

October 2018

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Lego Club meets after school on Thursdays and runs from 3:25-4:30.
- I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience with our new dismissal plan. It has gone extremely well because of your support. Thank you for your help in making our school an even safer and better place to learn.
- 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:

- 11-8 PT Conferences (1:00-6:30)
- 11-22 and 11-23 No School– Thanksgiving
- 11-14 and 11-28 Early Dismissal 1:46 pm



Fire Safety Week



The week of October 8th was Fire Safety Week at Barkell Elementary. Our 1st-3rd grade students learned about what to do in case of a fire and how to be proactive in helping to prevent fires and how to be safe in the event of a fire. Kindergarten students received a special presentation in their classrooms about fire safety and the 4th and 5th grade experienced the smoke house here at school. They also had the opportunity to see the fire engines. Thank you to the Hancock Fire Department and the Quincy Franklin Departments for putting on a great program for our students.



A fireman demonstrates for the 1st-3rd graders.



Kindergartners learn about fire safety.



Students wave to Mr. Pertile up on the 70 ft ladder.



Students practice "Stop, Drop, and Roll"



Students listen carefully as they learn how to be safer in the event of fire.



Fireman Dueweke teaches kindergartners about fire prevention.



Alicia exits the Smoke House.





Indoor Recess



Ayden, Perrin, and Alex enjoy a game of Mouse Trap.

Barkell Elementary students have a few options for indoor recess. Some students go to the gym. Some students choose to go to the library and watch science videos or simply read and visit with friends. Some students choose to go to the Game Room. This room is full of board games that the kids love to play. The last but not least option kids have is the Arts and Crafts Room.



Mabel and Tally play Twister.



Students enjoy a variety of games in the gym on a rainy day.



Students display their building skills using a variety of materials.



Victor takes on Kirk in a game of Battleship.





Happy Halloween



A not so scary witch enjoys her first Halloween at Barkell.



Yoda gives words of wisdom to Jula.



Second graders pose for a photo.



Mrs. Nordmark's class poses for a photo at Music.



The 2018 Barkell Halloween parade begins.



The Terminator and a little old lady are seen roaming the hallways.



Barkell students enjoy parading on a nice fall day.





Young Fives News



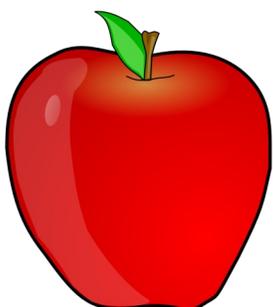
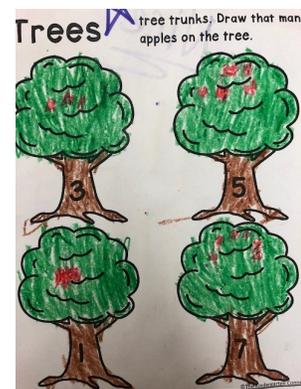
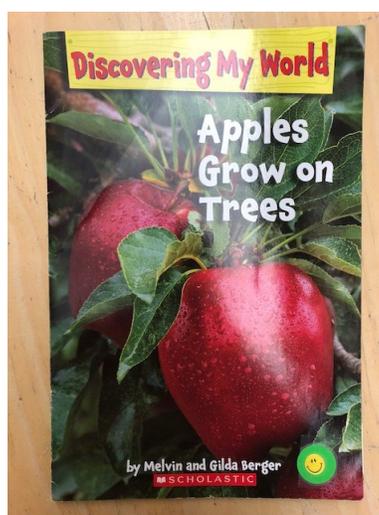
The Young Fives had fun with pumpkins this month. We enjoyed painting our pumpkin patch and using the pumpkin theme all month in math and language arts. We also went on a walk outside on our school trail to look for signs of Fall.



Barkell Elementary Young Fives students pose for a photo out by our nature trail.



The Young Fives had a great time learning about apples in September. We enjoyed art projects, apple math, books about apples, writing projects, and we ended the fun with making our own applesauce. It's such a fun way to welcome fall!



Young Fives students enjoy their home-made apple sauce.





Third Grade News



Students in Mrs. DeHerder's third grade class have begun working on coding. Using the curriculum on Code.org, students have begun exploring the basics of programming and problem solving. Along with these skills, we have discussed the feelings of frustration that come with trying something new and how we can persist to reach our goals.



Barkell Elementary third graders persevere through a difficult computer coding lesson.



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code
I learned that it is okay to make mistakes and never give up, keep trying. I felt frustrated. We were doing this puzzle game and you need to get the correct code so you can go to a next puzzle.

Lucy
Today, I learned about coding. In coding they try to teach you that you get frustrated sometimes. They also try to teach you to never give up. They are trying to get you to see that when you get frustrated don't give up because if you give up nothing will get better but if you don't give up maybe you can get it sometime. We were playing a game where a bird tries to get a pig it may sound easy but you at least have to get frustrated one time.



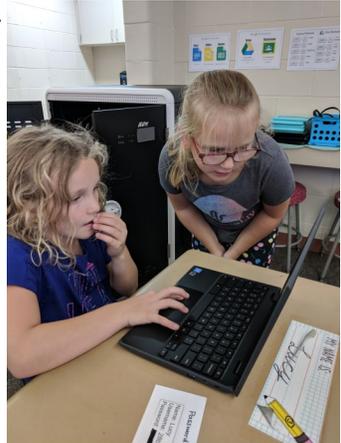
Anders works on coding.

Dace
When I was coding I got frustrated because I didn't get all the levels right the first try. I was gonna give up but I tried one more time. I got the levels. I find that you shouldn't give up or you will not get better and better. And next time I bring you can see I get frustrated.
what is the anger



Iriina
Today while coding I only got to lesson 8. I had to start some lessons over. I got frustrated because I was getting some wrong. It was hard because it was not my point of view. I was getting confused and I could not get it the right direction. It kept going the wrong way. At first I thought it was easy but it was getting harder. It was fun but hard.

Lucy and Tatum work together to solve a difficult task.



Iriina practices what she has learned about computer programming.



Fourth Grade News

The fourth grade attended the Great Lakes Water Festival at Michigan Tech's Great Lakes Resource Center on October 17. Each class attended four workshops dealing with Great Lakes research and STEM career fields. The students learned about edible plants from Karena Schmidt, ecologist with the KBIC Natural Resources Department. The children met with Coast Guardsmen from Station Portage. The Coast Guardsmen talked about the mission of the service, careers with the Coast Guard, and their service to the local community. The students also toured the C.G. ship which was tied up at the pier. The Dollar Bay-Tamarack City High School Robotics team (SOAR) led the students in activities about buoyancy and displacement and taught our students to operate the aquatic robot which was in the Portage waterway. Finally, the class also met with Joe Panci, Conservation Education Coordinator with Ottawa National Forest. He led the class in a game to review water-related vocabulary and talked about trees and their role in soil conservation. We are thankful to Michigan Tech for the invitation to this exceptional program!



Alex learns about ROVs.

Our trip to The water Festival

We are going to tell you about the 4th grade trip to the Great Lakes Research Center. First, we did a nature lesson. We learned that we live in the land of dark fruits, and if you get dropped off in the woods for a year, Spring is the best time to get food to eat. Then, we went on a Coast Guard boat and the men that work there told us about the boat and how it works. Next, we went to a robotics station, and we learned how to control a robot that goes in the water. Then, we had a project to do. We had to put water into a Gatorade bottle that had pennies in it. We had to fill the bottle with water so it wouldn't sink or float in the water bucket. Finally, we learned about the water cycle and played a game similar to Pictionary. It was a fun day!

By: Lauren Larson, and Diem Kilpela



Barkell Elementary 4th graders enjoy a tour of a Coast Guard boat.



Mrs. Koskela's class samples wild rice, cranberries, fresh tea leaves, and other items found in Keweenaw.



Students try some wild rice.



Fourth graders test the buoyancy of ROVs with bottles filled with water and pennies before test driving real ROVs.





Fourth Grade News cont...



The Keweenaw National Historic Park visited our fourth graders during the month of October. Students learned a great deal about the rich history of our area, as well as about all of the things that the national park brings to our community.



Students learn from a park ranger all of the great things the national park brings to our community.



Students study brochures to learn more about the Keweenaw National Historic Park.



Mrs. Koskela's students learn about trees.



Forrest displays the wigwam he created.



Barkell fourth graders learn the Dance.



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Keweenaw National Historical Park By: Forrest Logan

Introduction

On October 19 a park ranger from Keweenaw National Historical Park, for short (KNHP), she came to teach us what a National park is. A National park is a place where people and families go to learn about the history of Indians, wars, and ^{where} rituals take place. This national park stretches from Calumet to Escanaba.

The Dance

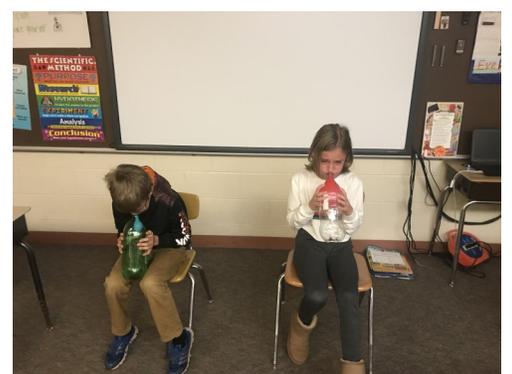
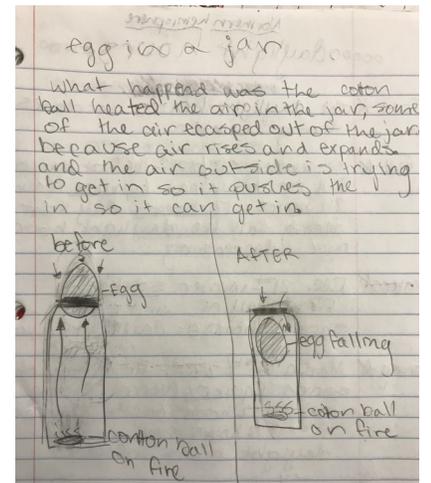
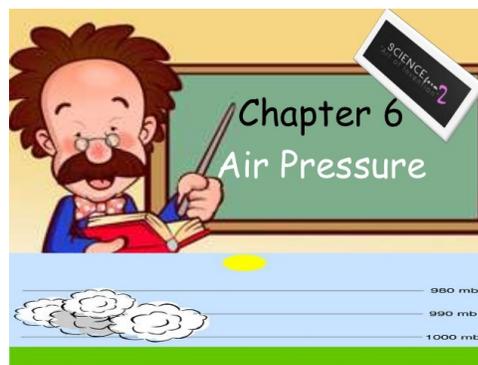
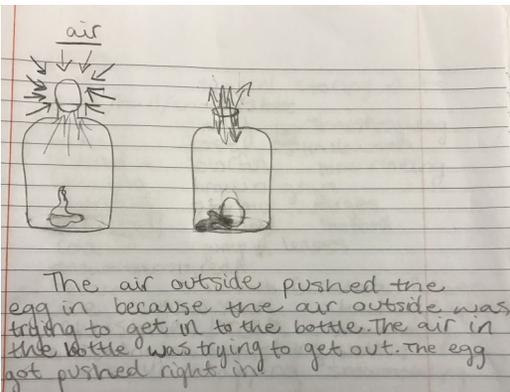
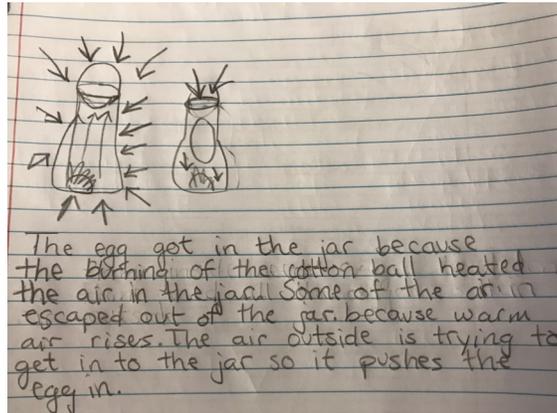
There was a dance called The National Park Dance. The dance came from the logo of the national parks. Mountains stand for all the things you can see. The water stands for fishing and swimming. The bears stand for wildlife and protection. Trees stand for nature and history. You put those together and you have the dance.



Fifth Grade News



Barkell Elementary fifth graders are learning about air pressure through a fun hands on experiment.





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- **Heather Bradway, Beth Shannon, and Elanor Kyllonen** for their generous donations.
- **Everyone** for supporting our fundraiser
- **ADK– International Sorority for Women Educators** for their donation of snacks
- **Suzanna Ausema, Lori Lewis, and Charlie and Amanda Klein** for their donations to the Lego Club
- **Luke Theisen** for his help with Diabetes Education.
- **Hancock Fire Department and Quincy– Franklin Fire Department** for Fire Safety Week



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.

Corrections from September:

Katie Hammerstrom was inadvertently missed from the thank you list for helping in our garden.

Spelling: Mrs. Kero's name was spelled wrong.



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 educational DVDs or VHS tapes for our indoor recesses.
- *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

