

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 13, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families,

We had a great week at Oak Trace! Our students enjoyed popcorn on Wednesday from the PTO for hitting one of our goals in the Walkathon. Thank you to all of you who helped with that. The students loved it. We had a great time at Movie Night last Friday. Thanks to all who organized that too!

We have so many items in the lost and found already (see the picture below.). Please label your child's coat, lunchbox, and water bottle. We hate donating these items when our lost and found is overflowing.

Holiday parties are coming soon! If you would like to attend, you must have a Safe Visitor background check. 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.

Most of our enrichments finished up this week. Students were busy with a fashion show, drawing, painting nails, sports, dancing, engineering, creating with Legos, and so much more. Another round of enrichment will take place in the spring.

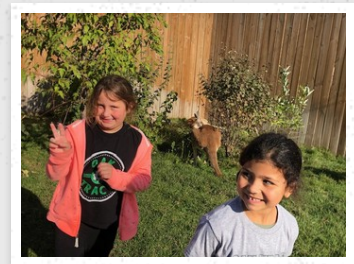
Kindergartners enjoyed Pumpkinfest this week. First graders had great weather for their trip to the zoo. Second graders are finishing up their book projects. Third graders finished up a realistic fiction unit and learned about life cycles. Fourth graders were busy studying characters and learning about waves. What was your child's favorite part of this week?

We will be off for Fall Break all of next week. Send a picture to hitchj@wws.k12.in.us of your child reading over break, and we will include it in the next newsletter. Please note that **next year's** Fall Break dates have been changed to October 21st - 25th. Enjoy this time with your family!

Jane Hitch
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- October 16 - 20 - Fall Break
- October 25 - All Pro Dads
- October 31 - Fall parties
- November 2 - Picture retakes





ALL PRO DADS

All Pro Dads is meeting on Wednesday, October 25th. Please remember you must be in safevisitor to attend this meeting. Please RSVP in this link

https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/3952/chapter_meetings/47975

PTO STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Please help with the staff appreciation luncheon on Friday, October 27th. Use the link below to sign up to volunteer or provide food.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEAF28A75-44955601-otes#/>



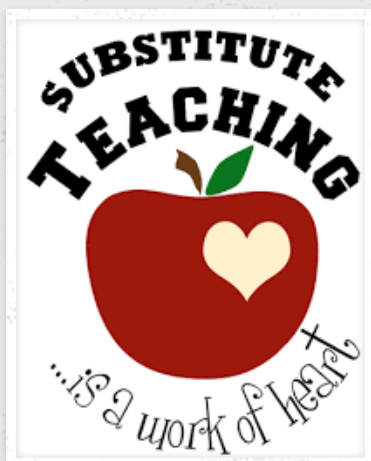
PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retake day is *Thursday, November 2nd!* Please make sure your student brings their original pictures on this day. More information to follow.

HEAD LICE

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

Melissa Hurst RN



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.

THINKING THURSDAY

What is the heaviest pumpkin ever recorded?

2,749 pounds



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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>





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>

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

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. Walkathon, Savor 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

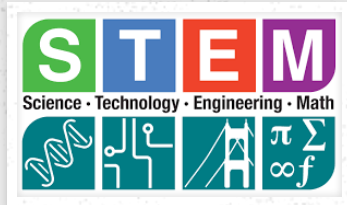
Oak Trace PTO

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! This week we started a new rotation that will take us through October 27th. During this rotation, 4th graders are learning about computer hardware and software and working with Edison robots. Third grade students are experimenting with thrust and drag with a balloon rocket building challenge. 1st and 2nd graders are continuing with their coding class as well as doing a Breakout EDU game related to coding. Kindergarteners are learning about and creating with some of our STEM supplies. I hope you all have a fantastic fall break, and as always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

This week we began a two week cycle of exploring our interests through Makerspace time in the library! First we read Rosie Revere, Engineer and discussed what Makerspace is. Makerspace is hands-on creative projects that stimulate problem solving, critical thinking, and perseverance. I always try to have at least three categories of activities available for the boys and girls to choose from- CREATIVITY- ENGINEERING/BUILDING- STRATEGY! It was so fun watching the boys and girls tinker with their interests! The kindergarten students listened to the The Little Red Fort and also were very creative with their first chance to experience Makerspace! Happy Reading! Mrs. Walker



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. Thank you so much for your help in this matter.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th Grades

Check out this video of the game BOOM CITY!! We played this game to finish our throwing and catching unit. The kids had an absolute blast!

[IMG_5495.MOV](#)

K-1st Grades

The students had a great time this week playing Oscar's Trash Can! They had to throw balls into Oscar's trash can while Oscar tried to throw them out. It was a great way to work on our throwing technique.

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