

September 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
- I would thank everyone for helping us get off to a great start this year. Especially overcoming the bussing issues we have had to overcome. We thank you for your patience.
- 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

- 10/6 1/2 day for students (11:50 dismissal)
- 10/11 Picture Day
- 10/14 No School– Teacher Inservice
- 10/19 Early Dismissal (1:46)



Recess Fun



Justus enjoys the new zip line



Swinging on a nice fall day



Gaga Ball



Peyton and Raelynn play Cooties



Ethan and Lane take a break from playing



Jump Rope Hopscotch



Students climb on a nice fall day



Students shoot hoops on a foggy day

First graders enjoy a game of Greedy Granny



Students make the most out of a rainy day indoor recess

recess!

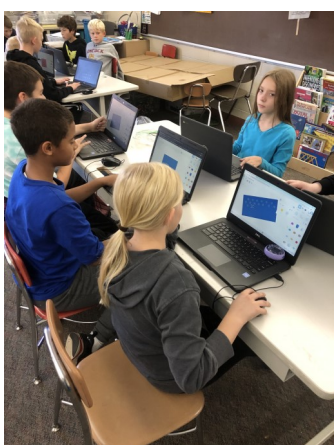




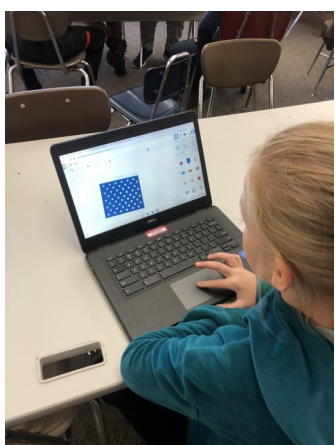
STEM Class



Kindergarten and Young 5's students practice using teamwork while building in the STEM room. They worked together to build tall towers, castles, and houses. First graders practiced being Architects in STEM class. They read the story, "If I Built a School" and then imagined the perfect school. They learned to use a floor plan in designing their school and used straw connectors to build their plans in 3D. Upper elementary students have been learning about Rube Goldberg machines and Tinkercad.



Students work on Tinkercad



Kindergartners work on their towers



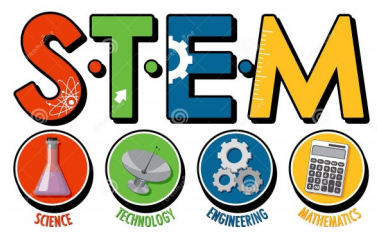
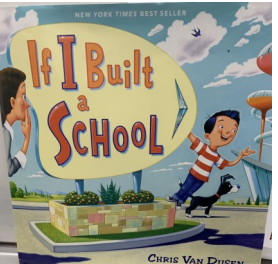
Nora and Jade work on their school



Scott and Payton work on their designs



Kindergartners pose in front of their impressive towers





Bulldog Farmers



On Friday in mid September, Mrs. Blessing's class and Mrs. Dupuis' class harvested the vegetables from our garden. The garden was planted in the spring by last year's first graders. They harvested potatoes, onions, and beets. Both classes cooked and ate them the following week. They were delicious!



Barkell students search the garden for vegetables and legumes

Havok searches for carrots

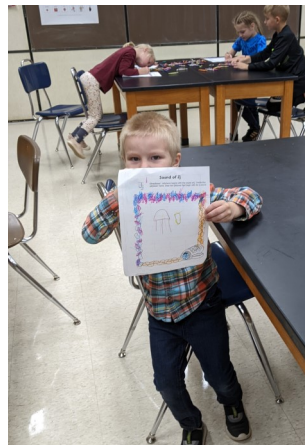


First graders gather carrots

Mrs. Dupuis' class poses with their harvest

Kindergartners wash their potatoes

Ella looks for carrots

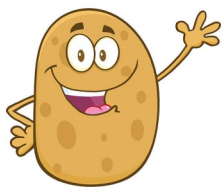


Ellie found the biggest one

Elliot shows his work

Ivy and Brynlee find potatoes

Tom does some gardening



Nora pulls out a veggie





Young Fives News



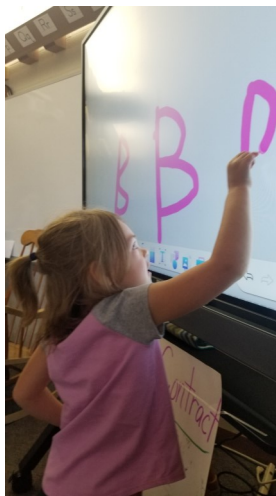
Students in Mrs. Koskela's Young Fives classroom are off to an exciting start. Students have enjoyed getting to know one another, learning the routines of school, and of course learning their letters.



Trenton works on his letters



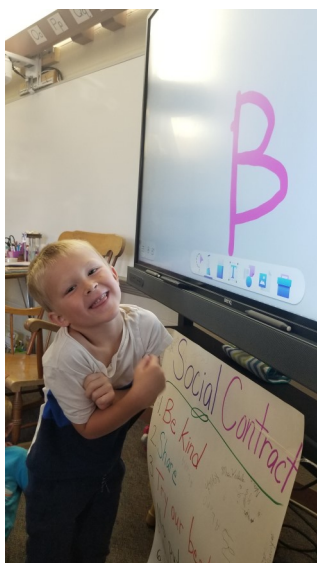
Young Fives enjoy a story while eating their snacks



Alora practices her B



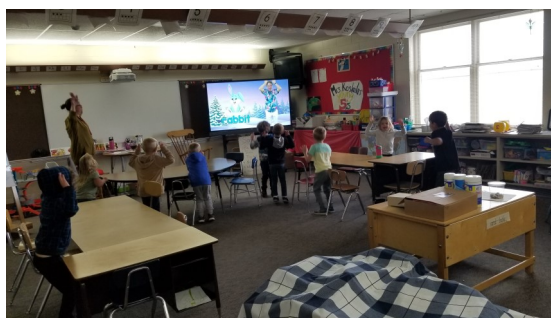
Sawyer practices his name



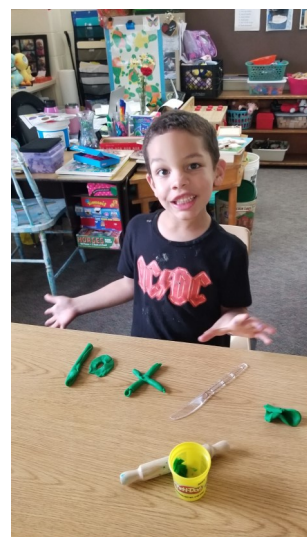
Cam shows his letter B



Navin takes a break for a photo



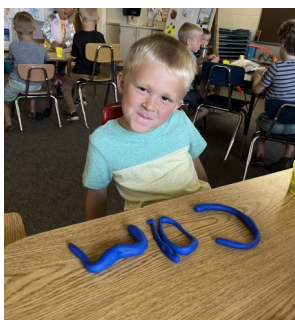
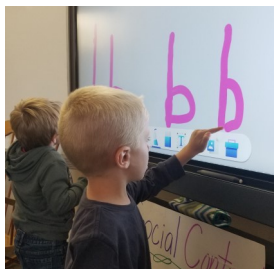
Young Fives get an exercise break in



Colton shows his work

Kade forms his letters

Young Fives



Cam shows his work



Ethan write his B on the Ben Q board



Lane and Peyton work with Play-Doh



Young Fives work on their rules



Alora spells her name





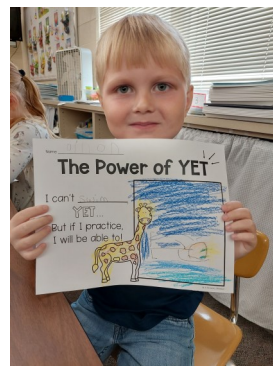
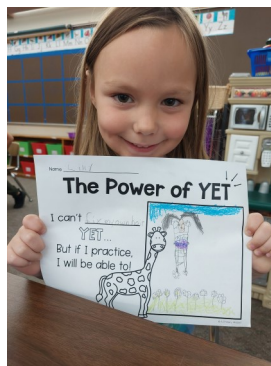
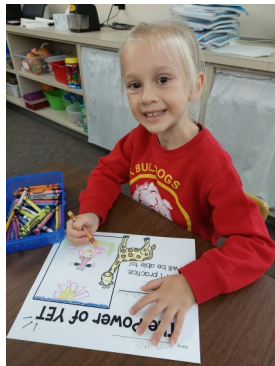
Kindergarten News



It has been a great start to the year for our kindergarten classrooms. Students in Mrs. Pihlaja's class went to the school garden to harvest some crops that last year's Kindergarteners planted. This year's Kindergarten students were able to pick carrots, red potatoes, onions, and beets from the garden bed. Then students helped with tilling the dirt and pulling out weeds to help clean up the garden bed and put it to rest for the winter. Mrs. Carlson's students have had a great time meeting and working with their fourth grade Reading Buddies. They also learned that just because they can't do something YET, it doesn't mean they won't be able to succeed. It just means they need more practice!



Mrs. Pihlaja's class searches the garden



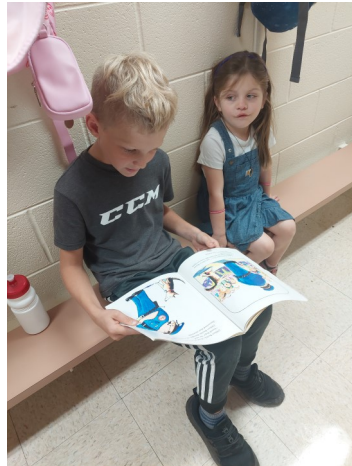
Kalia, Lilly and Dillon show their work



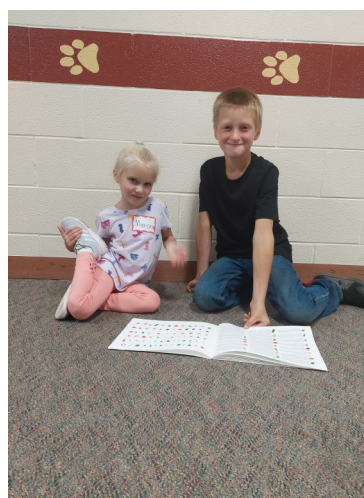
Austin holds up a potato he found.



Bryn reads a story to Kelsey



Sophie listens to story from Bentley



Mariana listens to a story from Darren



Emmett and Sunnie read about a raccoon.



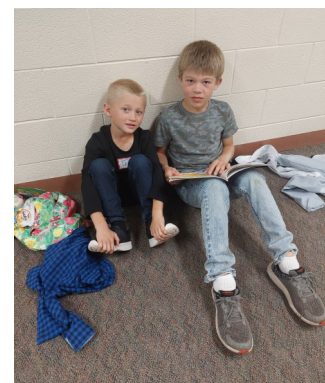
Avery reads a story to Kalia



The kindergarten's harvest



Delia reads with Lilly



Dace and Kendall share a good book



Second Grade News



It has been an exciting start to the school year in second grade. Students have enjoyed using Makerspace tools to make their names. Makerspace allows students to use their creativity to build, invent, and problem solve while using hands-on materials. We love Makerspace time! In science, 2nd graders worked in teams to create a boat out of tinfoil. They wanted their boat to hold the most marbles! They used teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills to create the strongest boat.



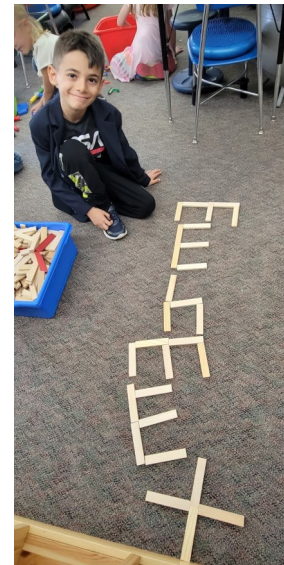
Anna and Mehmet builds their names



Second graders take a break to pose for a pic



Brita helps her partner



Hadley and Kylie display their boat



Jessa and Cami test their boat



Walter and Mehmet load their boat with marbles



Ellie kneels behind her name



Serena watches her partner place marbles



Ellie, Serena, and Claire work on their boat



Madeline and Jillian try out their boat



How many marbles will Bradley's boat hold?





Second Grade continued...



Ryder poses with his flag



James and Addison program their robot.



Second graders organize items they found on their field trip



Students enjoy an outdoor field trip on our nature trail



Claire and Aryana display what they found



Madden and Dillon show their creation

Art News



Boston displays his project



Art students take a break for a quick picture



Students created peace signs for the Parade of Nations. Avery poses for a photo of hers in front of the bridge.



Mrs. Scholie poses with Ivy and Evelyn in front of the old high school





Fifth Grade News



Mrs. Johnson's 5th grade class celebrated National Native American Day by learning about Fry Bread. They read the story Fry Bread and then made some of their own. The 5th graders are currently studying Native Americans in social studies.



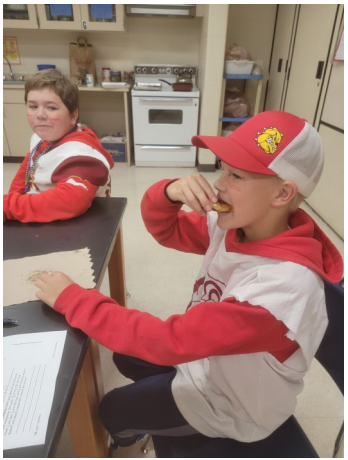
Finn and Ridge enjoy some Fry Bread



Fifth graders mix up Fry Bread



Sam and Henry enjoy a snack



Tyler works on the dough



Emerly approves of the Fry Bread



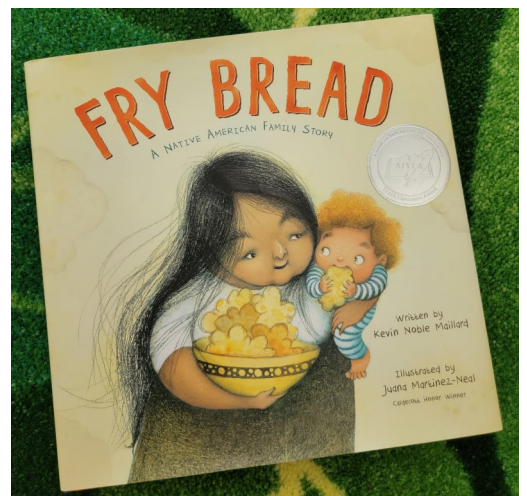
Eviona and Gracie pose for a photo



Mrs. Johnson's class sits down for a tasty snack



Payton and Ameila snack on Fry Bread





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 school
- **Jen Biekkola** for her generous donation of Bulldog shirts
- **Bethany Johnson** for her generous donation of folders
- **Vicky Vichich** for her generous donation of board games
- **McKenzie Brunet/ Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.** for her generous donation of \$100
- **Angela Luskin** for her generous donation of hot/ cold packs



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. Dupuis' class poses for a photo in front of the sunflower garden at our entrance. Thank you to Mrs. Dupuis and her students for all of the work they have done to keep this looking nice

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