

October 2021

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



## Principal Announcements

- We are pleased to announce that our Pancake Breakfast is back on this year. The breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 4th here in the Barkell Elementary gym.
- 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:

- 11/17 1/2 day (11:50 dismissal) Teacher PD
- 11/23 1/2 day (11:50 dismissal)
- 11/24 No School– start of Thanksgiving break



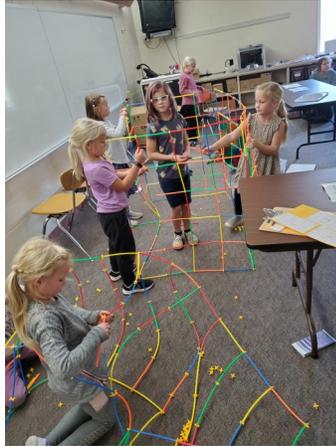
# STEM Class



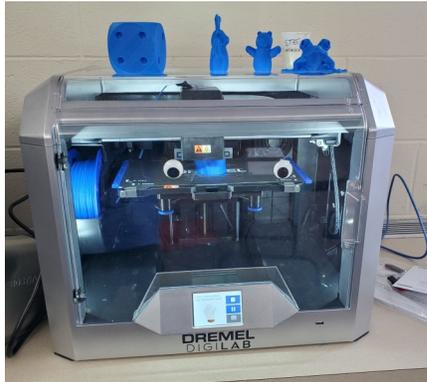
Barkell students enjoyed another exciting month of STEM activities. Students have been engineering structures with building materials, creating slime, learning about robotics with our VEX Robots, and having fun creating items with our 3D printers. We finished off the month with an exciting assembly in the gym on Halloween Friday!



Charlotte shows us her slime



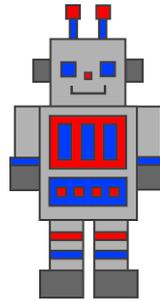
Students put their engineering skills to the test



Our 3D printer at work



Ivy and Bennett learn about robotics



Students enjoy the Vex Robots



Students enjoy a fun STEM Halloween assembly



Students follow a recipe to create slime





# Halloween



Barkell Elementary kicks off the 2021 Halloween parade



Officers Bonini and Hanner get ready to lead the parade



Parents line the streets in anticipation



Mrs. Carlson's class is ready for the parade



First graders parade through the neighborhood



Fourth graders enjoy the nice weather



Ayden is carried by an alien



Young Fives joins in



Parents line Poplar St. for a glimpse of the parade



# Young Fives News



Students in Mrs. Koskela's Young Fives classroom have been enjoying the unseasonably warm fall weather. Students enjoyed playing on the playground. Students also enjoyed reading with their fourth grade Reading Buddies and learning about their letters.



Madden and Lucas enjoy the roller slide



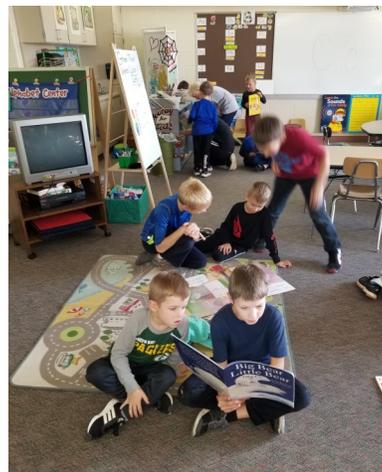
Mrs. Liimatta's fourth graders team up with Mrs. Koskela's Young Fives students



Young Fives students work on the letter "C"



Max with his Reading Buddy



Students listen at the rug



Young Fivers display their letter work



Young Fivers take a break from the letter "C" to pose for a photo



Spooky Halloween projects



# Kindergarten News



It has been an exciting month in Mrs. Pihlaja's kindergarten classroom. Students had fun working together at the carpet lining up letter strips in alphabetical order and matching magnetic letters on the letter mat. Students have also been using Play-Doh for cutting out the letters they are learning, as well as the letters used to make their name.



Lacey, Nora, Cord, Thomas, Scott, and Emmett sort letters



Scott, Nora, & Emmett start to build their name.



Izabella, Noelle, Raelynn, Payton, Tom, Dawson, and Owen are almost finished.



Izabella, Raelynn, & Tom are forming their letters.



Lacey, Thomas, & Cord shape the letters in their name.



Owen, Payton, & Noelle work on their name.





# Kindergarten News



It has been an exciting month of learning in Mrs. Carlson's kindergarten class! Students learned about density with a floating pumpkin. Students also enjoyed harvesting and eating carrots from our school garden. And if that wasn't enough, Mrs. Carlson's kindergartners learned about their letters making "Shape Monsters"!



Students are amazed to see the pumpkin float



Kindergartners display the carrots they harvested before eating them



Ella and Brynlee display their Shape Monsters



Soraya focuses on her work



Jade and Nora have fun learning about their letters



Elias creates his monster

# ABCDEF



# Second Grade News



Mrs. Garnell's second graders have been working very hard this month. Students made robots! Each robot had to have moving parts and represent them in some way. They were very creative and made some amazing robots. In math, students learned about teamwork in a hands-on lesson. They had to work together to put together a puzzle without talking! They learned about taking turns, being fair, and also how to encourage everyone to be part of a team.



Students work together on their puzzle



Students have fun learning about teamwork



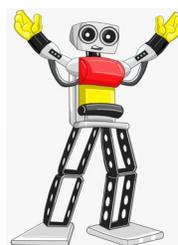
Students take a break to pose for a pic



Caleb and Easton add their robot to the board



Second graders work on their fun assignment



Keira shows her robot



# Third Grade News



Students in Mrs. Cavis' class enjoyed listening to the read aloud *Creepy Carrots*. After they heard this fun read aloud, students made a fun math multiplication carrot array. Students created their array using orange carrots to model a multiplication problem they chose. Students enjoyed creating their version of a "creepy carrot" when they were finished with their array. This project was super fun and we enjoyed seeing all the creativity in each project.



Students work on their Creepy Carrots project



Bryn cuts out a shape



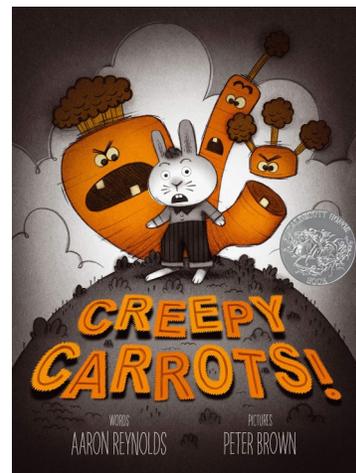
Hunter gives this project a "thumbs up"



Cathryn takes a quick break for a photo



Dalton and Jonathan focus on their work



Alaina and Lewis focus work on their projects



Darren takes a break for a pic



Mason is focused on his work





# Fifth Grade News



Barkell Elementary fifth graders visited Hanka Homestead this fall to learn about Finnish heritage. Students also learned what it was like living here more than a century ago. They got to tour the 40 acre homestead and see first hand how Finnish immigrants lived when they arrive in the area more than one hundred years ago.



Fifth graders pose for a photo at Hanka Homestead



Students learn about the importance of snow shoes



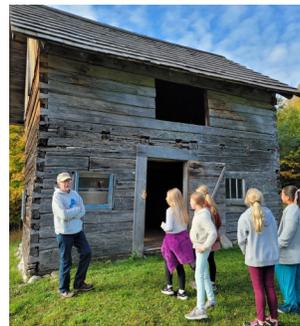
Students get ready for their tour



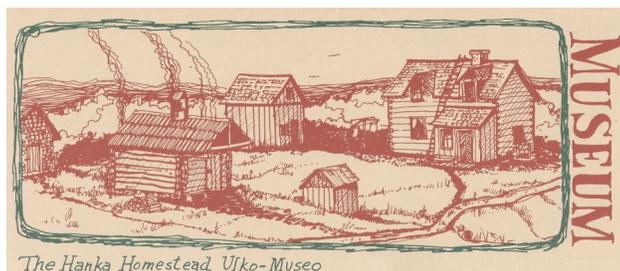
Fifth graders check out an old barn on the property



Students listen carefully as they learn about old farming techniques



Students get ready to tour an old building





# Fifth Grade News



Barkell fifth graders teamed up with the Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Math & Environmental Education this past fall to learn about the various trees of our area. Students walked to the Maasto Hiito ski trails for this exciting activity. There they learned about trees and how to identify them by their characteristic. It was a fun way to spend a nice fall day!



Fifth graders pose for a photo before learning about trees



Students put their new found knowledge to work



Fifth graders get ready to hit the trail



Tyler and TJ measure a large tree



Fifth graders enjoy a nice fall day learning about trees



Students learn about birch trees



A student determines the age of a tree



Joan Chadde teaches about maple trees





# Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **31 Backpacks** for all that they do for our kids
- **Susanna Ausema** for her generous donation of games and paper
- **Schweitzer Engineering Lab** for their generous donation of \$100
- **Melissa Osborne** for her generous donation of bakery for staff
- **Holly Rosunlund** for her generous donation of clothing
- **Calumet Hats for Hope Initiative** for their generous donation of hats and mittens



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.

## Pancake Breakfast Returns!

Saturday, December 4th

7:30-11:30

Barkell Elementary Gym



## 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