

May/ June 2022

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- I would like to thank everyone for helping to contribute to an excellent school year! I hope everyone has a restful summer. See you next fall!
- 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

- 6/20 First day of the Summer Learning Program
- 7/28 Last day of Summer Learning Program



Kindergarten Graduation



A little over three hundreds guests joined us in early June to celebrate the graduation of fifty one Young Fives and kindergarten students. The ceremony took place in our gymnasium and featured our young students singing songs and reciting poems. The highlight of the event was when each student came up to receive their diploma while explaining what they wished to be when they grew up.



The Kindergarten class of 2022 sings for the audience



Brynlee explains what she wants to be when she grows up



Students receive their diplomas



Lola poses for a photo after graduating



Young Fives poses for a photo



The graduates take the stage



Mrs. Blessing's class prepares for the ceremony



Track and Field Day



Students get ready for the football kick



On your marks...



Solomon and Ty let er fly



Students brave the rain for a quick photo



Classrooms engage in a Tug Of War



Students get ready for the National Anthem



Brynlee gives it a toss



Kindergartners enjoying the rain





Young Fives News



It was an exciting end to the school year for our Young Fives. Students enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including scavenger hunts and playing on the playground. Students also had fun learning their colors, letters, and numbers.



Letty and Evan melt their crayons



Students enjoy some play time



Letty and Isaac display their rainbows



Matthew and Isaac take a quick break

Young Fives enjoy a scavenger hunt



Young Fives enjoy some time on the playground with their Reading Buddies



Elliot displays his tower



Time for some digging and a jeep ride





Kindergarten News



Our kindergarten classes were busy with fun learning to close out the school year. Students in Mrs. Carlson's class practiced their math facts in a fun way. Students in Mrs. Pihlaja's class did an Ice Melting Experiment to see what kinds of things could help make ice melt quickly over a short period of time. Mrs. Blessing's class enjoyed time with their Reading Buddies and a fun author's visit. Our students also enjoyed some exciting outdoor field trips!



Cord is all set with his prediction



Lacey draws her observations



Nora is taking her time coloring.



Geena and Brynlee search for signs of spring



Dawson and Macklyn work on their tie dye shirt for graduation



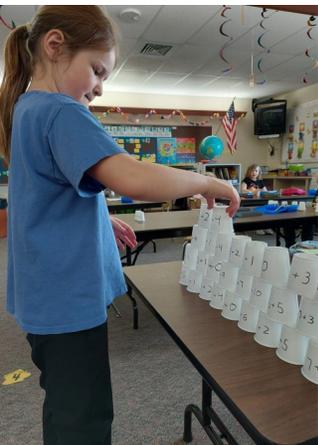
Evia and Lola play a board game



Mrs. Blessing's students enjoy time with their 4th grade Reading Buddies



Ava and Brietta work together



Jade, Arty, and Bryant practice their math facts in a fun way



Dawson and Owen blow some bubbles



First Grade News



First grade students at Barkell ended the school year with a bang! Students had the opportunity to create a sewing project for Mother's Day. They also enjoyed a visit from an author. But most importantly, first grade students hosted their mothers and some grandmas to a Mother's Day Tea. While waiting for all to arrive, students read to their moms and grandmas. They sang a song. They also enjoyed some treats. Thank you , Moms!



Hadley shares a story with mom

Barkell first graders enjoy hosting their mothers for a Mother's Day Tea



Nadine shows her project

Bradley reads to mom and his



Marcus sews a gift for mom

Cheyenne learns to sew

siblings



Kylie reads to mom



First graders enjoy listening to children's author Dan Wohleber



Jason practices the sewing skills he recently learned





Second Grade News



Second graders at Barkell Elementary enjoyed an exciting end to the school year. Students enjoyed hands on learning activities such as an eye ball dissection, a tour of our city, and a wet field trip to Paavola Wetlands.



Ciara and Penny identify the parts of a sheep eye ball



Students enjoy a little play and lunch on the waterfront



Second graders pose for a group photo



Students study their sheep eye ball



Second graders enjoy their frog field trip at Paavola Wetlands



Second graders take a break on their walking field trip



Second graders tour City Hall



Aaron checks out the mayor's office



Charlotte checks out a police car



Quinn bangs the gavel



Third Grade News



Students in 3C enjoyed exploring magnets with their Mystery Science activity. Students got to see what types of materials were magnetic and use several different magnets to explore. At the end of the lesson, students tried to make a paperclip "float" by using a magnet. This was a very fun and engaging activity.



Jackson makes his clip float



Hunter holds his magnet and clip



Dalton focuses on his work



Bradey works with Eli

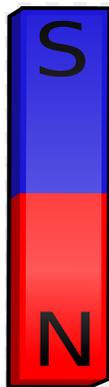


Rudy and Liam discuss their work

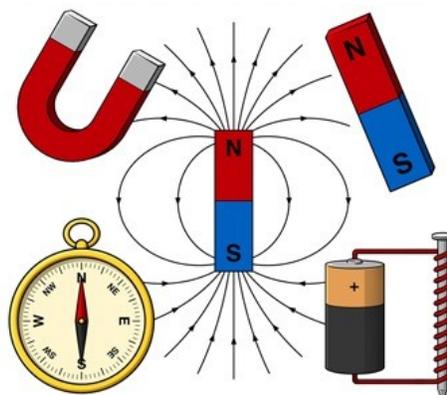


Kathy takes a quick break for a photo

Delilah and Bryn work on making their paperclip float with magnetism



Liana and Avery work together



Savannah and Jada enjoy learning about magnetism





Fourth Grade News



Fourth grade spent the last part of their school year doing a variety of fun hands on learning experiences. Students enjoyed learning about our local mining history with a tour of the Quincy Mine. Students also enjoyed nature walks to learn about ecosystems. They also enjoyed dissecting sheep eye balls.



Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Liimatta's classes pose for group photos



Henry and Solomon help identify eye ball parts



Brietta and Ava enjoy a ride on the tram



Students observe a stope



Fourth graders enjoy a walk in the woods on a spring day



Fourth graders tour the depths of the mine



Students listen to a presentation on mining in the Copper Country



Ridge and Leo relax on the tram



Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- **The Barkell PTO** for all that they do
- **The Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous grants
- **Barkell PTO and everyone** who helped to contribute to an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week!
- **Mrs. Niileskela** for her generous gift of hats and gloves
- **Shannon Smith** for her generous donation of paint for art class
- **Vicky Vichich** for her generous donation of winter boots
- **Pat's Foods** for their generous donation of ice for our picnic
- **Amy Pietila** for her generous gift of bakery for staff
- **Rhonda Stromer** for her generous gift of bakery for staff
- **Irine Svanidze** for her generous gift of chocolates for staff



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.

The Barkell Elementary Girls' Running Club and Boys' Running Club pose for a photo before their 5 K run



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