

November 2022

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Breakfast and lunch are no longer free this year for all students. Please fill out a free and reduced lunch form if you have not already done so. Bills can be paid at this link: hancock.familyportal.cloud
- Thank you to everyone for their generous Bulldog Shop donations.
- 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

- 12/3 Pancake Breakfast (7:30-11:30)
- 12/7 1/2 day for students/ PT Conferences in the PM (dismissal @ 11:50)
- 12/14 Christmas Concert (9:00 start)
- 12/21 No School– Beginning of Christmas Break



Veteran's Day



Barkell Elementary students took time out of their busy schedules to show their appreciation for Veterans. Students did a variety of activities to show their support for the brave men and women who have fought to keep our country safe.



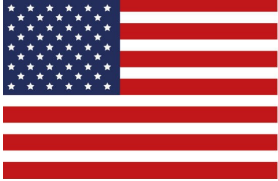
Kindergartners and second graders show their appreciation



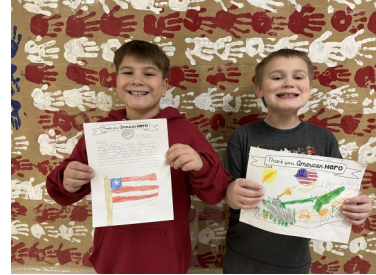
Lacey, Lola, and Jade show their work



Sunnie's project



Scott and Gage appreciate Vets

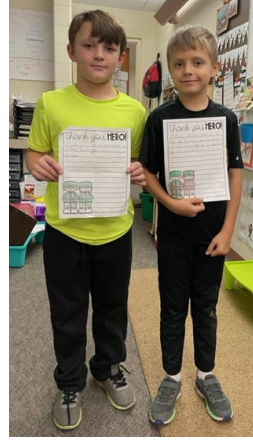


Mason and Liam thank Veterans

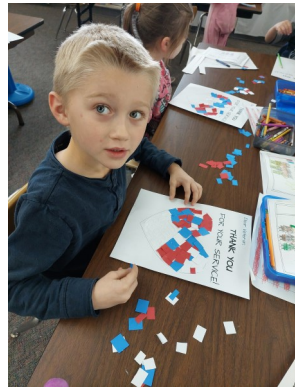


Rayna and Nora honor Veteran relatives

Holden and Caleb wrote about their heroes



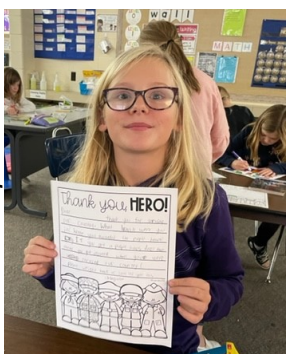
Second graders and kindergartners work together on their Veteran's Day projects



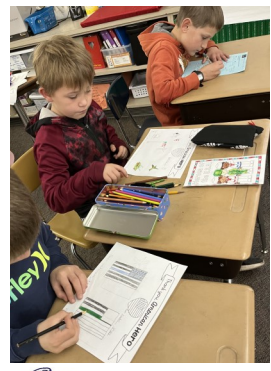
Dace takes a break for a quick photo



Margaret and Bryn show their appreciation



Mrs. Dupuis' class poses in front of the flag they made



Mason and Jeb honor Veterans





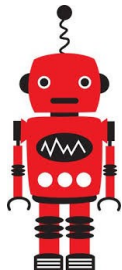
STEM News



Things are really heating up in STEM class! Young 5's are learning about patterns. They practiced with a pattern story and made their own patterns with the STEM room kits. Pattern recognition will help these young kids to learn problem solving skills that will help in math, reading, and even coding! Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade began their coding practice by using an "unplugged" coding kit. The kindergarten learns to use coding commands to move robots through a puzzle. First and 2nd graders review coding commands with this kit as well before starting with real robots.



Early Elementary students learn the basics of coding by using an "unplugged" coding kit



Fifth graders display the city they designed with Keva Planks



First graders program Vex Robots



First graders enjoyed using the VEX 123 robots to practice coding. They started by using the coding command buttons on the robot and will begin using the coding tablets before Christmas break.



Young Fives students enjoy hands-on learning in STEM class





Recess Fun



It's a nice day for snow angels



Students pose for a photo in their fort



Swinging on a sunny day



Students enjoy the first snow of the year



Perfect snow man weather



Evan and his snow man



Students enjoy soccer before the snow flies



Students play outside on a cool November morning

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Lilly and Avery take a break to pose for a photo



Students take a break from playing to pose for a photo on the Jeep



Last basketball game of the season

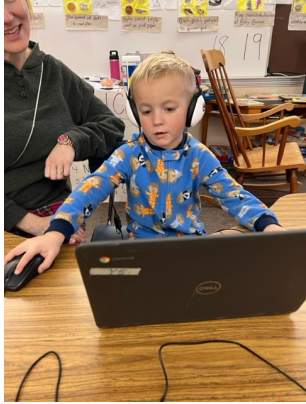




Young Fives News



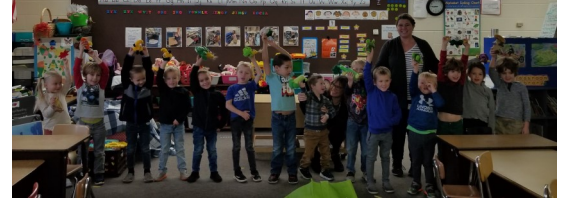
Students in Mrs. Koskela's Young Fives classroom spent the month of November recovering from Halloween, learning their letters and numbers, and learning about nutrition. Students also enjoyed spending time with their Reading Buddies.



Troy works on his keyboarding



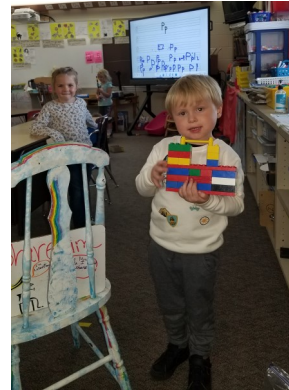
Peyton and Sawyer show their tower



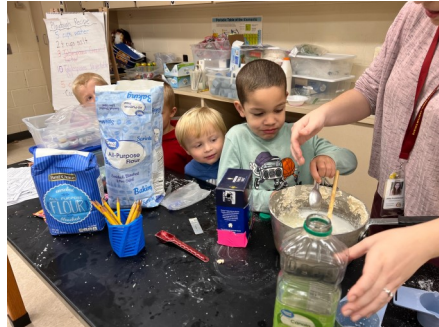
Young Fives poses for a photo after a nutrition lesson



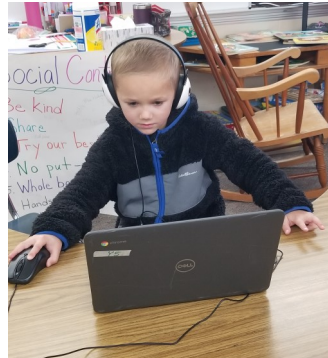
Cam and Cade built towers



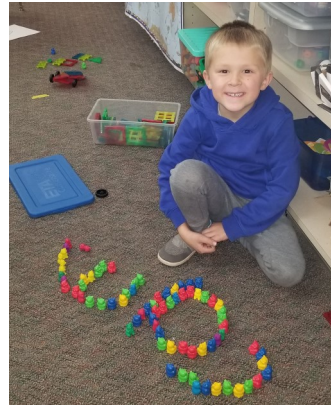
Koeldyn shows his creation



Students create Play-Doh in STEM class



Jayden focuses on his work



Cam practices his name



Students build some towers

Colton works with his Reading Buddy



Young Fives take a movement break



Leo gets some swinging in before the snow comes



Mrs. Koskela reads to her students



Kathy from MSU Extension reads about nutrition





Kindergarten News



Students in Mrs. Pihlaja's class spent Veteran's Day learning what a Veteran is. Students worked with their Reading Buddies to create posters showing their appreciation for the sacrifices made by Veterans to ensure that we have a free and safe place to live.



Lucy shares her coloring



Brielle, Reece, and Tanner display their work



Selah and Lucy color their soldiers



Evan camouflaged his soldier



Marley and Brody focus on their work



Kindergartners focus on honoring Veterans

Kindergartners show their school pride while decorating the school



Kindergartners get a little help from their Reading Buddies



Third Grade News



Students from Mrs. Cavis' Third Grade class came to help Kindergarteners in Mrs. Pihlaja's class make paper jack-o-lanterns during their first meeting as Reading Buddies.



Charlotte, Holden, and Jameson sit with their Reading Buddies

Third graders enjoy working with their Reading Buddies



Rogue, Brielle, Evelyn, & Elizabeth read stories



Vinnie, Caleb, Alivia, and Madeline enjoy a book

Justus reads to his Reading Buddies



Malcolm reads to his buddy on his birthday



Logan and Aaron read together



Students work on their pumpkins

READING BUDDIES



Selah & Lucy work on their pumpkins with their buddy.





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **All Barkell families** for their continued support of our **Bulldog Christmas Shop**
- **The Jouppe Family** for their generous donation of a parachute
- **Marina Tanasova** for her generous donation of a griddle
- **Noelle Pinar** for her generous donation of boys' clothing
- **Julie Koskela** for her generous donation of boys' pants
- **Amy Pietila** for her generous donation of snow pants and jackets
- **Amanda Klein** for her generous donation
- **Century 21** for their generous donation of clothing



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 third through fifth graders were treated to a presentation from MTU's Supermileage Club. Students enjoyed learning about the technology involved in creating the club's vehicle that gets 958 MPG!

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 boys/girls pull-on pants size 5-7