

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

January 5, 2024

A Note from Mrs. Hitch

Hello Oak Trace Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful break with your family! We are excited to start back and have a fantastic rest of the school year!

We are so excited about our new library furniture! It is all thanks to you, our amazing families, for your donations to our PTO. Proceeds from Savor Westfield allowed us to purchase new tables, chairs, and comfy seating in the library. The students are so excited about it. See below for pictures. Thank you for your generous support of our school!

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

Please note that students will not attend school January 15th, February 16th - 19th, February 29th, March 1st, March 29th - April 8th, and May 27th. Note that April 8th is the Monday after spring break. We are off due to the total eclipse that 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 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!

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 is 8:10 AM and the tardy bell is 8:20 AM.

PLEASE take the time to click the link below and make sure you and your spouse (and relatives if they will be visiting) are Safe Visitor approved. To sign up 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 great weekend!

Jane Hitch

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@MrsHitchOTES



What's Happening

- January 11th - PTO Meeting 6:30
 - January 15th - No School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - February 16th - 19th - No School, Presidents' Day
 - February 29th - March 1st - No School, Staff PD
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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!



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!

<p>Yearbook Anuario \$15.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00 Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p>Packages Paquetes</p> <p>BEST VALUE! Mejor valor</p> <p>PACKAGE A \$24.50 PAQUETE A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook Personalized Yearbook Cover The Week Junior Autograph Insert Yearbook Stickys <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cubierta personalizada The Week Junior Volante de autógrafo Adhesivos del anuario <p>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00 Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>				<p>PACKAGE B \$23.00 PAQUETE B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook Personalized Yearbook Cover The Week Junior Autograph Insert <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cubierta personalizada The Week Junior Volante de autógrafo <p>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00 Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p>PACKAGE C \$21.50 PAQUETE C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook Personalized Yearbook Cover The Week Junior <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cubierta personalizada The Week Junior <p>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00 Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p>PACKAGE D \$17.00 PAQUETE D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook The Week Junior <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Week Junior <p>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00 Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>
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Extras Adicionales

<p>Personalized Yearbook Cover* \$6.00</p> <p>Your student's picture & name printed on the cover.</p> <p>Cubierta personalizada*</p> <p>La foto y el nombre de tu estudiante impreso directamente en la tapa.</p>	<p>The Week Junior** \$3.00</p> <p>An insert displaying this year's most memorable news, sports, entertainment and more!</p> <p>The Week Junior**</p> <p>¡Un volante que exhibe los momentos, el entretenimiento, las noticias más memorables de este año y mucho más!</p>	<p>Autograph Insert** \$2.00</p> <p>A paper insert for students to collect signatures from friends and teachers.</p> <p>Volante de autógrafo**</p> <p>Un volante en papel para que los estudiantes reúnan firmas de amigos y docentes.</p>	<p>Yearbook Stickys \$2.00</p> <p>Fun, removable stickers to personalize your yearbook pages.</p> <p>Adhesivos del anuario</p> <p>Adhesivos divertidos y removibles para personalizar las páginas de tu anuario.</p>
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*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

What insect is vital in the process of pollination?

Answer: bees



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>

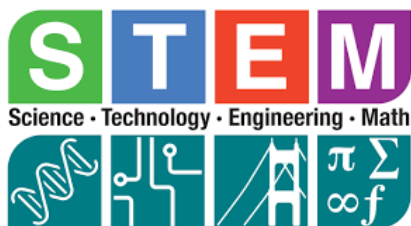
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Oak Trace PTO

Questions? OakTracepto@gmail.com

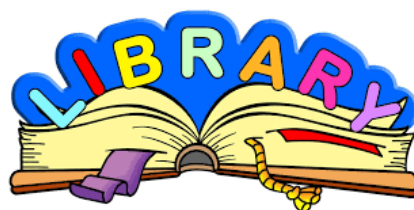
Rent the Rock!

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! We began a new rotation that will take us through January 17th. During this rotation 4th graders are learning about binary and creating binary bracelets. 3rd graders are wrapping up their study of magnets with a breakout game and working on their [Code.org](https://code.org) class. Second grade students are doing a brainstorming activity called S.C.A.M.P.E.R. and starting a novel engineering project with the book *Clever Jack Takes the Cake*. 1st graders and Kindergarteners are exploring with light to learn its properties



What's happening in the Library

Welcome Back! We started the 2024 year with New Year's Resolutions/Goals for our year! This week and next week we will be making a New Year Book List goal! The students will be able to take a scavenger hunt of the library and find new books that they want to read this coming year! Many this week wrote down new books that we purchased from the Book Fair! I can't wait to hear about all of the new books that the students will read this coming year!



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.

as well as how to communicate with light. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, and, as always, please contact me with any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wvs.k12.in.us.

Our library looks amazing as well! Thank you to the PTO for purchasing new furniture! Please check out the pictures below.

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.

What's happening in art
Oak Trace families, have a wonderful vacation with your family and friends. Thank you all so much for the generosity that you have shown to me through your cards, gifts, and pictures. I appreciate it so much. Oak Trace truly has the best families!! Happy Holidays to all of you!

What's happening in PE
2nd-4th Grades
We kicked off the new year with our soccer/kicking unit. We worked on some soccer footwork skills by dribbling around the gym with different parts of our feet and trying some different moves. Then we played Kickball Dodgeball!

We are beginning a snowman song.

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

Kickers had to run the bases without being tagged/hit with the ball in order to score runs. It was a great time and the kids had a lot of fun. Next week we will play another kickball game and continue working on our soccer skills.

K-1st Grades

The younger group also worked on soccer skills. We began with working on passing and receiving the soccer ball. The focus was on kicking with the inside of our feet and trapping the ball by stepping on it. Then they played Pinball Soccer. The object of the game was to knock the pins down by kicking the ball. There were "goalies" who could protect the pin. It was a great activity to work on being accurate with our kicking.

[VIDEO OF PINBALL SOCCER](#)



Molly Baker

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