

September 2017

# Barkell Elementary

## Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools

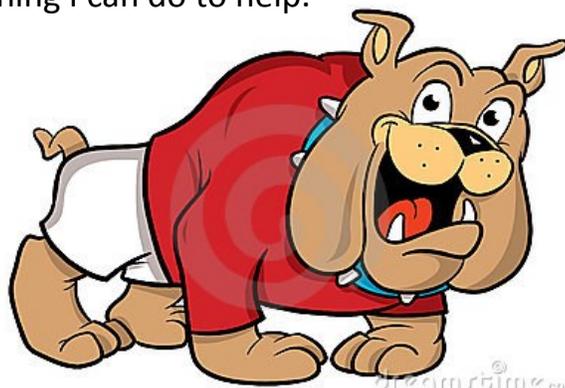


## Principal Announcements

- I would like to thank all of our students, parents, and staff for helping us get the school year off to such a great start.
- Our school fundraiser starts on September 29th. Please be watching for a packet that will come home to be filled out and returned. Your participation is greatly appreciated.
- 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. The PTO meets at 3:30 on the third Tuesday of the month.
- Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaara– Barkell Elementary Principal



### Upcoming Events:

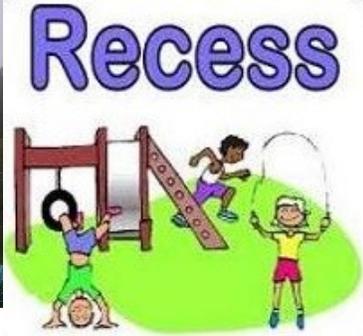
- **October 10th** Fire Safety Day
- **October 13th** Half Day for Students (dismissal at 11:50)
- **October 24th-26th** Vision and Hearing Screening



# Recess Time



Ted relaxes while enjoying the view.



Jax finds Luciano open in the end zone for a TD



Students enjoy swinging on a foggy fall morning.



The Monkey bars are always popular on the early el playground.





# The Ned Show



Jana poses with a six foot pencil.

The NED Show visited Barkell Elementary this school year. The N stand for "Never give up". The E stand for "Encourage others" and the D stand for "Do your best". Students were treated to a positive message as well as some dazzling yo-yo tricks. Our students really enjoyed the show!



Jasper heads back to his seat with his new hat.



Anastaysia explains to the presenter what it means to do her best.

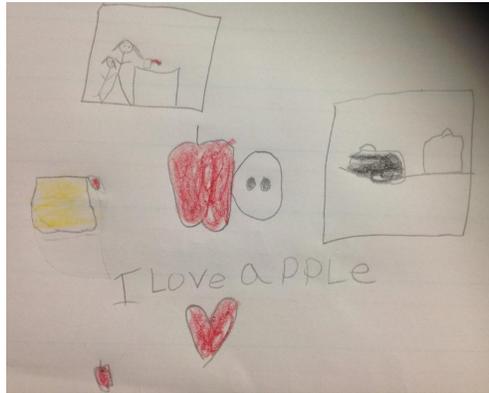
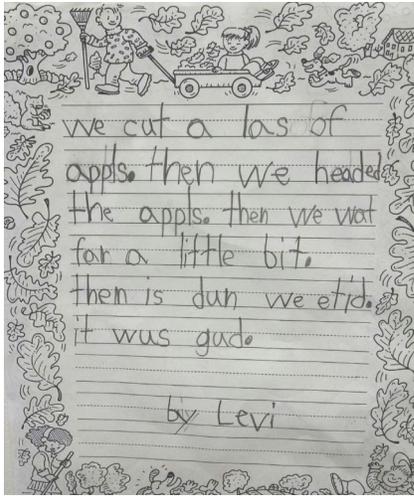




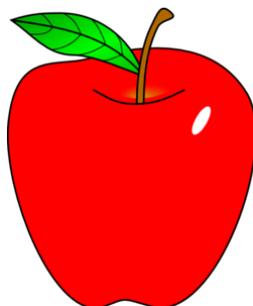
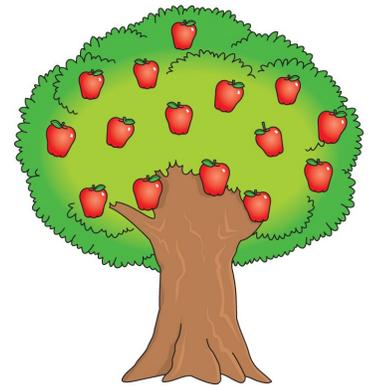
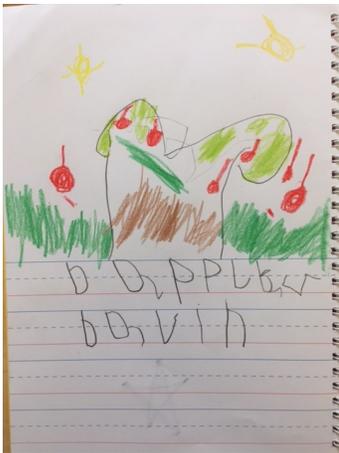
# Kindergarten/ Y5 News



Barkell kindergarten and Young Five students spent a nice fall afternoon making apple sauce. After learning about apples, students participated in every step of the process from peeling the apples to finally heating up the sauce. Students then finished off the day by enjoying a bowl cup of fresh apple sauce.



Emma drew a picture about the making of applesauce. First we used the peeler, then put the apples and cinnamon into the crock pots. We wrote about making the applesauce. In the afternoon we enjoyed our applesauce.



Viviana using the Apple Peeler Corer to make apple slices for the applesauce

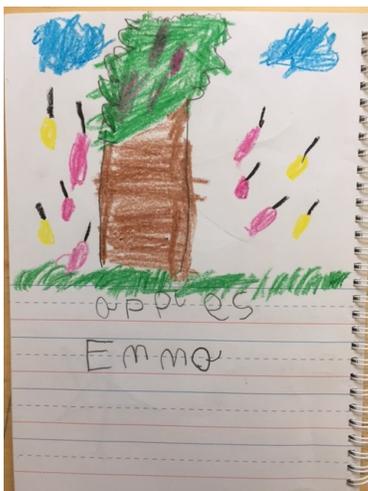
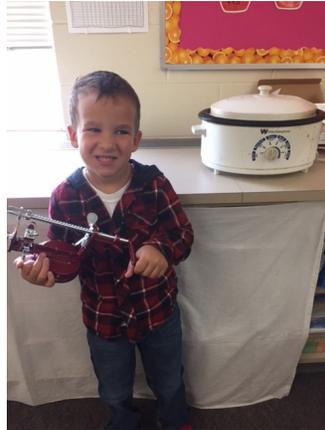
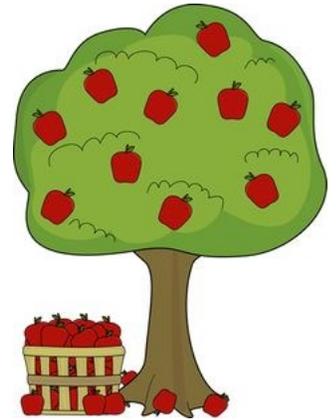
Mrs. Blessing's and Mrs. Nordmark's classes learning about making applesauce



# Kindergarten/ Y5 News cont...



Mrs. Cavis' Young Fives and Mrs. Blessing's kindergarten class enjoyed a walk to the apple trees to go along with their September apple theme. They also enjoyed making apple sauce in the classroom and doing writing projects about apples.



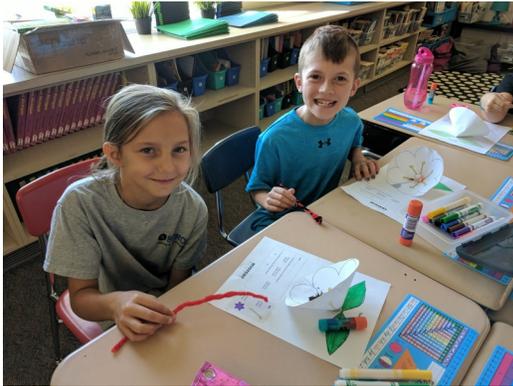
Young 5 students Emma, Ian, and Liana wrote about their experiences.



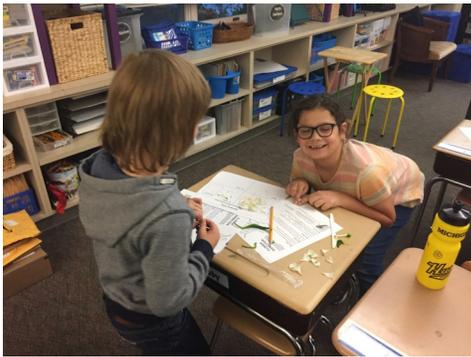
# Third Grade News



Mrs. DeHerder's third grade class started science this year by learning about the power of flowers. During the first week of school, they solved the mystery of why plants grow flowers. By making flower models and "bees" out of pipe cleaners, they discovered that plants need flowers to attract pollinators in order to make seeds.



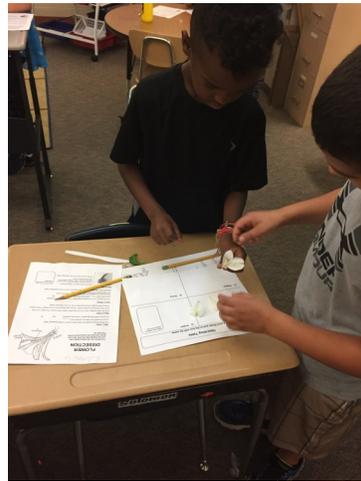
Mrs. Knuuttila's class also dissected flowers.



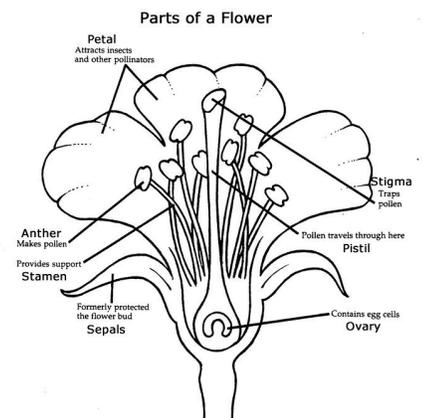
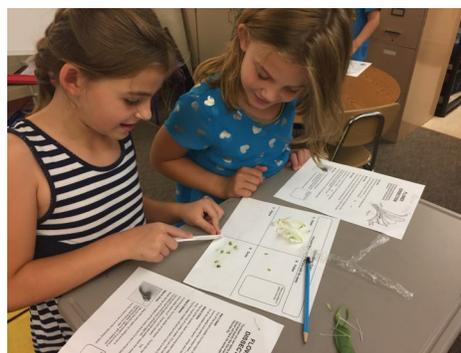
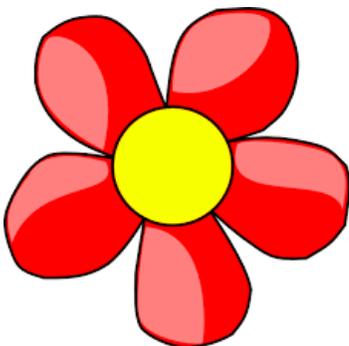
Emily 13  
Today we did a dissection of a flower and it was fun and it was on an Alstroemeria and cool. We went in groups. Me and Isabel went together.



Necce 1  
Today we did a flower dissection. The kind of flower we dissected was an Alstroemeria. It was fun my partner and I took apart the flower together. We took off the petals and the ovary. The ovary is something that the flower holds the seed in.



Isabel 17  
Today we did a flower dissection. We dissected a Alstroemeria. We got put into groups and dissected with our group. It was fun.





# Third Grade News cont...



Barkell third graders recently enjoyed a field trip to the Keweenaw National Historic Park, as well as the Eagle Harbor light house. Students had the opportunity to tour the light house. They also had the opportunity to learn a great deal about our local history through the National Park Service.



Students explore a large ship anchor at the Keweenaw National Historic Park.



Students learn about our local history from a national park worker who happens to be a Hancock alum.



Barkell third graders pose for a photo in front of Eagle Harbor.



Trixie, Mari, and Chloe enjoy testing out an old phone.



Students in Mrs. DeHerder's class enjoy a nice view of Lake Superior.





# Fifth Grade News



On Friday the 5th grade went to Fort Wilkins in Copper Harbor. They went and explored the fort with a guide from the DNR while the other half of the grade went on a hike. He told them facts and tales about the fort and the workers. They learned about the buildings and the way the workers lived. When the fifth graders were ending lunch it started raining really hard. The wind was blowing and the lightning was coming. So they all got in the bus to see if the rain would stop but it didn't. So they left to go to the school. On the way back they stopped to go to Calumet Water Works to get leaves for their leaf projects. They got about 7 leaves. Then they took a bus ride back to school. And at school they had a normal rest of the day.



Due to strong thunderstorms at Copper Harbor, the fifth grade improvised and made a stop at Calumet Water-works to continue with tree identification.



Reese works with her partners to identify leaves.



Lynn displays the leaves she has found and identified.



Brian examines leaves from the Mountain Ash tree



Students learn about Fort Wilkins.



# Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- \* **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- \* **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- \* **St. Vincent De Paul** for their generous donation of backpacks
- \* **Kathleen Beattie** for her generous donation of arts and crafts supplies
- \* **Beth Shannon** for all she has done to help our school through Americorps
- \* **Eleanor Kyllonen** for her generous donation to Mr. Pertile's and Mrs. Davidson's classrooms
- \* **Ruth Gill** for her generous donation



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.

A huge thank you to Beth Shannon for all of her help on our leveled reader library!



## 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 yarn and crochet hooks for our Crocheting Club

