

September 2020

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Parents can pick up academic materials for the week of 10/5 on Friday (10/2) from 12:00-3:00. Please keep in mind that some classrooms will not need you to pickup because they sent home a two week packet on Monday.
- 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:

- Oct 9th No School—Teacher Inservice
- Oct 21st Early dismissal (1:46)
- Nov 5th 1/2 Day (11:50 dismissal) PT Conferences in pm



Young Fives News



Izabella and Sophia's hairdos made out of Play Doh for their art projects

Young Fives have had an exciting start to the school year. Students have had fun getting acclimated to life in school and getting to know their new friends. Last week students enjoyed a fun art project where they used Play Doh to create interesting hair dos for their paper cup individuals.



Owen, Dawson and Macklyn take a break to pose for a picture



Young 5s enjoy a quick brain break



Naomi and Ivy show their Play Doh hairdos



Soraya and Ari's display their funny hairdos



Jade and Lacey's fancy Play Doh hairdos





Playground Fun



Stephen and Rowyn have fun on the slide



Cami passes the ball



Addison shows the rock that she decorated



Great view from the Spider Web



Andy and Maverick take a break for a quick pic

Students enjoy a nice fall day on the Spider Web



Leona, Aliyah, and Jordyn take a break from playing.



Ramesse relaxes on the Web



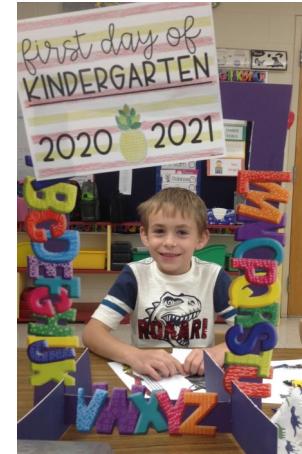
Zoey gets ready to go down the slide



Kindergarten News



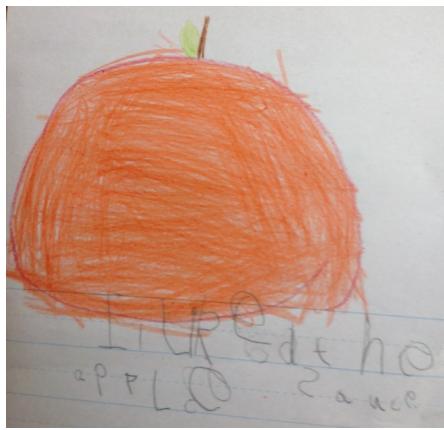
Mrs. Blessings class on the first day of school



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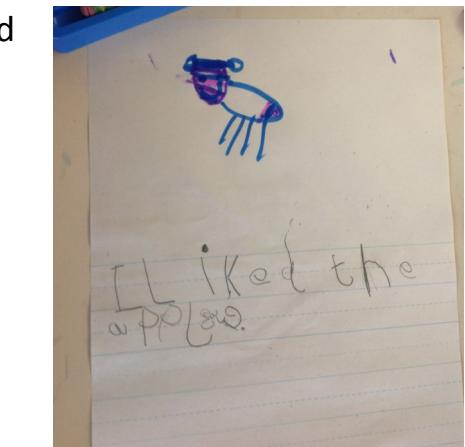
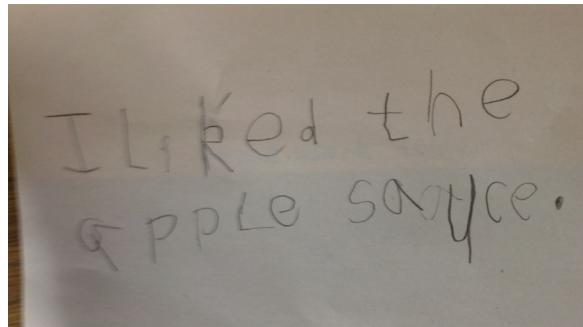
Students in Mrs. Blessing's class spent a nice fall day making apple sauce in their classroom. Students worked together to core and peel the apples. They then cooked the apples into a delicious apple sauce. Students enjoyed their delicious snack and the rest of the school enjoyed the smells in the hallways.



CJ uses the apple peeler



Isabelle and Aryanna work together to prepare their apples



Ellie takes a break to pose for a picture



Jace focuses on his task



Mrs. Blessing's class smiles for a picture while sitting in their Jeeps

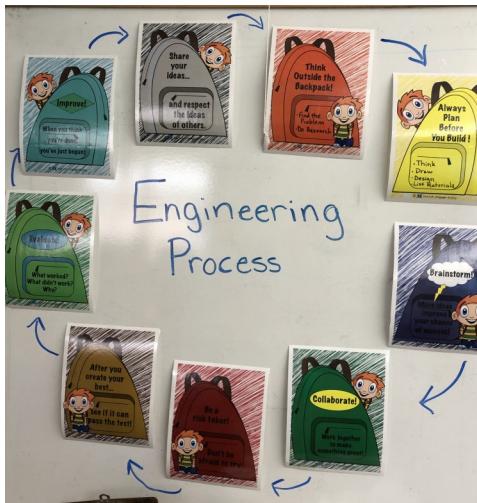


Claire gets her apples ready for the cooker

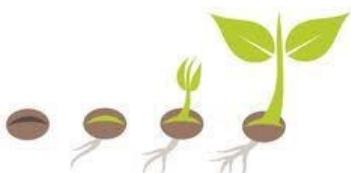
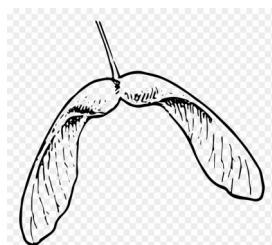
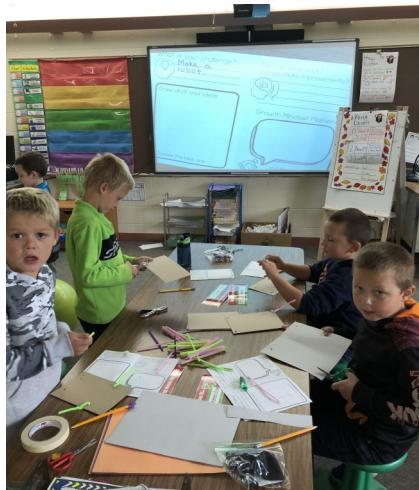
Second Grade News



Barkell Elementary second graders had fun learning about the engineering design process by designing a robot.



Second grade learns about how seeds travel and made paper seeds that travel in the wind. We tested them on the playground.



Eli gets ready to release his seed design

Braylin tests her seed design

Bryn gets ready to perform her experiment



Darren and Jeb test their design on a nice fall day.



Art News



All students have learned that this is International Dot Week and schools ALL OVER THE WORLD participate. Either the book, The Dot, by Peter Reynolds, is read out loud....or kids watched the animated video at this address: <https://youtu.be/t5mGeR4AQdM>

Each student will make their own "dot" and all art will be displayed in the main hallway outside of the gym.



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Cole Gervais - 45



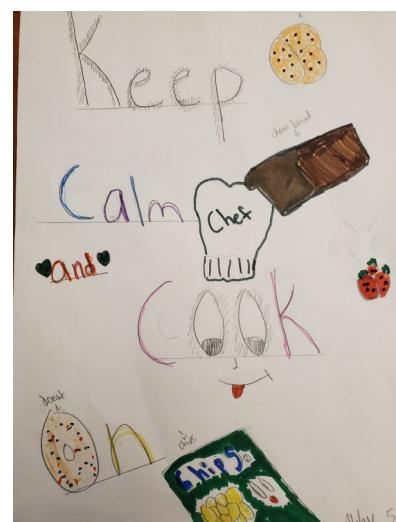
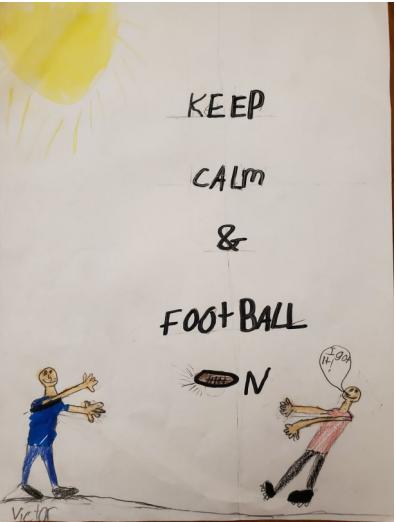
Older elementary students learned about the origin of the "Keep Calm & Carry On" poster from WWII. We watched a video from this address: <https://youtu.be/FrHkKXFRbCI> and then the students had to think of what calms them and make their own version of it.



ART CLASS



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Summer Building Upgrades



Patrons are now greeted with a nice new “Welcome to Barkell Elementary” sign in our entryway. The sign was made and designed by Kyle Pihlaja.

Local artist, and Hancock alumni, Kyle Pihlaja designed and painted this mural which has been recently installed in our entryway.



Two new Hancock Bulldog signs were purchased for our gymnasium



A nice view of our refinished gym floor



Both trophy cases have been given a touch of Bulldog spirit.





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



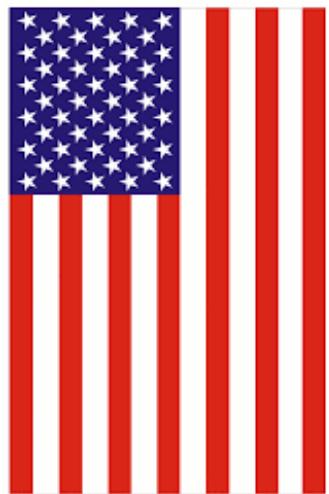
- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- * **Barkell Families** for their tremendous support and patience during these times
- * **Bre Kilpela** for her generous donation of gallons of hand sanitizer
- * **Carol Waisanen** for her donation of clothing
- * **Kim Tunstall** for her generous donation of books
- * **SKY Grants** for their generous donation to provide transportation for Summer Tutoring

School Reminders

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.



Tatum, Romey, and Angela take the flag down at the end of the day



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

