

January 2020

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Please consider writing your child's name on their winter gear. We often find lost items here and would love to be able to immediately return those items.
- Lego Club is in full swing. It meets on Thursdays from 3:20-4:30. Please let me know if you need a permission slip.
- 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:

- 2/5 & 2/19 Early dismissal (1:46)
- 2/21 No School– Mid Winter Break



Bulldog Skiiers



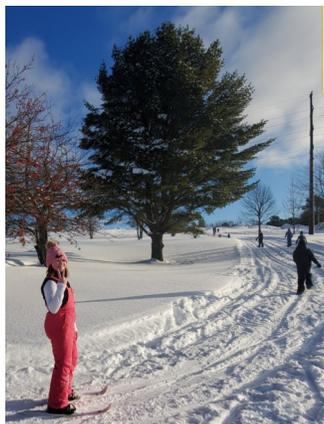
For the eleventh straight year, Barkell Elementary has partnered with the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club to provide our students with a memorable cross country skiing experience. For over a month, multiple volunteers with the KNSC come to Barkell every day to help students put on their skis and to teach them how to ski. Trails are groomed across our property which allow our students to enjoy an authentic skiing experience. Thank you to the KNSC for helping to provide our students a unique and exciting opportunity!



Students pose for as photo on a nice sunny day



It's a race to the finish!

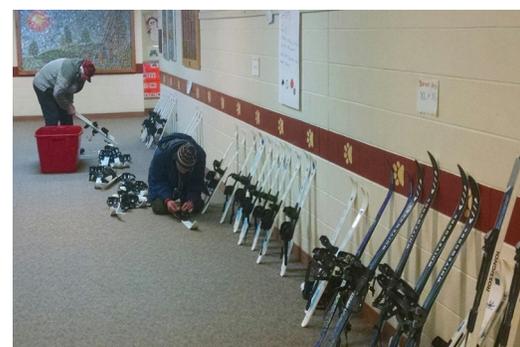


Isaac and Mac take a break in the snow

Barkell Elementary students ski around the nearly 1/4 mile course



It's a beautiful day for skiing



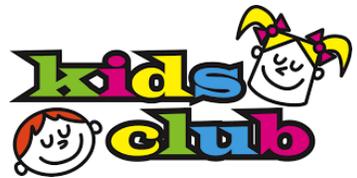
Students return to school after a fun time skiing



Volunteers from the KNSC get the skis and bindings ready for the next class



Bulldog Art Club



A new club began at Barkell Elementary during the month of December. The Bulldog Art Club is open to students of all ages and they meet every Thursday during afternoon recess. So far the students have been working on making bracelets and necklaces using beads and other items. They have also created bookmarks and other crafty items. The club looks forward to many neat projects for the remainder of the year.



Students enjoy making a variety of arts and crafts



About sixty kids have participated in the art club so far



Jacie displays the bracelet she made



Eviona and Ava wear their new bracelets



Christopher and Ian show their work





Spelling Bee



Barkell Elementary fifth graders participated in the Scripps's National Spelling Bee. Each fifth grade class held a classroom competition to determine the top three spellers in each classroom. The top three in each classroom then competed to determine the top two spellers who will then go onto the Regional Competition held later this month. Congratulations to the top 6 fifth grade spellers: Mary Jaehnig, Emily Oja, Kaelyn Rouleau, Marie Thompson, Keaton Benda, and Austin Gajewski. We would also like to congratulate Emily Oja for finishing in first place and Keaton Benda for finishing in second. Both students will move on to the next competition.



The six finalists make their last second preparations



Emily poses with her first place trophy



Students watch the six finalists

19/20 UPEA Spelling Bee Second Word List			
health	writers	vacancy	Teflon
rover	dispute	beatboxing	bayonet
heller	barrier	accordance	union
ribbon	avoid	thermoline	purpose
walked	distance	confection	squabble
vividly	fiercest	ablated	controlle
sooli	scattered	museum	straps
samples	scattering	vinyl	divan
adrift	messenger	sanitized	Columbia
	generation	shepherd	leaves
			carborane
			editor
			carbon
foolishness	trembling	campaign	guanine
siblings	brambles	brayed	Giza
argue	shingle	teak	gallium
manger	legend	canonade	galladum
proud	solar	multiplication	coban
gallop	differed	chooks	McIntosh
plumbing	colonists	Louisiana	Jodhpurs
earthquake	assembly	tarry	Hyperion
delivery	disinfectant	archives	dropsonde
usual	Hans	opportunity	Hermack
antennas	drastic	salamanders	visite
chalk	rookie	amino	diaphoresis
brought	exploits	exposure	Laisoux
minivan	profound	Tabasco	prospect
pavement	trombone	periodically	scandal
comfort	dieters	withers	giltch
tissues	audience	vortices	export
batteries	staggered	haughty	filmy
charred	organist	regard	regions
	sundering	contaminated	enough
pressure	luggage	proportionate	capsize
dairy	furrow	apprentice	boiling
reasonable	accelerates	accelerates	overcome
station	amplify	pamphlet	weirdest
nerveless	refrain	absorptive	mercy
closest	reluctant	strain	marketplace
discussion	obstacles	hellum	broadcast
microwave	department	prestigious	chickpea
remarkable	agricultural	merit	meanwhile
settle	disturbance	therapeutic	positivity
lamped	bulip	hazmat	despite
scrambling	mememe	chancey	civil
disseminat	domineer	absorptions	sobriety
blatantly	carpenter	solace	Altiplano
arrange	parcel	hymnal	professional
extremely	Shawnee	concern	institute
stale	equator	degeneratory	seniority
girlfriend	theatrical	rebarious	volatile
profile	capable	holium	accessible



It's down to Emily and Keaton



The final three





Young Fives News



Students in Mrs. Koskela's Young Fives classroom have been busy during the month of January. Students have been learning about letters and numbers and also about famous Americans like Martin Luther King Jr. Students wrote books about MLK and also listened to guest readers from Finlandia.



Students work on a book about MLK Jr.



Young 5s students listen to a story about MLK Jr.



READING BUDDIES

Kindergarten News



Students from Mrs. Smith's 4th grade and from Mrs. Carlson's Kindergarten classes buddy read together. We've been reading together since the beginning of the year to share the love of reading with one another.



Gage reads with his Reading Buddy



Students enjoy a nice book on a cold winter day



Josie finds a book to read with her partners

Caleb enjoys a nice book with his Reading Buddy



Reading Buddies

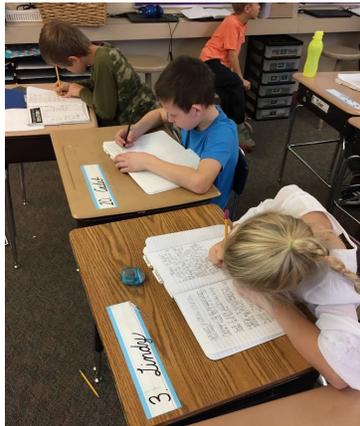


Third Grade News

Heikenpaiva



Barkell Elementary third graders were excited to once again take part in the Heikenpaiva Essay Contest. All third grade students wrote essays and a committee selected the top essay from each classroom. Both winners earned the right to be special guests at the Heikenpaiva parade and earn a ride in the largest sled around. Congrats to our two winners: Alia Tanner and Tally Storm.



Tally and Alia pose with their trophy



Heikenpaiva Essay

by:Tally Storm

Come and join us at the Heikenpaiva! It is a Finnish American celebration. But it is FREE to come. This is an annual event. WHERE?! It is in Hancock, Michigan. The date is January 25, 2020. Middle of winter celebration. There is the polar bear plunge, a big kiksled, wife carrying contest, and a tori market, bakery, and arts and crafts!!! This is an EXCITING EVENT!

The Heikenpaiva parade is fun too! There is lots of people dressed up. Some of the costumes were St. Urbo and the grasshopper, and the swan of Tuonela and lots more. The Tech band was in it too. Some of the Finlandia students were walking in it. People were passing out candy. There is a giant sled and their is the Finnish chair on a float. A huge crowd of people covering the streets. People who were holding Finland flags. Police officers are at the beginning of the parade. You can walk in it to if you have a costume!

BRRRR! Come and jump in the portage canal! It is below zero below. Be careful don't get hypothermia! You can wear a costume and jump in. You can win cash for the best jump! They put a hole in the ice. You can also jump in with a swimsuit! Lots of people jump in like the Tech band, adults, and other people. Scuba divers helping people make sure they don't go under the ice. Some people have bucket lists and some people might have it on theirs. There is lots of people cheering!

Other events in the Heikenpaiva are the kiksled and the wipsled. There the wife carrying contest couples do it. One of the couples were people from Finland. You pick up your wife then you run and you shake out the rug then you run to the sauna you use a piece of pine and rub it one the other person to pretend you are steaming the rocks. Then you have to run and have tea or coffee. People cheer and laugh. Bring your wife and try! Then you go in a circle and listen to music. And the tori market is open with projects!

I'm sure you will have a GOOD TIME!!!



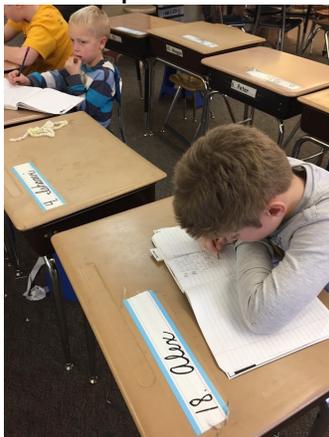
Alia enjoys a ride in the largest sled around



Alex writes about Heikenpaiva



Students get comfy while they work on their essays



By: Alia B. Tanner

Heikinpäivä

This is Heikinpaiva. It has SO many epic & amazing things to do here! Heikinpaiva is a Finnish celebration when people from all around the world come to celebrate mid-winter. You can dunk yourself in numbing cold water, stay indoors and do arts and crafts and eat sweet treats, carry your wife (or girlfriend) in a race, or listen to the amazing Michigan Tech Pep band play. So read this essay if you're really interested in going to Heikinpaiva. This essay will tell you amazing facts about Heikinpaiva.

"Cannon Ball!" There he goes in the numbing cold water! You'll need a lot of sisu for this intense event. People splash in doing front and back flips, cannon balls, pencil dives, belly and back flops, and sometimes all they do is walk in. You'll even see a banana! Boys and girls do it, but only 18+. Some people like to jump in and get out right away, but other people just like to bundle up in heavy winter clothes and watch the sisu-filled people jump in. You should try it. It's in Hancock, MI every mid-winter, and it's free, epic, exciting, and freezing too. And that's The Polar Bear Dive.

This is the Tori Marketplace! It has arts and crafts, Finnish music, and scrumptious Nisu, Pulla, sweet bread rolls, and many more sweet treats! You can make jewelry, wooden toys, and much more. And it's an inside event, so it's WAY warmer than the Polar Bear Dive. And it has many more indoor events. It's so much fun! You should go!

Can you hear the loud Michigan Tech Pep band? Well, you definitely will once you go there! You'll hear the crowd cheering and screaming, and you'll see weird costumes based on the poem "Kalevala" like the swan, the hero, and many more characters. Also, you'll see Kivajat Dancers. And a lot of yellow and black. So come to this parade.

Did you like reading this essay? If you did go to Heikinpaiva RIGHT NOW! Go! Drop your ice fishing rod, and GO! This year it's on Saturday, January 25th in Hancock, MI. So come to Heikinpaiva and go tell banana I said hi!



Fourth Grade Electricians



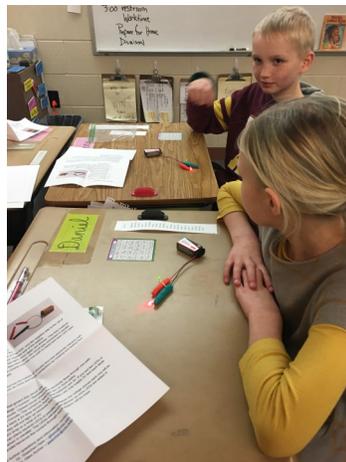
The 4th grade classrooms had the Society of Women Engineers visit our classrooms with three different learning experiences. The first class used diode or LED, wire and playdough to make a circuit. We learned that playdough could be put in the circuit and the light would still lit up. The second class made paper circuits. They used copper tape to make a path from the battery to the LED bulb and back. They could choose to make a heart or an arm. The final class made bouncy bots. This was done by hooking a motor to a circuit to make a small cup bounce with vibration. All students enjoyed this hands on learning. Students learned that circuit must be complete or the light won't light up. If the LED wires were backwards the current couldn't go all the way around and the light didn't light up.



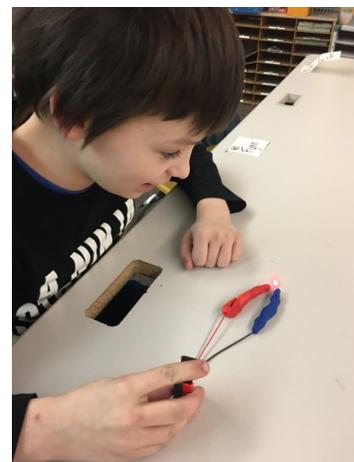
Riley and Isaac light up their bulb with a paper circuit



Dr. Hein from MTU assists Mindy with her circuit

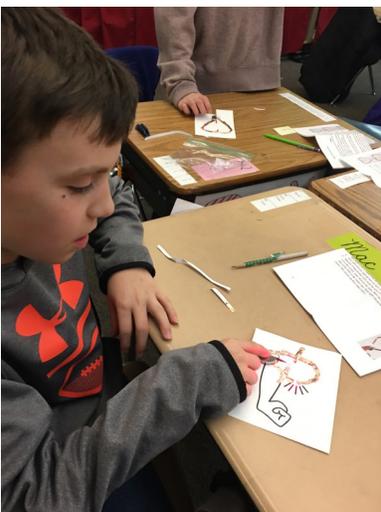


Ryan enjoys learning about electricity

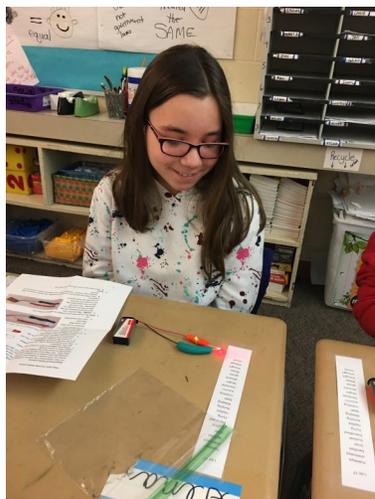


Marcus uses Play Dough to create a circuit

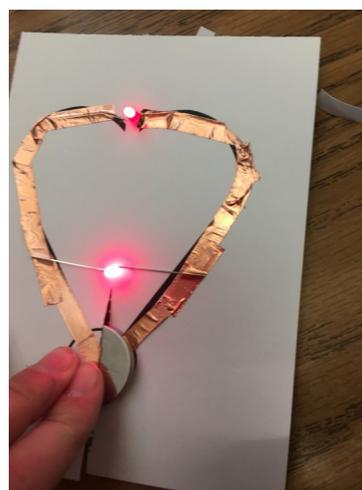
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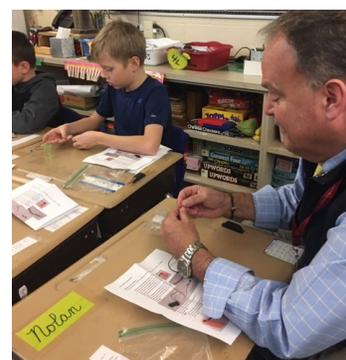
Sawyer lights up his bulb using a flat battery



Maribelle works on her circuit



Tin foil is used to conduct electricity and light up the bulb



Dr. Patchin creates a circuit



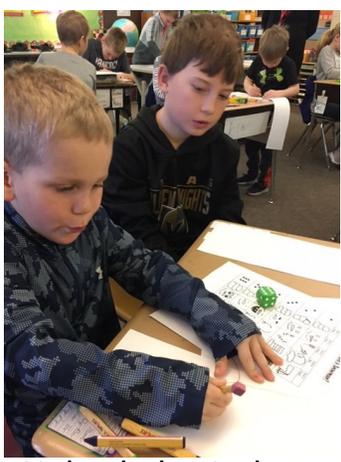
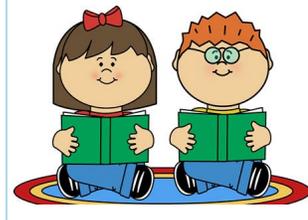
Mason and Carsen learn about electricity



Fourth Grade News



Barkell Elementary fourth graders and Young Fives students have paired up for a number of fun, educational activities this year. One such recent activity involved Fourth graders working together with the young fives class to play a snowman game. It was a fun way to learn about math.

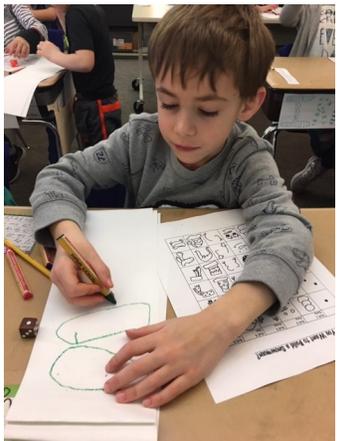


Nolan helps Jackson



Liam and Brandt & Jordan and Jillian work together as Reading Buddies

Aryana and Zoey take a break to pose for a picture



James is focused on his work



Ted, Landon, and Kyler work together for the Snowman Game

Mentoring



Anna listens to her mentor Aubrey



Genaveva and CJ have fun while working together on the Snowman Game



Iriina and Azura help out Isabelle from young Fives





Fifth Grade News



Fifth grade students were able to take a field trip to Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America! How you ask? Through Virtual Reality Goggles! The kids explored Jamestown colony, examined a ship that colonists came to North America on and learned about other explorers from Spain & Portugal.



Students are amazed with the life-like experience of Virtual Reality



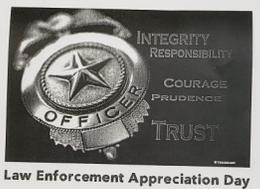
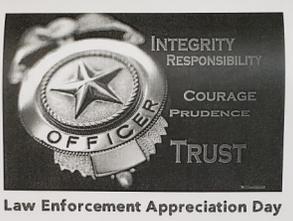
Students use Virtual Reality to experience what it was like sailing to and living in Jamestown



First Grade News



Barkell Elementary first graders recently showed their appreciation for law enforcement by writing and delivering thank you notes to our local law enforcement agencies.



Dear Hawthorn county Sheriff and Deputies Thank you for protecting us and holding us from, Cathy

Dear Michigan State Police men, Thank you for protecting us and helping us. Stay safe. From, Millie

Dear Sgt. BOSCHERS Thank you for protecting our country and keeping us safe. From, Aaron

Dear Hancock City Policemen Thank you for protecting us and helping us. Stay safe. From, Fan



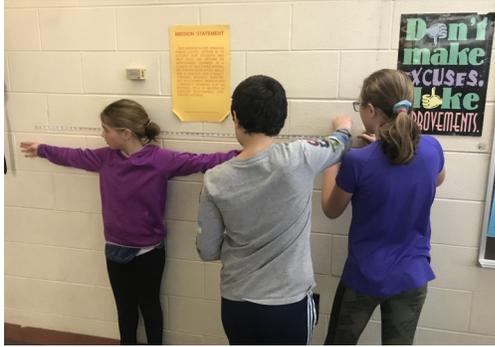
Bulldog Scientists



Students are using metric units to measure their arm span and height to determine if they are a square, tall rectangle or short rectangle. They are learning how to design a procedure to ensure accurate results



Mari helps Emily determine if she is a square or not



Jana and Lauren measure Olivia

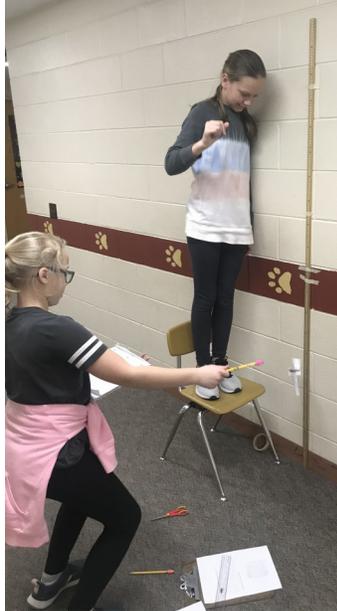


Keaton gets measured

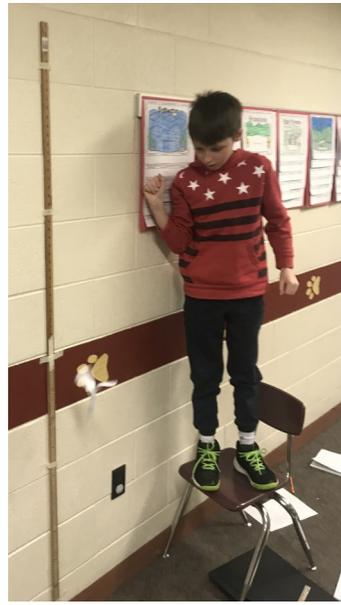
Fifth graders recently did a scientific inquiry to determine the effect that the length and shape of the blades of a whirly bird have on flight time.



Students work together to measure the time the whirly bird was airborne



Ani times Mari's whirly bird



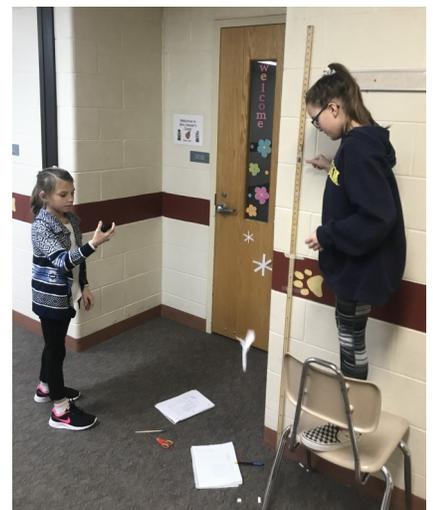
Alex drops his bird



Isabelle measures Noah's arm span



Emily and Ani time their whirly birds



Trixie and Olivia work together

HANCOCK SCHOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Discover. Imagine. Connect.

News for Barkell Students and Families

The Hancock School Public Library serves the students and residents of the Hancock Public Schools District. Elementary aged children can find new board books, picture books, digital ebooks and audiobooks, and other early reader books at the library.

The Library also hosts a recurring storytime event for preschool aged children on the first Friday of every month at 10AM. Library staff read 2-3 books with children and lead a craft project as well.

Most recently, the library launched a new early literacy program called 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. The goal of the program is to encourage parents and caregivers to read up to 1,000 books with their children before they start Kindergarten. Families can sign-up for the program at the library, and win prizes along the way!

DOZENS OF NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

In November, the Library hosted a book sale with assistance from the Friends of the Portage Lake District Library and the school's Interact Club. We are thrilled to announce that over \$700 was raised for the purchase of fiction and non-fiction picture books for children. The book sale revenue also allowed us to double the number of board books available for children. These books are now available and ready for checkout, and include a number of titles that are not available at any other library in the Upper Peninsula. Stop by the library to see the latest editions to the collection and take some home today!

LIBRARY HOURS

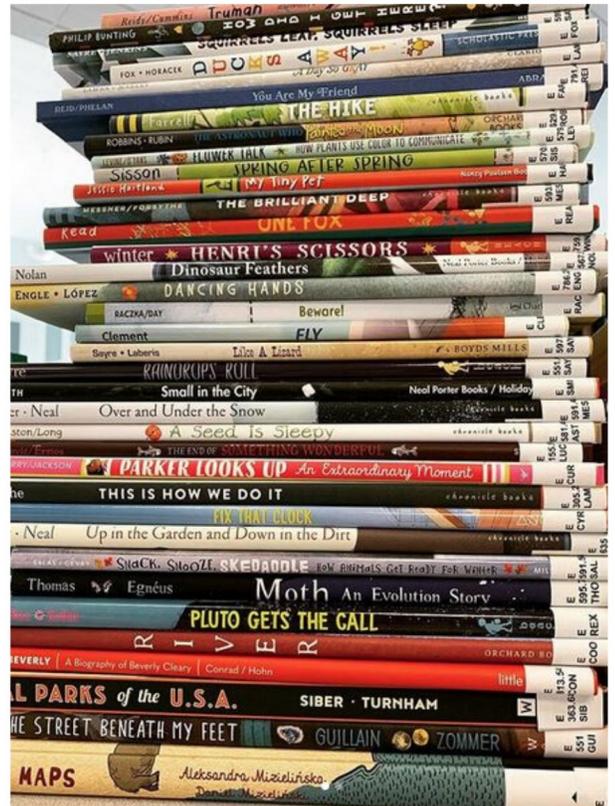
Monday, 10AM - 7PM

Tuesday, 10AM - 7PM

Wednesday, 10AM - 4PM

Thursday, 10AM - 4PM

Friday, 10AM - 4PM



Proceeds from the Library's most recent book sale were used to purchase these titles and more!

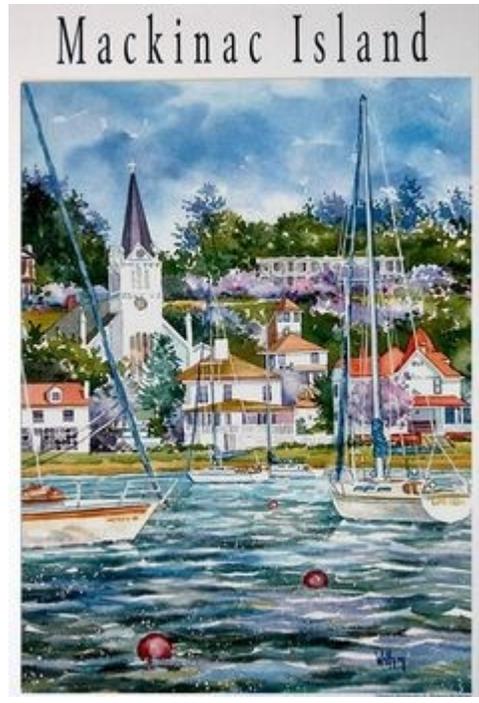


Bulldog Thank Yous



We would like to thank the following businesses and people who contributed to our Silent Auction to benefit the 5th grade Mackinaw trip:

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| 5th and Elm | Joey's | Mt. Ripley Ski Hill |
| A-1 Drywall | Kangas café | Steep and Brew |
| AAA | KC Bonkers | Swift's |
| Abe's Supply | Keweenaw Consignment | Tastefully Simple- Connie Pietila |
| Ambassador | Kirkish | The Tire Shop |
| Amy J's Pasties | Maggie's | Tool Shed/ Nature's Feet |
| Annette Keranen Massage | Magnuson Hotel | Tractor Supply |
| Bookworm | McDonald's | Tranquil Touch Massage |
| Byron's Heating and Plumbing | Melaleuca Jen Sebbas | Traverse Engineering |
| Café Rosetta | Michigan Made | Thrive |
| Carla Bekkala | MJO | TWE Contracting |
| Center Ice | MTU | Up North Apparel |
| Citrus Salon | Muffler Shop | Urban Rustics |
| Copper Community Art | Northern Heating and Plumbing | Vollwerth's |
| Copper World | Northwoods | World of Wood |
| Culver's | OHM | DB Motorsports |
| Cyberia | Papa Murphy's | Covington & Co |
| Dairy Queen | Penegor Lumber | The Den |
| Discover Chiropractic | Pepsi | Gemignani's |
| Douglas Agency | Pete Wesa- Farmer's Insurance | Diane Anderson Massage |
| Downwind Sports | Portage Dental Health | ERICO |
| Fine Line Tire | Quincy Mine Tours | Koski Properties |
| Finladia | Quincy Footwear | The Mine Shaft |
| Flower Shop | Ramada Inn | Mount Bohemia |
| Copper Country Ford | Rave Salon | Ski Hill |
| Gartner's | RC Mechanical | MTEFCU |
| Portage Lake Golf Course | Regis | Pat's Foods |
| Hancock Bike Shop | Risto's | Quincy's |
| Holiday Gas Station | Rock House | Sonora Byrd Hodges |
| Ward's Husqvarna | Roy's | Sync Nutrition |
| JJ's Wok and Grill | | Waterfront |





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- **Charlie and Amanda Klein** for their generous donation of games and markers for indoor recess
- **Brockway Photography** for the 2' x 3' school photo
- **Holly Pakkala** for her generous donation of board games for indoor recess
- **Karen Fenton** for her generous donation of winter clothes for our students
- **All families** who donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



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.

Thank you to the following Ski Volunteers. We would not be able to have a cross country ski program without their Wayne Stordahl (Project Coordinator), Mike Ausema, Susanna Ausema, Jay Green, Karen Fenton, Bob Hodges, Ken Rubin, Candi Silvola, Eileen Stordahl, Colin Pekkala (Trail Groomer)



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