

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

January 12, 2024

Hello From Mrs. Hitch

Happy Friday! I hope you've had a great week!

Congratulations to Savvy Feest who was our Student of the Month for January. Savvy goes out of her way to include others and models Treat People Right and Do the Right Thing. We are proud of you, Savvy!

It looks like we will have very cold weather next week! If you haven't already opted in to receive text messages regarding delays and closures, you can text the letter "Y" to 67587. In the event of a two hour delay on a Wednesday, school will start two hours later than the NORMAL Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday start time. Two hour delay start time is 9:40 (first bell) and 9:50 (tardy bell). If we have an elearning day, your child's teacher will post work by 10 AM.

Please note that students will not attend school on Monday due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

We are looking for extra help in the lunchroom. If you can help, please sign up here.

<https://signup.com/go/TQYrRfS>. Thank you!

Just a reminder that the first bell rings at 7:40 AM to enter the building, and the tardy bell and school start time is 7:50 AM. On Wednesdays, the first bell rings at 8:10 AM, and the tardy bell rings at 8:20AM.

You will not be allowed to join our Valentine parties if you are not Safe Visitor approved. We hate turning people away! Please click the link below and make sure you and your spouse are Safe

Visitor approved. To sign up for Safe Visitor, please for Safe Visitor, please visit <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/Page/1474>. If you aren't sure if your Safe Visitor has expired, you can email Lori Egler at eglerl@wws.k12.in.us. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jane Hitch

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What's Happening

- January 15th - No School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 31st - All Pro Dads
- February 16th - 19th - No School, Presidents' Day
- February 29th - March 1st - No School, Staff PD



Spring Enrichment



After School Spring Enrichment registration will open on Tuesday, January 16! Enrichment classes will start February 9th and will run for 6 weeks up until Spring Break! We have some fun classes planned! Classes will be offered on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays this session. Many favorites are back and we have some new classes as well! Look for more information in an email with the link to sign up in Membership Toolkit Tuesday!

Winter Festival

Newsletter Links for 2024 Raffle Baskets

The Oak Trace Winter Festival is February 24th. That means it's Raffle Basket Time! One of the highlights of our annual Winter Festival is the Raffle Baskets. The PTO creates themed baskets with donated items from Oak Trace families. Festival attendees have an opportunity to win these baskets for \$1 per raffle ticket.



We couldn't make these baskets without your donations. Please consider purchasing an item from the Amazon wish list links (it will be sent directly to a PTO member's home) or picking up something while you're out and sending it in to school. We've organized the baskets by grade level. Please contact oaktracepto@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten:

[Learn to Bake](#)

[Let's Build Something](#)

First Grade:

[Barbie + Dolls](#)

[Marvel Superheroes](#)

Second Grade:

[Weird Science/It's Magic](#)

[Planes, Trains and Automobiles](#)

Third Grade:

[Nerf + More](#)

[The Arts](#)

[All About the Girls](#)

Fourth Grade:

[Sleepover Fun](#)

[Games](#)

[Let's Go Outside](#)



Lego Basket



Art Basket



Disney Basket

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.



Reminder from the nurse's clinic

The nurse is missing a lot of clothes that were sent home with children. If your child borrowed clothes from the clinic, please wash and return the clothes ASAP. Thank you!



Just a
friendly
reminder...

WESTFIELD ROCKS BASKETBALL

Play for a Cure

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

Girls/Boys Double Header

HSE Royals vs. Westfield Rocks

6:00 Varsity Girls

8:00 Varsity Boys

Westfield High School

12th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness

Pink Game @ "The Rock"

Westfield High School

Survivors will receive...



Free Admission to the game, t-shirt (while supplies last),
Hospitality Room (starting at 5:30), and will be honored
between the varsity games.

We will be accepting donations for the

IWIN Foundation.



Theme for the game is a PINK OUT!

Tentative Schedule:

5:30-6:15 - Survivor Check-in

6:00 - Varsity Girls Game

7:30/7:45 - Recognition of Survivors
(Please arrive by 6:30)

8:00 - Varsity Boys Game

Stephanie Sumpter Cell: 765-425-2374

Email: sumpterst@wws.k12.in.us

CAMP TECUMSEH PARENT MEETING

INTERESTED IN BEING A CHAPERONE?

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

WHO: ANY 4TH GRADE PARENT
INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING
OUR TRIP IN MAY.

WHERE: OTES MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

WHEN: JANUARY 23, 2024
5:00 PM

THEN: HEAD TO CULVER'S FOR THE OAK
TRACE DINE-IN TO DONATE NIGHT!



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S
HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MORE INFO!

TOTS and All Aboard

Open enrollment for **2024-25 TOTS and All Aboard** will begin **Monday, January 8 at 6:00 AM through Monday, February 5 at 11:59 PM**. If your child is currently enrolled in 2023-24 TOTS or All Aboard, and you plan for your child to return for 2024-25 year, you will still need to submit your enrollment some time between these dates. New families will also submit their enrollment during the same period. Enrollment is limited and will fill first by returning families, then remaining spots are filled by lottery.

We have posted a virtual parent information meeting for the 2024-25 programs on both the TOTS and All Aboard websites along with 2024-25 program details and pricing. The virtual parent meeting will provide important information and will provide specific instructions about the enrollment and placement process. To view the virtual meeting, click one of the links below to go to the webpage to view the meeting:

TOTS: <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/departments/student-support-programs/tots>

All Aboard: <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/departments/student-support-programs/all-aboard-program>

Order your yearbook today at ybpay.com

Encarga hoy tu anuario



Order Deadline:

Fecha Límite Para el Pedido:
March 15, 2024

Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del Anuario:
14625624

School Name:

Nombre de escuela:
Oak Trace Elementary School

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

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 costada con sistema Smyth duradero, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el uso y desgaste.

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00

Packages Paquetes

BEST VALUE! | Mejor valor! PACKAGE A \$24.50

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

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

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Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00

PACKAGE C \$21.50

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- Cubierta personalizada
- The Week Junior

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00

PACKAGE D \$17.00

- Yearbook
- The Week Junior

- Anuario
- The Week Junior

Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00

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 impreso 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 to the yearbook after arrival.

Prices include sales tax where applicable.

*El diseño del anuario varía según la escuela.
**Los volantes deben ser anejados 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.

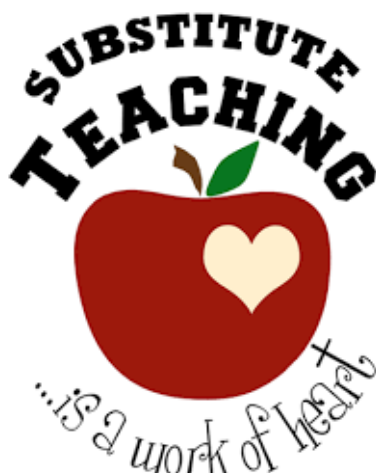
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Thinking Thursday

We have no school on Monday due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why do we celebrate him?

He is known for his teachings of nonviolent resistance to achieve equal rights for all people.



Substitute teaching

We LOVE having parent substitute teachers!! If you are interested in subbing at OTES, please contact Molly Baker at bakerm@wws.k12.in.us or call 317-867-6403. You can request to be a substitute for OTES only.

Attendance Line

Attendance line phone # is 317-867-6401.

For all absences and late arrivals, press 1 to leave a message. Please call by 8:30 A.M.

For all transportation changes, please call 317-867-6401 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 #317-867-6411



Safe Visitor Registration

If you want to participate in classroom activities or chaperone field trips, you must be registered in SafeVisitor. To register or renew your registration in Safe Visitor, please use the link below.

<https://secure.safevisitorsolutions.com/Safe/Volunteer/003471/volunteer>

Lunch duty helpers

If you'd like to help with lunch duty this year, please open the link below. You can also find this sign-up on our website.

<https://signup.com/go/TQYrRfS>



Lunch times

Kindergarten 10:45-11:15

1st 11:20-11:50

2nd 12:40-1:10

3rd 11:45-12:15

4th 12:10-12:40

Membership Toolkit

Hi! Oak Trace Families! We are so excited for another amazing year at Oak Trace. Please sign up for Membership Toolkit. Membership Toolkit is the system that we run all of the PTO events through for the year. Walkathons, Sevier Westfield, and Enrichments are run through Toolkit. When

you sign up your family can be added to the directory which is super helpful for planning birthday parties or playdates! Returning families do need to sign back up every year and update their info.

<https://oaktrace.membershiptoolkit.com>

Thanks

Oak Trace PTO

Questions? OakTracepto@gmail.com

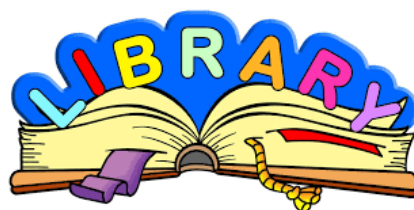
Rent the Rock!

Starting Friday, August 5, at 9 am. You will be able to Rent the Rock through Membership toolkit. The Rock is able to be rented Sunday-Thursday for \$20. You are able to begin painting **at 4:00 pm on the day of your rental**. Your beautiful artwork stays up for 24 hours or until the next person has it rented. All rentable days are divided up by trimester and posted on membership toolkit. We do block out some days for special events. If you have questions feel free to email Jodi Hardt at hardtj@wws.k12.in.



What's happening in Stem

We had a wonderful week in STEM! My Super STEMers board needs some more pictures. Does your student like doing STEM related things at home? If so, please send me a picture of them with their project so I can hang it outside of my room. Options include, but are not limited to, Lego builds, Magnatiles creations, science experiments, and outdoor explorations. Please send any pictures to me at school digitally or with your student to STEM. Have a great long weekend, and please contact me with any questions



What's happening in the Library

We wrapped up talking about New Year's resolutions and goals - writing our next list of great titles we want to read this year! I can't wait to see what all they read in 2024! The our lifeline that we are learning about for Oak Trace is perseverance. The students and I discussed how we may need to use perseverance "to keep going" at reading new books! Also, we read another Young Hoosier Nomination book called See the Cat by David LaRochelle. This book is a fantasy about a dog who is really funny! Reading and



Nurse's clinic

To safeguard the transportation of medication to and from school, all medication prescriptions and over the counter must be dropped off by a parent or guardian in the health clinic. Students are not permitted to carry any medication without a physician's order in writing on file with the school nurse. Please contact your school nurse for assistance if needed.

Please return any clothes your child has had to borrow from the nurse's clinic. I am running low on my supply of clothes.

or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us.

laughing have made our week a lot of fun!

Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



What's happening in music

Happy New Year!

This time of year brings busyness to the music room!

Kindergarten is working on high and low sounds with instruments and our voices. We are beginning a snowman song.

1st grade was introduced to Mr. Rogers. This is the program they will be working

What's happening in art
Oak Trace families, we have been working hard to finish many projects. In Kindergarten, we are working on weaving, first grade is finishing a texture project, second grade is working on projects about pop artists, third grade is sewing and fourth grade is weaving and doing a cardboard collage. I can't wait to finish so you can see some beautiful work coming home.

What's happening in PE
2nd-4th Grades

We played 2 really fun soccer/kicking games this week. The first game was Soccer Tag. The object of the game was to tag people with the soccer ball while dribbling it around the gym. The taggers had to kick the ball so it hit other players in the feet. When a player got tagged they grabbed a ball and became a tagger themselves. The second game we played is All Ball

on. We will start learning music next week.

2nd Grade is learning about quarter notes and eighth notes and putting some rhythms to a rhyme about desperately wanting snow!

3rd Grade watched a little of Economan from several years ago. Those students interested in a large speaking part will have auditions soon. We are also still working on our recorders. We will learn one more song. February 1 we start learning the songs for Economan, the program they will do in April.

4th Grade students began learning the songs for their performance of "Delirium: a Trip through Indiana History" this week. All 4th grade students will have some part in this program. They are to fill out a sheet for me with their top 3 choices. Those forms came home this week.

Have a Harmonious Weekend,

Mrs. Paul

Kickball. This game was a ton of fun. Ask your child about how we played the game and if their team won or lost.

K-1st Grades

Kindergarten and 1st graders played 2 great games this week as well. They played Soccer Tag like the older kids and had a great time. They also played a game called Pin Down. Players were scattered around the gym with a hula hoop and a bowling pin. They had to protect their pin from being knocked down while also kicking balls at their opponents to knock down their pins. It is nonstop action the entire time! They loved it.



Molly Baker

Molly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters