



Oak Trace Weekly Update

January 10, 2025

Hello from Mrs. Hitch

Hello Oak Trace Families!

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see our students back in school this week. We are looking forward to a fantastic second half of the school year! Please note the dates in the future where students will not be in school: January 20th, February 17th, February 24th, and March 17th.

Valentine's Day is coming soon. **Students are NOT permitted to give candy to other students in Valentines.** We have many allergies at school and take the safety of our students very seriously. Thank you for your support in this.

Our choir will sing The National Anthem at the Pacers game on February 8th. If you would like to cheer us on (and the Pacers, of course!), you can purchase tickets at this website. A portion of the ticket sales will come back to Oak Trace. www.pacers.com/nets

We have many amazing staff members in Westfield Washington Schools. Would you like to nominate someone for a Rock Strong Award? Please click on this [link](#) to nominate a staff member - teacher, counselor, bus driver, BAC worker, teaching assistant, cafeteria worker, custodial, etc. to recognize their hard work! We are lucky to have so many great staff members at Oak Trace!

We go outside for recess in the winter if the temperature feels like 15 degrees or above. Please make sure your children are wearing hats, gloves, and warm coats to school. They are also permitted to go in the snow if they bring snow pants and boots. I highly recommend labeling the items. Our lost and found is overflowing!

Have a great weekend!



What's Happening

- January 16th - PTO Meeting in the MPR
- January 17th - OTES Mini Dance Marathon
- January 20th - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 7th - BINGO Night
- February 8th - 4th grade choir sings National Anthem at the Westfield High School basketball game 1:30 PM
- February 17th - No School - Presidents Day
- February 24th - No School - Teacher work day
- March 17th - No School - Teacher work day
- March 20th - 3rd & 4th grade choir sings National Anthem at the Pacers game.

ROCK STRONG AWARD



Do you know a WWS employee who strives to make a difference to the Westfield community and our students? Nominate him/her for a Rock Strong Award recognizing their hard work and dedication.



OAK TRACE MINI MARATHON

JANUARY 17TH, 2024



Hosted by Mrs. Higgins and WHS DM

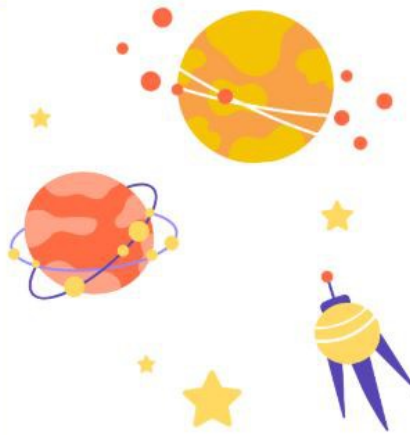
2:30-4:00pm (\$10 entry fee)

Pick up at the back of the gym

*Registration closes January 14th,
at 8a.m*

WHAT IS DANCE MARATHON?

Dance Marathon is an organization aimed to raise money for Riley Childrens hospital to provide patient care and further research for kids!



SIGN UP QR CODE



Kids only event
Space themed- come dressed up!

Snacks will be provided
Bring Water bottles





Oak Trace PTO Meeting

**Thursday, January 16
6:30 PM-7:30 PM in the MPR**

12 **5**

OTES BINGO NIGHT

2 **14**

3 **1**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
AT 6:30 PM
IN THE OTES MPR

Join us for a free night of Bingo!
Popcorn and juice will be provided.
Sign up coming soon!

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Winter Festival



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Winter Festival is Saturday, March 8th. Here is information about the event and how to donate items for the baskets.

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EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

2025-26 OPEN ENROLLMENT TOTS & ALL ABOARD

We go beyond childcare – we foster a nurturing environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and joyful learning

OPEN HOUSE January 7 at 5:30 PM or 6:00 PM
at Virginia F Wood Early Learning Center,
19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite A, Westfield

OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2025–26 begins
1/8/25 at 6 AM through 2/5/25

Call Us **317-896-4800 option 3**

Visit Our Website
<https://elc.wws.k12.in.us/>



OUR SCHOOL NIGHT
THU., MAR. 20, 7PM
VS. BROOKLYN NETS



UP TO
\$15
PER TICKET
 WILL BE DONATED
 TO OUR SCHOOL!

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY.
 SEE COMPLETE RULES HERE:
WWW.NBA.COM/PACERS/SCHOOL-NIGHT/RULES



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Pacers ticket information

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Head Lice is a common community problem and infestations peak from September to February.

It is the parent's prime responsibility of assisting in the prevention and management of head lice

by regularly checking your child's head for lice. If they are showing signs of head lice such as

tickling on the scalp, itching, irritability, difficulty sleeping and sores on the head (from

scratching, please contact the child's physician. While head lice are a nuisance, it is not a health

issue and does not spread disease. For information on how to identify head lice, when to seek treatment and general information about head lice, please see the Oak Trace website under

parents and nurse's clinic. If you suspect your child has head lice contact your health care provider for treatment options and let the school nurse know if you are treating a case

concerning your child. All information is confidential between the school nurse, parent and child.



**Message
 from the
 School
 Nurse**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Melissa Hurst RN

317-867-6405

Order your yearbook today at **ybpay.com**

Encarga hoy tu anuario



Scan to order today!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargar hoy!

Order Deadline:

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:
March 21, 2025

Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del anuario:
14625625

School Name:

Nombre de escuela:
Oak Trace Elementary School

Yearbook Anuario \$15.00

- Sturdy softcover with protective coating
- All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable Smyth-sewn binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear.

- *Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector.*
- *Todas las páginas a color, que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos durante el año escolar.*
- *Encuadernación cosida con sistema Smyth duradera, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el uso y desgaste.*

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00
Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura

Packages Paquetes

BEST VALUE! ¡Mejor valor!

PACKAGE A \$24.50

PAQUETE A

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- The Week Junior
- Autograph Insert
- Yearbook Stickys

- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- The Week Junior
- Volante de autógrafo
- Adhesivos del anuario

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00
Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura

PACKAGE B \$23.00

PAQUETE B

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- The Week Junior
- Autograph Insert

- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- The Week Junior
- Volante de autógrafo

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00
Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura

PACKAGE C \$21.50

PAQUETE C

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- The Week Junior

- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- The Week Junior

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00
Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura

PACKAGE D \$17.00

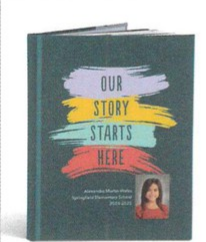
PAQUETE D

- Yearbook
- The Week Junior

- Anuario
- The Week Junior

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00
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Extras Adicionales



Personalized Yearbook Cover* \$6.00

Your student's picture & name printed on the cover.

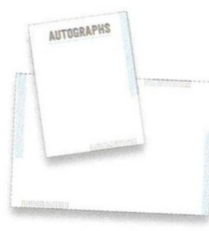
*Cubierta personalizada**
La foto y el nombre de tu estudiante impresos directamente en la tapa.



The Week Junior** \$3.00

An insert displaying this year's most memorable news, sports, entertainment and more!

*The Week Junior***
¡Un volante que exhibe los deportes, el entretenimiento, las noticias más memorables de este año y mucho más!



Autograph Insert** \$2.00

A paper insert for students to collect signatures from friends and teachers.

*Volante de autógrafo***
Un volante en papel para que los estudiantes reúnan firmas de amigos y docentes.



Yearbook Stickys \$2.00

Fun, removable stickers to personalize your yearbook pages.

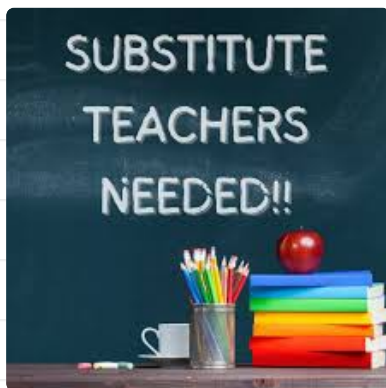
Adhesivos del anuario
Adhesivos divertidos y removibles para personalizar las páginas de tu anuario.

*Yearbook design varies by school.
**Inserts must be affixed in the yearbook after arrival.
Prices include sales tax where applicable.
**El diseño del anuario varía según la escuela*
***Los volantes deben ser anexados al anuario después de su llegada.*
Los precios incluyen impuesto a las ventas cuando corresponde.

Contact our Help Center for assistance at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.
Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda para recibir asistencia en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selección Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.

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We love having parents as guest teachers. If you are interested in subbing, please open the link below or contact Molly Baker at bakerm@wvs.k12.in.us.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1711561553/wvs.k12.in.us/oh4tuuhoerirpxg16x1c/SubFlyer20231.pdf>

Electronics Policy

Due to a change in Indiana law, please note the electronics policy in the student handbook.

Students are prohibited from using a “wireless communication device” (as defined by Indiana law) during “instructional time” (as defined by Indiana law). Teachers may allow students to use a wireless communication device for educational purposes during instructional time. However, teachers must obtain authorization from the administration before permitting this. Students are permitted to use a wireless communication device: (1) in the event of an emergency; (2) to manage a student's health care; (3) if included in a student’s IEP; (4) if included in the student’s plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and (5) if otherwise required by law. If you or your child decides to send such devices, understand that the school is not liable for any loss or damage to the device. All devices should be clearly labeled with the owner's name. No cell phones or smart watches of any form are to be used during the school day including drop off and pick up. If these devices are brought to school, cell phones should be kept in their backpack or bag in their cubby. Smartwatches may be worn but not used to text or communicate during the school day. If a student has continuous reminders to follow this rule, they will be asked to give them to the teacher and at the end of the day it will be returned. If there are continued violations the device may be confiscated and kept in the office and the parent will be required to pick it up. We ask that parents do not text their children during the day; you can contact the office for any questions or concerns. Pictures and videos are not to be taken without prior approval from a teacher or staff member. Students are not to post to social media while on school property, including inside and outside the school building, athletic fields, and school buses.



Make a Teacher's Birthday Special!



[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA
4AD28A0FFC16-50492718-teacher](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4AD28A0FFC16-50492718-teacher)

Sign up to bring a teacher's birthday lunch!



Teacher birthdays

Please consider signing up to bring a teacher a birthday lunch! Don't forget about our specialist teachers! We're celebrating the following teachers who have birthdays in January: Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. Frierhood, and Mrs. Higgins. Thank you!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10C0E4BA4AD28A0FFC16-50492718-teacher>



How many teams are in the Big Ten?

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Attendance Line

Attendance line phone # is 317-867-6400.

For all absences and late arrivals, press 1 to leave a message.

Please call by 8:30 A.M.



**Attendance
Matters**

...every school day counts!

but... if you are not able to make it please
call our automated attendance line

For all transportation changes, please call 317-867-6400 and press 1 to leave a message by 1:30 P.M.

If calling after 1:30 P.M., please call the office directly at #317-867-6400



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introduced to all of the VEX pieces, and 1st graders learned about the different pieces and had time to free build. Kindergarteners observed and explored with water beads (Orbeez). I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, and, as always, please contact me through Talking Points or email me at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us if you have any questions or concerns.

keep going" at reading new books! Also, we will read another Young Hoosier Nomination book called 100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli by David Larochelle and Lian Cho. This book is a fantasy about a dragon who has a lot of friends! Reading and laughing will make our week a lot of fun!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Walker

learning their songs for their performance. Please put Tuesday, April 1st on your calendars for the 4th grade musical performance. It will start at 6:30 pm in the MPR. 3rd grade is doing a unit on sound in their classrooms, so we spent some time learning about sound, vibrations, and sound waves in music class too. They enjoyed feeling the vibrations of some instruments they played as well as on their vocal chords! They also continued to work on learnings songs for their upcoming performance. Please put Thursday, March 13th on your calendar for the 3rd grade music performance. It will start at 6:30 pm in the MPR.

Kindergarten, first and second grade had "SNOW" much fun singing songs, learning poems, and reading books about snow! We also reviewed how to sing with solfege and played some instruments with our song "Snowman Joe."



Oak Trace families welcome back! I hope you enjoyed time with family and friends and a chance to relax and enjoy your time off. This week fourth grade, third grade and second grade all learned two new ways to make an artist trading

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin the second half of the school year I wanted to remind you of all of a few things.

1. PE SHOES!!! Please, please, please have your child wear

card. We had a great time, learning how to do a style from an illustrator and also a graffiti letter of our name. First graders and Kindergarten this week worked on finishing up some winter projects. It's been a busy four days!

appropriate footwear when coming to school on PE days. I know with the winter weather that can be tricky. Having a pair of tennis shoes in your child's backpack is a great idea so you never have to worry if they have the right shoes.

2. In order to help with this I am going to send out a TalkingPoints message each Monday with which classes will be coming to PE that week. I know that teacher's include that in their newsletters but I want to try and send another reminder.

We will begin our Striking Unit next week. We will be using different paddles and balls to play different games. This is always a fun unit that the kids really enjoy.

Have a great weekend.



Molly Baker

Molly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters