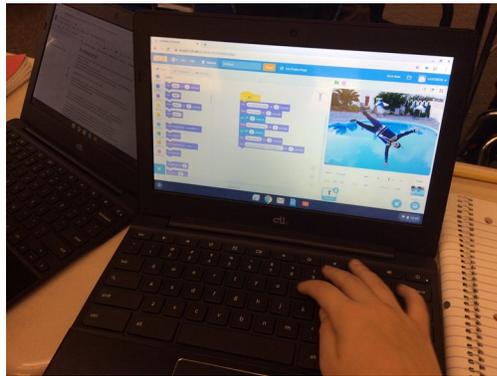
Students in Mrs. Smith's class have been learning about computer programming. Students explored Scratch programming using coding to create interactive stories. The Barkell Elementary fourth graders had fun learning about coding and putting their creativity to good use.



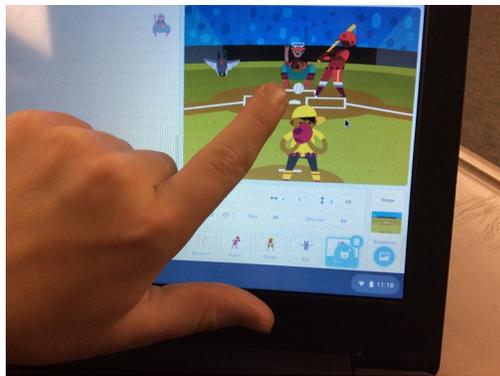
Andres and Mason have fun using Scratch to create their own interactive stories.



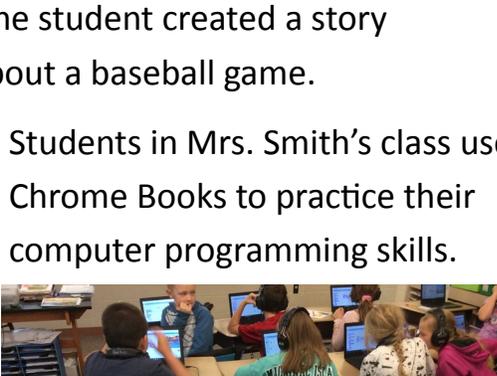
Students must program all of the functions into their stories.



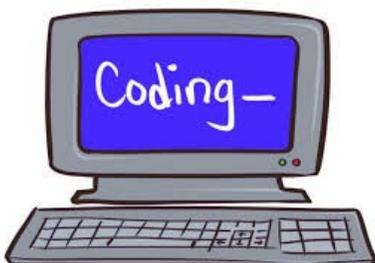
Sawyer, Abby, and Jacklyn enjoy learning how to code.



One student created a story about a baseball game.



Students in Mrs. Smith's class use Chrome Books to practice their computer programming skills.

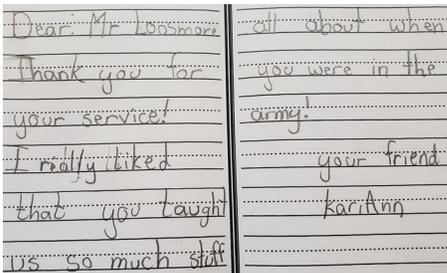




# Veteran's Day

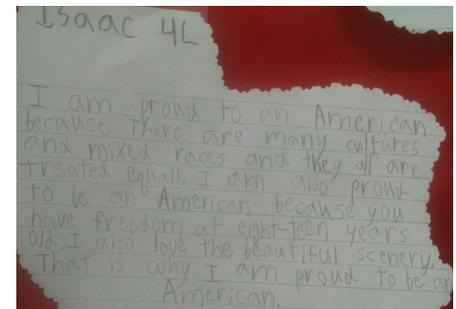
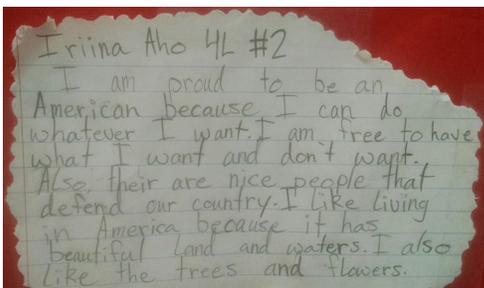
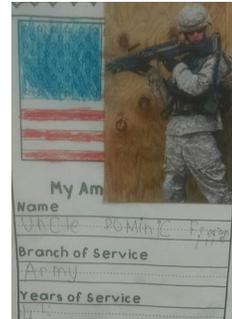
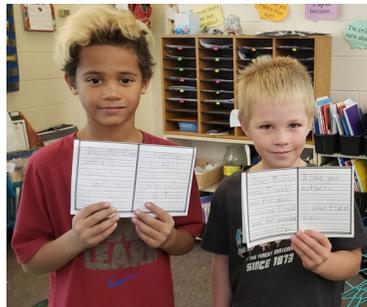
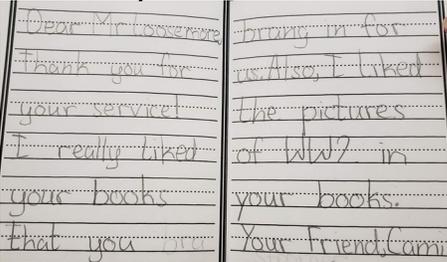


Barkell Elementary spent Veteran's Day learning about and honoring Veterans. From Mrs. Garnell: "The 2nd grader's in Mrs. Garnell's classroom were honored to have a Veteran from WWII visit our room! Mr. Loosemore came in to teach us about what it was like to be a radio operator on an aircraft. He was able to answer many of our questions and even shared pictures with us. We are thankful that he was able to share his experiences with our class." Students in 4th grade wrote about why they were proud to be Americans and all of the early elementary students went home to find out about Veteran's in their family and brought the information back to school in a very neat classroom project meant to learn about and honor Veterans.



Students display their Veteran family members

Thank you Mr. Loosemore





# TV 6 CANATHON



Brenna brings a package of food to the trailer

Barkell Elementary once again participated in the TV6 Canathon. Individual classrooms created their own theme posters with their own unique way to keep track of their totals and to work towards a goal. Students tracked their progress throughout the Canathon. Overall, Barkell Elementary collected over 1000 food items. Congratulations to Mrs. Olson's class for bringing in the most items for upper elementary and congratulations to Mrs. Dupuis' Class for bringing in the most items for early elementary. Both classrooms will earn an ice cream party.



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Student helpers box up the food items



Barkell Elementary collected over 1000 food items this holiday season



Canathon helpers pose for a photo after loading the food onto the trailer



Dale, Brenna, Kylie, and Lance work together to retrieve the food items from each classroom



Each classroom chose their own theme to use to keep track of the food items they have donated



The Eagle Radio Canathon trailer pulls up to Barkell

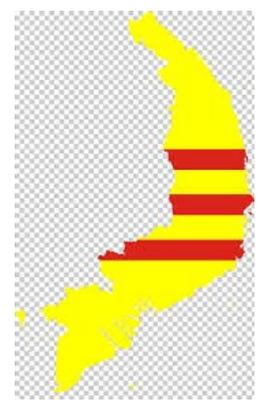




# Passport to the World



This year Mrs. Garnell's and Mrs. Nordmark's classes learned about Vietnam in our second monthly Passport to the World lesson. The kids learned about food, schools, houses, and other parts of everyday life for people in Vietnam. It was an enjoyable learning experience for all! This is part of the "Passport to the World" program in which Barkell Elementary partners with Michigan Tech.



Barkell second graders listen to the guest speaker as part of the Passport to the World program



Students learn about how people live in Vietnam



Students learn about the types of food people enjoy in Vietnam



Students learn about the similarities and differences between American and Vietnamese cultures



Barkell second graders enjoy a fun hands on lesson about Vietnam

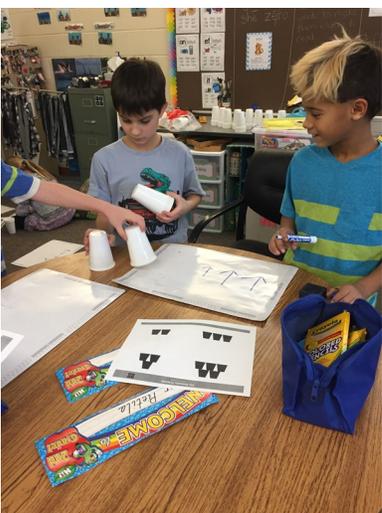




# Second Grade News



Students learn the basics of coding before they try it out on the computer.



Students in second grade have been using code.org to learn how to code in their computer class. Students had to use the coding skills that they have been learning, as well as their perseverance, in order to solve the challenging block coding puzzles. Barkell second graders practice their coding at least once per week.



Levi and Chase work together to solve a challenging puzzle from code.org



Students enjoy applying the coding skills they have learned



Barkell second graders apply their coding skills to create a character who moves towards a goal



Henry focuses on his newly learned coding skills during computer class





# 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 Jouppe family** for their donation of indoor recess games.
- **Vicky Driscoll** for her donation of hats and mittens
- **MTU Mind Trekkers** for inviting our 4th and 5th graders to their event
- **Wesley G. Loosemore** for speaking to our kids on Veteran's Day
- **BHK** for their donation of sand for the sand box



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.

Congratulations to Tally Storm who won the local Elks Hoop Shoot competition 8-9 year old division in Calumet on Sat, Nov 23rd. She made 11/25. She will advance to the District competition in Manistique on December 14.



## 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

