

November 2023

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



## Principal Announcements

- This is just a reminder that we offer a free breakfast and free lunch to all students. Students are able to purchase a second meal if they have money in their account or have cash with them.
- Stop by and check out the new playground! Please remember that we have a lock box on the fence with a key to the gate. The combination is the four numbers in our address– 1201. We ask that you please remember to put the key back in the box after unlocking the gate.
- 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

- 12/2 Pancake Breakfast
- 12/6 1/2 day for students
- 12/15 Christmas Concert (9:00 start)
- 12/20 No school– Christmas Break



# STEM News



Second graders are practicing their coding skills using the VEX 123 robots. In Kindergarten, they learned to code them with button pushes. In 1st grade, they coded using coding cards and a card reader. Now, they are coding more advanced commands with their Chromebooks. Coding gives kids great problem solving experience! Also our first ever Hancock Public Schools VEX IQ League Event was held in November. Congrats to Walter Johnson, Cheyenne Phillips, Addison Vizanko, James Eikenberry, and Wynter Boomanotti. Their team qualified for the state competition in March!



Gage and Macklyn program their robots



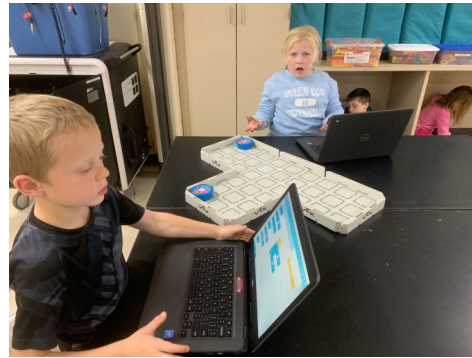
Ella focuses on her work



Nora puts her coding skills to work



Emmett takes a quick break for a photo



Arty and Gena practice their coding



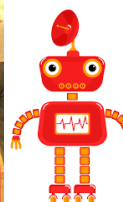
Cord and Gabe work together



Second graders work on their coding skills



The Barkell Elementary Vex Robots Competition Teams recently competed at our high school. Congrats to all participants!





# Veterans Day



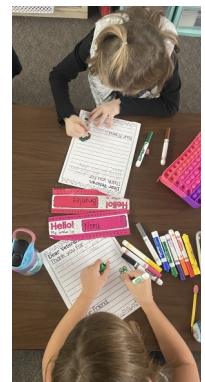
Mrs. Jackson's class and our Young Fivers show their support for Veterans

Dear Veteran,  
 Thank you for your service. Thank you for being strong and helpful. Thank you for being brave. Thank you for being some of the best people in the world. Thank you for being some of my favorite people ever. Thank you for being doing everything for us.

Your Friend,  
 Ellie Mornicello



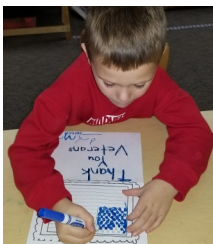
Young Fivers work on their Veterans Day cards



Second graders thank Veterans



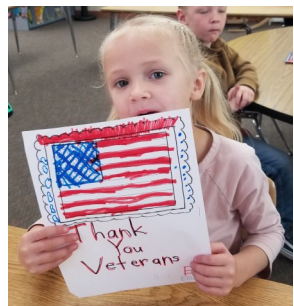
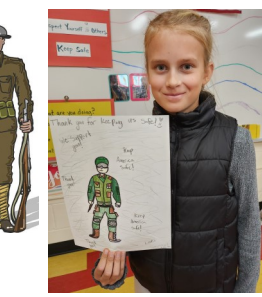
Mrs. Dupuis' students created poppies



Mason works on his card



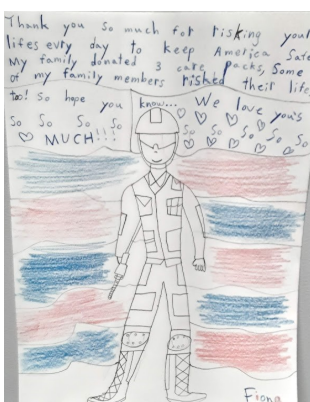
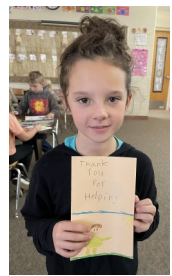
Cheyenne and Kylie show their appreciation



Savannah and Ellie show their appreciation



Bryn, Kylie, Brielle, and Scott give thanks



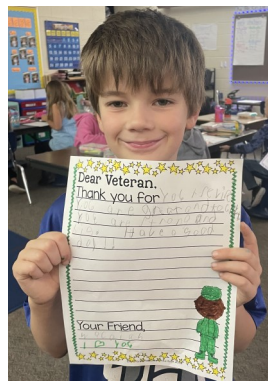
Marcus and Madeline show their patriotic artwork



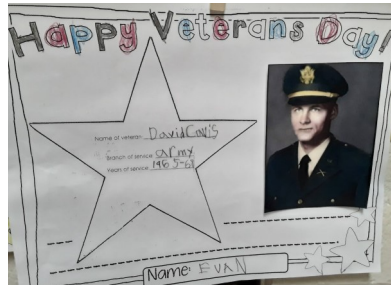
Isabelle displays her support



Third grade created a mural honoring Veterans



Macaiah is thankful



First graders honor Veteran friends and relatives





# Young Fives news



Young Fivers spend most of the year learning their letters and numbers. But that doesn't stop them from other forms of fun such as puzzles and parachutes. Y Fivers are also some of the best artists in the school!



Students enjoy the parachute



Artists at work



Oliver and Silas show their puzzle



Young Fivers display their work



Mason focuses on his work



Kai and his tower



# Kindergarten news

Kindergartners enjoyed their first Book Fair in the month of November. Students also enjoyed learning about robotics with the entry level Vex Robots called Ozobots



Kindergartners enjoy shopping at their first ever Book Fair



Kindergartners begin learning about robotics in STEM class



Morgan reads to her classmates





# Second Grade News



Second Graders went on a field trip to the school forest. They learned about how seeds can be dispersed across the forest in many different ways. Students enjoyed the outdoor hands on learning activity



Brynlee and Mariella enjoy the school forest



Second graders gather around to learn how seeds are dispersed

Evelyn and Naomi take a break



Emmett and Tanner work together



Arty and Anders learn about seeds



Gabe and Cord display their seeds



Second graders examine some seeds found on our nature trail



Scott and his partner search for and identify seeds



Macaiah and Elias collect seeds on a snowy fall day



Second graders gather seeds in our school forest





# Third Grade News



Third graders had a blast creating a Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and costume floats for the Ozobot robots. After the students created buildings and costumes they enjoyed making a color code route for the Ozobots to drive around. It was a fun way to celebrate Thanksgiving!



Students pose for a photo in front of their Ozobot cities



Jacob, Harrison, and CJ take a quick break to pose for a photo



Matthew, Nadine, and Phoenix create obstacles for their Ozobot to navigate



Clair, Serena, and Ar yana relax after coding their ozobot



# Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders completed a fun math activity where they had to plan and budget Thanksgiving meals for four families. Fourth graders have also enjoyed coding on their Chromebooks and reading.



Holden and Rylee focus on their work



Charlotte, Ciara, and Clay budget for a meal



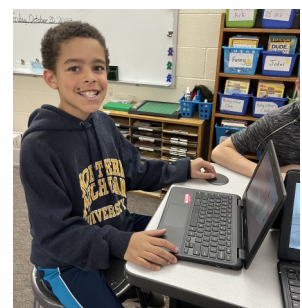
Bailey and Rachel take a quick break from planning



Margaret reads a good book



Mallory, Aila, and Elin work on their budget



Easton works on his Chromebook





# Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **Glad Tidings Church** for help with our school forest trail
- **Bree Pakkala** for her generous donation of socks
- **Rachel Korpela** for her generous donation of snow pants
- **Jamie Olson** for her generous donation of art supplies
- **Calumet Hats for Hope Initiative** for their generous donation of winter hats/ 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.



Mrs. Johnson's fifth grade class made Agamographs and wrote letters to Veterans for Veterans Day!

## Barkell Elementary needs help with:



- \*We are in need of small kids snow pants and jackets Size 5 -7/8
- \*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 size 6 boy's underwear
- \*We are in need of boys/girls pull-on pants size 5-7