

September 2018

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Lego Club begins on Thursday, October 4th. It will run from 3:25-4:30.
- I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience with our new dismissal plan. It has gone extremely well because of your support. Thank you for your help in making our school an even safer and better place to learn.
- 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. The PTO meets at 3:45 on the third Wednesday of the month.
- Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaara– Barkell Elementary Principal



Upcoming Events:

- **10/4** **Lego Club begins (3:25-4:30)**
- **10/10** **Early dismissal (1:46)**
- **10/24** **Early dismissal (1:46)**



Playground Fun



Students enjoy the slide/ monkey bar structure on a cool fall morning.



Students enjoy hanging out on the monkey bars.



Kindergartners enjoy a game of basketball.



Students enjoy a game of jump rope.

A 3rd grade Safety Patroller helps out a younger student.



Early elementary students enjoy a game of soccer on a fall morning.



Bradey and Caleb pose for a quick photo.

Benjamin enjoys hanging out on the playground.





Art News



Mrs. Scholie's art students have been making a wide variety of artistic creations so far this fall.



Third grade students create structures with blocks.



Two unidentified Jack-O-Lanterns smile for the camera.



Students proudly display their art work.

A student is working so hard he doesn't notice his picture is being taken.



Matthew works with Playdough.



Mrs. Scholie's art students focus hard on their work.



PE News



Barkell Elementary has two new PE teachers. Mrs. Scholie and Mrs. Karo have been doing a lot of fun physical activities with the students this fall. Mrs. Karo teaches our Young Fives students, as well as 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Scholie teaches the kindergartners, 1st, 2nd, and 5th graders.



Mason waits for an opportunity to cross the gym.



Rebekah catches a pass.



Early EI students have fun with the parachute.



Students learn proper passing techniques.



Two spiders prepare to capture some flies.



Students enjoy exercising in the gym on a rainy day.



Mrs. Karo teaches her students a passing drill.





Kindergarten News



Mrs. Blessing teaches her students how to make the letter G



Mrs. Blessing is teaching her students about the letters on a keyboard.



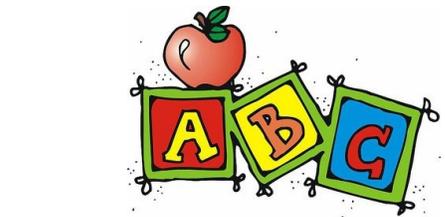
Welcome to Kindergarten!



Kindergarten teachers display their students' fantastic fall projects.



Students learn about letter sounds on Raz Kids.



Mrs. Pihlaja prepares the students for learning stations.



Mrs. Pihlaja goes over the Daily Morning Message with her students.

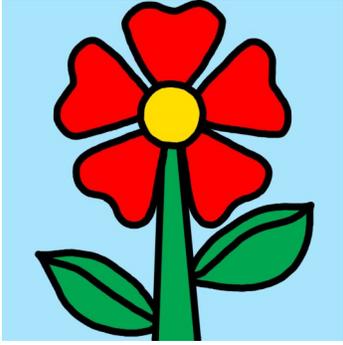


Mrs. Pihlaja's kindergartners are already ready to learn.

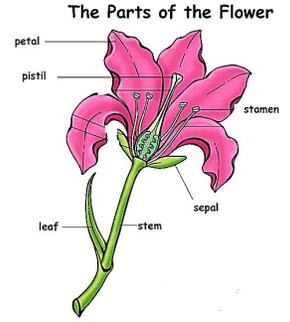




Third Grade News



Students in Mrs. Liimatta's class studied flowers and plants in a very hands on sort of way. Students dissected flowers and studied the different parts using magnifying glasses. Students then recorded their observations and reported back to their classmates.



Let me tell you about pulling apart real flowers. First we found a partner. Then we got a flower and looked at it. We pulled off the petals. Then we pulled off the pollen dusters and then we wiped the pollen duster on the sticky stigma and saw if there was pollen on it. We cut open the ovary and looked to see if there were seeds in it and there were. It was awesome.

Zoey Benda

Let me tell you about pulling real flowers apart. First we got a partner then we took petals off and put them on a paper. Then we took out the pollen dusters out of the flower. Then we rubbed the pollen dusters and sticky stigma together. Then we cut the sticky stigma to see if there was seeds there was a ton. It is fun to looking in flowers.

Azura Aho 3L

Isaac and Luciano work together to identify the various parts.



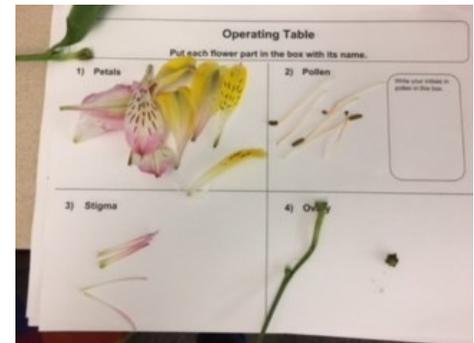
Students record their data as they examine the flower.



Samantha uses a magnifying glass to check out parts of the flower.



Mason carefully observes the specimen.



Ted Let me tell you about science with real flowers. First we took petals off. Then we took the pollen dusters we rubbed them together. Last we cut open the ovary they had eggs in it! it was cool!

Ted Kilpela 3L



Fourth Grade News



"Think Energy" was presented to the fourth graders on Monday, October 1. Sponsored by the National Energy Foundation in cooperation with SEMCO and UPPCO, this program teaches students about renewable and non-renewable resources along with useful ways to conserve energy in their homes. The students had fun creating electrical circuits and using conductors and insulators. Each student received an energy kit which included water-saving devices for sinks and the shower, a night light, shower timer, and energy-saving light bulbs. What a great opportunity to learn about using energy wisely!



Students learn about energy conservation.



Emma poses with her energy saving packet.

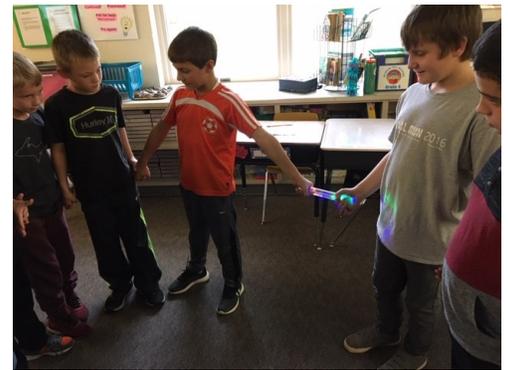


Students hold hand to create a circuit to demonstrate how electricity travels.

Kaden examines a water saving shower head.



The fourth grade learned a lot at the Think! Energy program. First, we learned about renewable resources and non-renewable resources. Nonrenewable resources are resources that will take a really long time to come back like coal and oil, and renewable resources don't go away.



Ben tests out a low energy night light.



Then we learned about human circuits, potential energy, and kinetic energy. These are some things are in the kit. We got LED light bulbs, a shower head, and some water saving faucet heads. What a great program!



Arianna and Diem pose with their energy saving LED light bulbs

By Lauren and Emma, 40

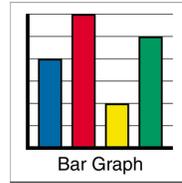




Fifth Grade News



Students are designing double bar graphs from data tables with recorded monthly precipitation in different areas of the world.



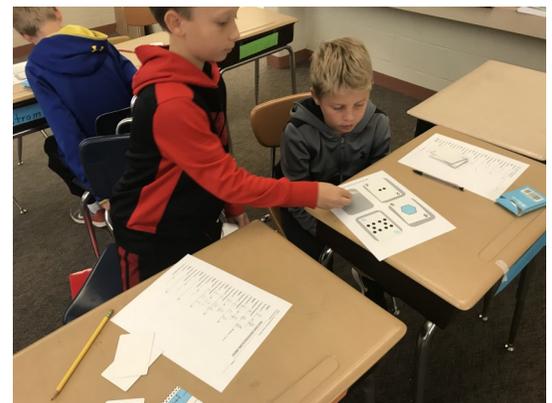
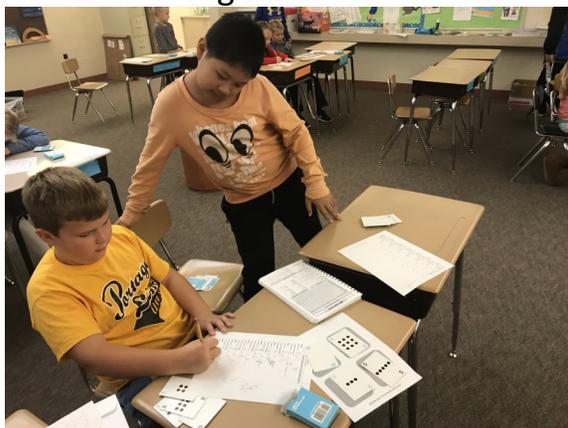
Hailey, Sophia, and Emma solve fractions.

Fifth graders are studying fractions. In this game (Fraction Monster), students use number cards to make fractions. Then students compare fractions by finding common denominators to make equivalent fractions.



Caleb and Wentao compare fractions together.

Fifth grade students enjoy learning about fractions with a fun game.





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- * **Mona Erickson, Tara Packard, Jean McParlan, Jennifer Juntti, Peg Olson, and Kendra Anderson** for their gift of coffee and tea
- * **Kristi Erickson, Joni Simonson, Katie Ek, and Suzy Hammerstrom** for their work in our flower gardens
- * **Mary Nominelli** (shirts) * **Charlie and Amanda Klein** (board games) * **Shannon Smith** (book carousel)
* **Carol Waisanen** (school supplies) * **Lori Lewis** (toys and videos)



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.

Mrs. Nordmark's class experienced a Michigan Tech science outdoor field trip in our own school forest. We have been learning about plants and how seeds travel. The children pretended to be trees and did a seed scavenger hunt.



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 educational DVDs or VHS tapes for our indoor recesses.
- *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

