

November 2020

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



## Principal Announcements

- Thank you to all who helped out with our fundraiser! The support was overwhelming like it always is. We are very fortunate to live in a community that is so supportive of our schools.
- Please consider writing your child's name on their winter gear. We find many items every day and are able to return them if they have a name. When there is no name, it goes to lost and found and unfortunately, very few items are ever claimed.
- We would like to thank all of our Barkell families for their tremendous support and patience as we navigate these uncertain times.
- 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:

- 12/21-1/1 No School Christmas Break
- 1/4 School resumes



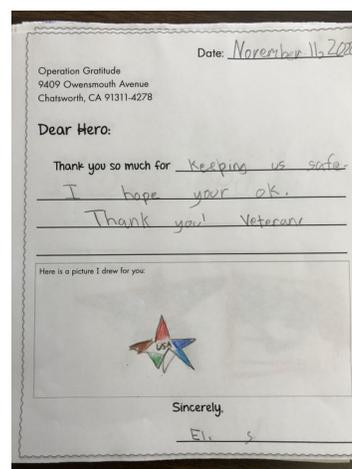
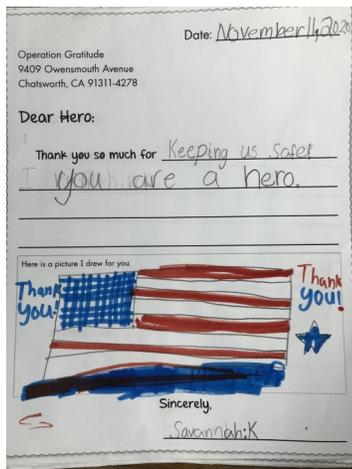
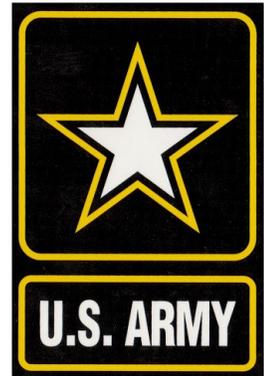
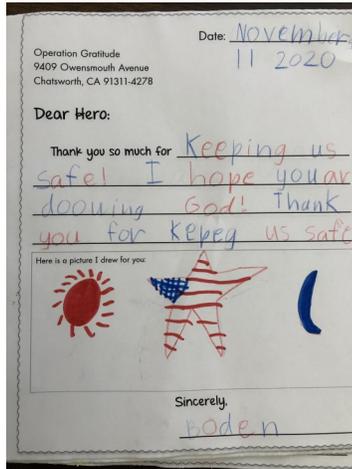
# Veteran's Day



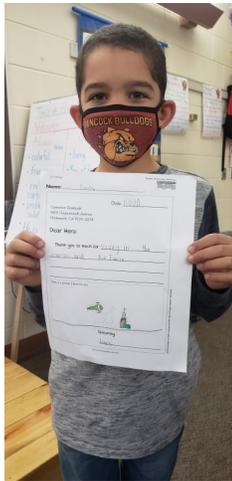
Barkell Elementary students spent Veteran's Day honoring Veterans. Students did a wide variety of activities such as writing to Veterans and learning about what Veteran's Day means to our country. 2nd graders read about Veteran's Day and then wrote letters for Operation Gratitude to send to soldiers fighting overseas.



Young 5s shows their appreciation for veterans



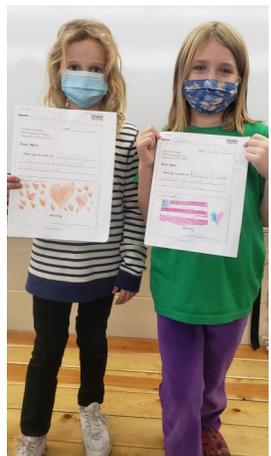
Lewis made the American flag



Gavin wrote to a Veteran



Young 5s display their Veteran's Day work



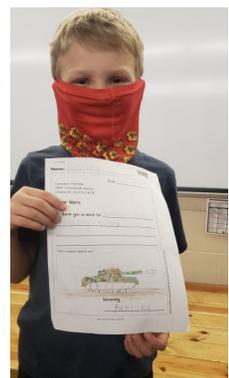
Aliyah and Jada display their work



Students in Mrs. Garnell's class pose with their letters



Bentley drew an army tank





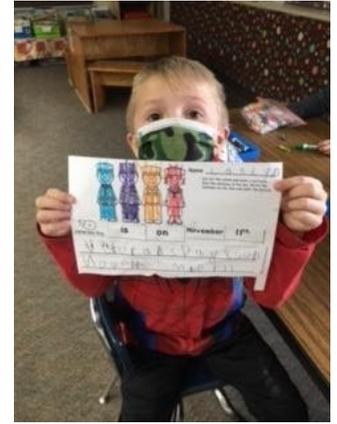
# Veteran's Day cont...



Students in Mrs. Pihlaja's class had fun learning about Veteran's Day



Bradley with his Veterans Day work



Landyn showing off his completed work



Brita is coloring her Veterans.



Madeline is all done with her work



Ellie is filling in some camouflage for her Veteran.



Everett working on his Veterans Day writing.



Kaisa is finishing her coloring

Seth is using some military colors for his Veterans.



Jacob colors his Veteran's Day project



Karina posing with her work.



Jillian is finishing her writing for Veterans Day.

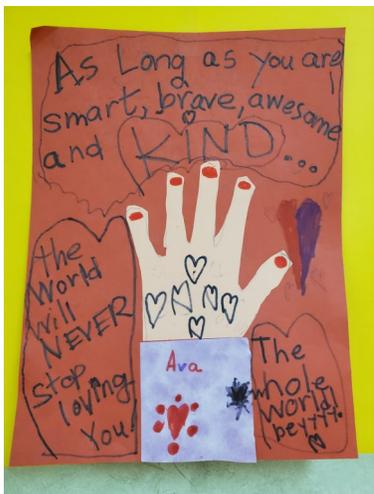




# Art News



Art students at Barkell Elementary spent part of November celebrating World Kindness Day. World Kindness Day is an international holiday that was formed in 1998, to promote kindness throughout the world and is observed annually on November 13 as part of the World Kindness Movement. It is observed in many countries including the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia and the U.A.E. World Kindness Day presents us with the opportunity to reflect upon one of the most important and unifying human principles. On a day devoted to the positive potential of both large and small acts of kindness, try to promote and diffuse this crucial quality that brings people of every kind together. World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race, religion, politics, gender and zip codes.





# Kindergarten News



It has been an exciting month in Mrs. Blessing's kindergarten class. The students had fun learning about Veteran's Day and what it means for our country. They have been learning about shapes and how to sort and classify them. Students also had fun dressing up and parading throughout the neighborhood on Halloween.



Students work on their Veteran's Day project



Marcus learns about forces while playing with a top



Harrison colors his Veteran's Day book



Ellie works on her project

Addison, CJ, and Ellie sort shapes



Aryanna and Anna build with magnetic tiles



Students take a break from their Halloween snacks to pose for a photo



Mrs. Blessing's students anxiously await the parade



Students work on their Veteran's Day projects

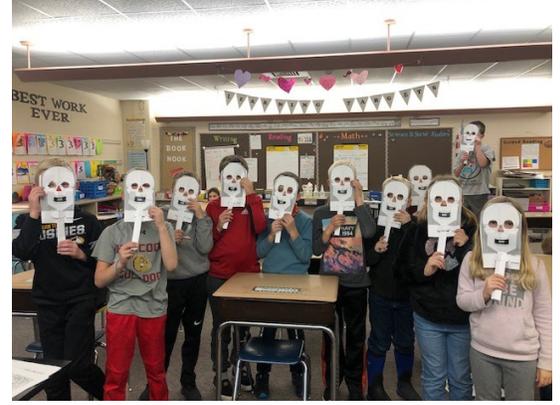
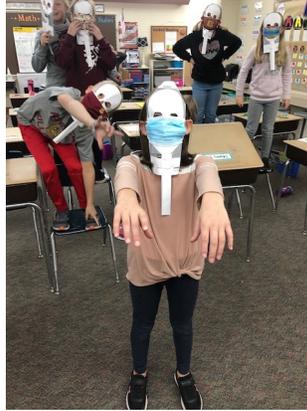
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# Third Grade News



Students from Mrs. Cavis' class did a fun Halloween science project on Mystery Science. The lesson was "what would happen if I didn't have a skull?" Students discussed and learned about the skull and how it's made of bone. Then they learned the parts of our head that is made of cartilage. To complete this fun, students got to make their own skull mask and made the jaw moveable to say "boo".



Our school trail is a special place to go to enjoy nature. Students in 3C explored our school trail. As we walked the trail we were looking for signs of Fall and looking for things that had seeds in them to go with our science lesson.



KariAnn, Emery, and Mal-lory display the plants they found on the Barkell Elementary Nature Trail.



Mrs. Cavis' students take a break to pose for a picture



Students enjoy our school nature trail on a nice fall afternoon.



Max leads his classmates down the trail





# Fourth Grade Engineers



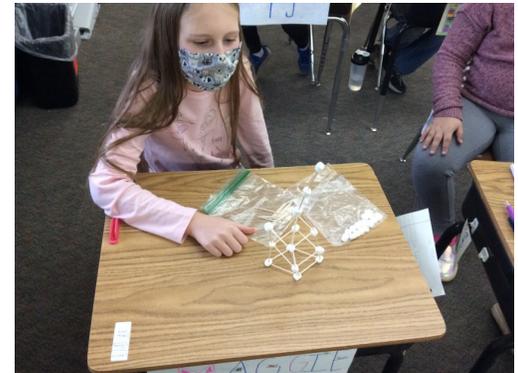
Fourth graders had a special asynchronous visit from Engineering Ambassadors of Michigan Tech in science class. Students used the engineering design process to create and modify buildings made out of toothpicks and marshmallows. The goal was to make the tallest building that could withstand a simulated earthquake.



Alex displays his final product



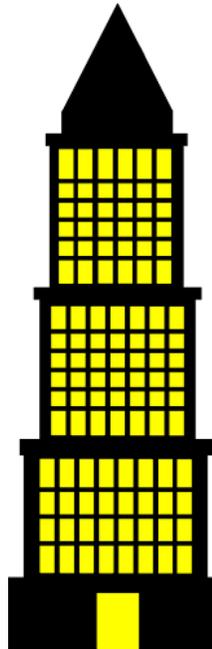
Gunner works on his building



Maggie inspects her design



Mrs. Smith's students focus on their engineering project



Tally creates her design



Lindy poses for a picture in front of her design



Keila works on her design

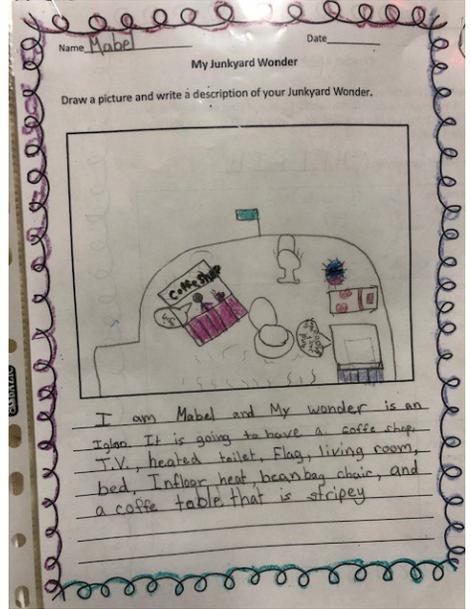
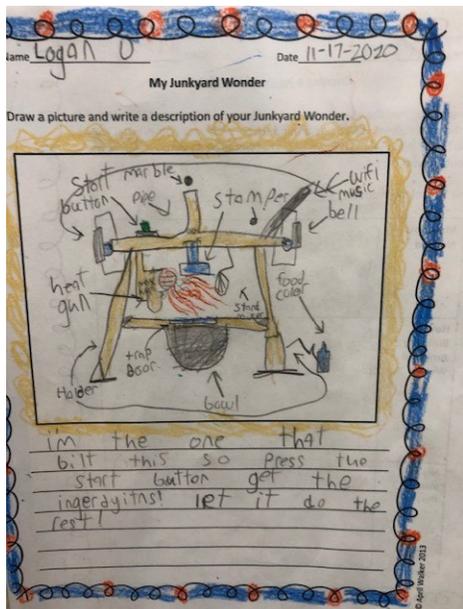
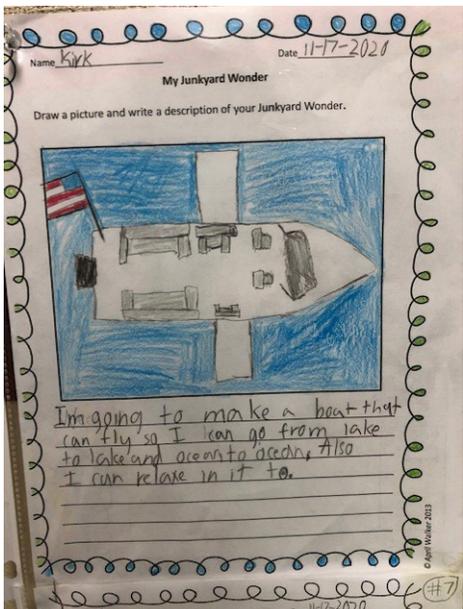
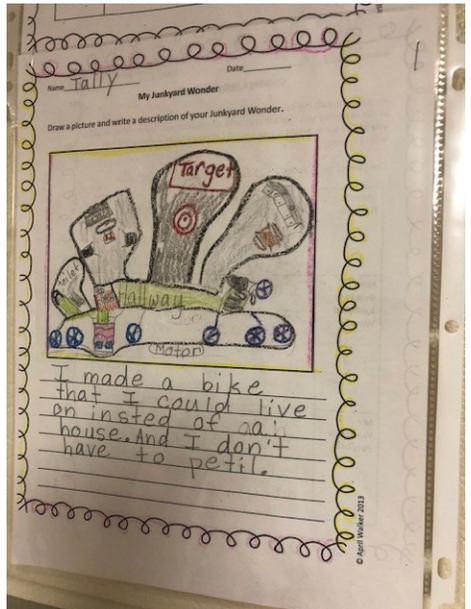
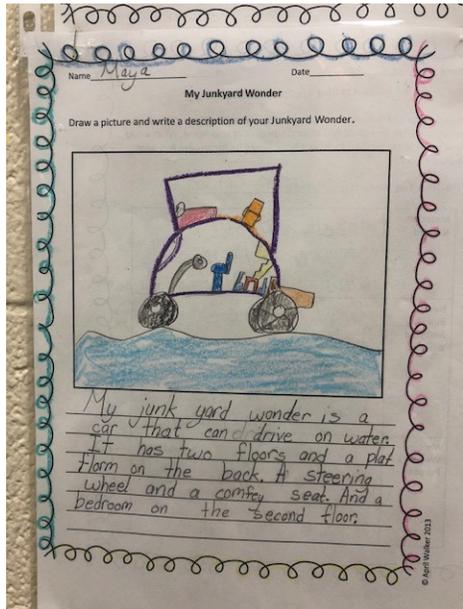
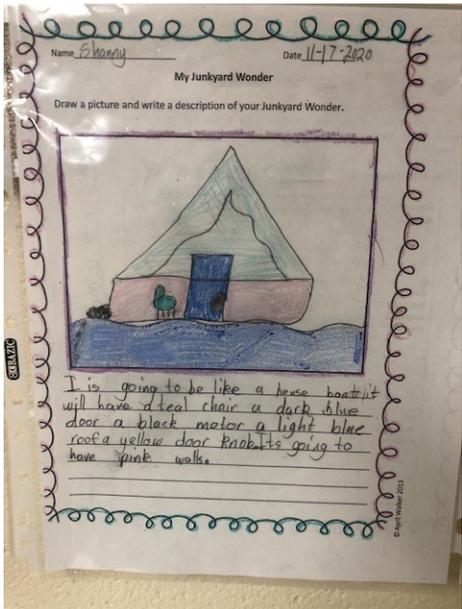
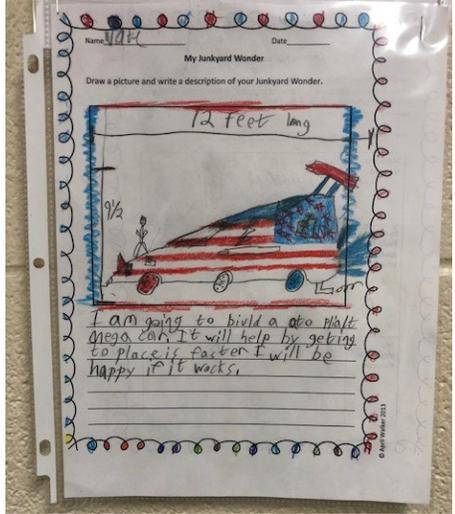




# Fourth Grade News



Students in Mrs. Limmatta's class read *The Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco. In this story the children made new objects from things found at the junk yard. Our class thought about this story and what it would be like to create something from junk. Here are a few samples of what the student imagined they would create.





# Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- \* **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- \* **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- **Bradway Family** for their generous donation
- **Parker Family** for their generous donation
- **Summers Family** for their generous donation
- **Givens Family and friends** for purchasing popcorn for the whole school
- **Alholinna Family** for their generous donation
- **Collard Family** for their generous donation of donuts for staff
- **Range Bank** for their generous donation of headphones and kleenex



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

