

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 27, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families,

We have LOVED these great fall weather days this week. The students enjoyed playing outside in warm conditions. Has your child told you about our new soccer goals on the playground? We also have a new bullseye game painted on the blacktop. This summer we will begin construction on an all new playground - we can't wait!

Once again this week, we had to turn away parents who were not Safe Visitor registered. It is so frustrating for us and you as well. It is most disappointing to the students. PLEASE take the time to click the link below and make sure you and your spouse (and grandparents if they will be visiting) are Safe Visitor approved. It takes a few days to go through so make sure you do it now if you intend on joining us for the Fall parties on October 31st. ***You will not be allowed to come to the party if your Safe Visitor isn't 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!!

Our Oak Trace choir will sing the national anthem at the Pacer game on November 27th. If you would like to cheer them on, you can purchase tickets at this link.

<https://www.nba.com/pacers/school-night/2324/trailblazers>. Way to go, choir members!

Thanks for representing Oak Trace so well!

Check out the pictures below Fall Break reading! It's fun to see the different places everyone was reading. Thanks for sharing the pictures with us!

Have a great weekend!

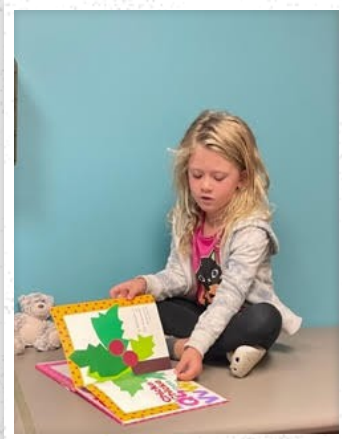
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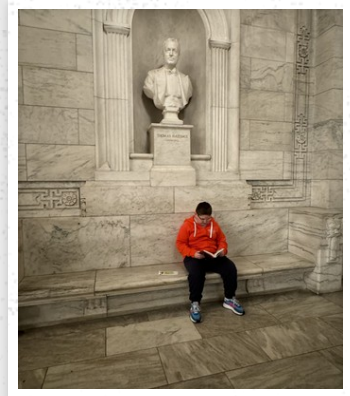
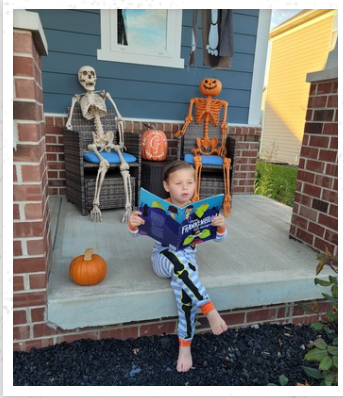
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **October 31** - Fall parties
- **November 2** - Picture retakes
- **November 9-10** - No school for students
- **November 22-24** - Thanksgiving Break
- **November 20-December 1** - Book Fair







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PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Thursday, November 02, 2023
Oak Trace Elementary School Retake Day!



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ENCHANTED TEA PARTY

featuring

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SAMANTHA'S ROYAL CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

TWO SESSIONS

10 AM - 12 PM & 2 PM - 4 PM

TICKETS- WWW.WESTFIELDTHEATRECHOIR.COM/EVENTS

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DOOR 44



Feel free to dress in your
favorite costume!

~ RESERVATION ONLY ~



COGAT TESTING

Dear **Second Grade** and **Kindergarten** Parents,

Students in 2nd grade and kindergarten will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Assessment this fall. CogAT will assess students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving using verbal (picture, sentence), quantitative (number), and non-verbal (spatial) symbols. All students will be testing November 6th, 7th, and 8th. General information regarding your child's performance will be sent home later in November.

A combination of scores from the CogAT (with a 96%ile

minimum) and NWEA scores are used to determine high ability. If your child meets the qualification for high ability identification, you will receive notification along with your child's testing results. If possible, please help us by not scheduling appointments during this time and by making sure that your child gets proper rest and eats a healthy breakfast. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Herring
Assistant Principal



SEPAC

Special Education
Parent Advisory Council

Westfield Washington School District

Mission

The mission of SEPAC is to improve the quality of life for students and their families by connecting them with resources as well as communicating ideas, making recommendations, and collaborating within the school district.

What is SEPAC?

A parent driven collaborative group of families and educators working to celebrate and elevate all things special education.

Who is on SEPAC?

Parents and educators of the Westfield Washington School district. Council seats include at least one parent and educator representative from each school building as well as members at large.

What does this council do?

Meet monthly to find ways to educate parents, address systemic needs and celebrate successes. Currently, we are creating a webpage to house information and resources for families and teachers in special education.

Who can join SEPAC?

You!

Our council seats are limited, but there's a place for anyone interested in learning more about special education in the district and offering skills/talents to further our collaborative efforts.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join.

How do I get in touch with SEPAC?

email sepacwestfield@gmail.com to get on our contact list for meetings and events.

Check out our new webpage <https://www.wwsparentuniversity.com/sepac>

Consider
participating
in SEPAC!



SEPAC

Special Education
Parent Advisory Council

DISTRITO ESCOLAR WESTFIELD WASHINGTON

Misión

La misión de SEPAC es mejorar la calidad de vida de los estudiantes y sus familias conectándolas con recursos y comunicándoles ideas, hacer recomendaciones y colaborar dentro del distrito escolar.

¿Qué es SEPAC?

Un grupo colaborativo de familias y educadores impulsado por padres trabajando para celebrar y elevar todo lo relacionado con la educación especial.

¿Quién está en SEPAC?

Padres y educadores del distrito escolar de Westfield Washington. Los escaños del consejo incluyen al menos un representante de padres y educadores de cada escuela, así como de los miembros en general.

¿Qué hace este consejo?

Reunirse mensualmente para encontrar formas de educar a los padres y abordar las necesidades sistémicas y celebrar los éxitos. Actualmente, estamos creando una página web para albergar información y recursos para familias y maestros de educación especial.

¿Quién puede unirse al SEPAC?

¡Tú!

Los asientos de nuestro consejo son limitados, pero hay lugar para cualquier persona interesada en aprender más sobre la educación especial en el distrito y cómo ofrecer habilidades/talentos para avanzar en nuestros esfuerzos de colaboración. Todos y cada uno son bienvenidos a unirse.

¿Cómo me pongo en contacto con SEPAC?

Envía un email a sepacwestfield@gmail.com para estar en nuestra lista de contactos para reuniones y eventos.

Revisa nuestra nueva pagina web

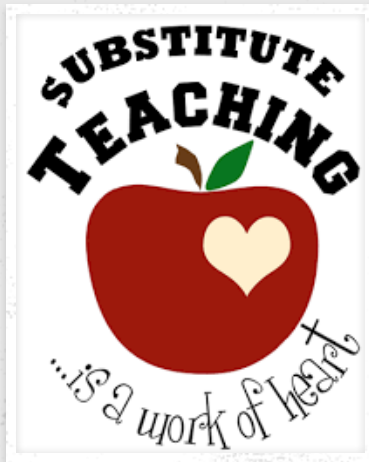
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HEAD LICE

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
317-867-6405



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 type of poetry traditionally has three lines with five syllables in the first and third lines and seven syllables in the second line? Include an example of that type of poetry that you create!



Haiku

Mrs. McAndrews' class won with the following Haiku:

Tectonic Plates Move
Seismic waves shake the earth's crust
Earthquakes cause damage

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>

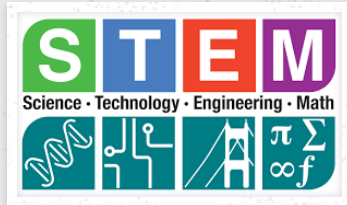
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Oak Trace PTO

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; it was so nice seeing everyone back! This week we completed a rotation. During this rotation, 4th graders learned about computer hardware and software and worked with Edison robots. Third grade students experimented with thrust and drag with a balloon rocket building challenge. 1st and 2nd graders continued their coding class as well as completed a Breakout EDU game related to coding. Kindergarteners learned about and created with our STEM supplies. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend, 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

Happy Reading! This week has been filled with so many pumpkin stories in the library! Fourth graders read Too Many Pumpkins by Linda White! Predictions were made throughout the story! We have been talking about "Reading is Thinking" and one way we use our brain to think about what we are reading is predicting what might happen next in the story. I was so proud of how the students predicted the next outcome for our character, Rebecca Estelle! In the lower grades we read about two very kind mice in The Biggest Pumpkin Ever by Steven Kroll. The students compared and contrasted the mice! Using a Venn Diagram, the students were able to tell how the mice were different and how they were alike! I am just so proud of the kiddos and how they are thinking when reading! In Kindergarten we read about the pumpkin life cycle. After listening to Pumpkin Jack by Will Hubbel, we drew jack-o-lanterns!

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

Here is what is happening in Music!

Kindergarten- We are working on keeping a beat while we sing the song Pumpkin Round and Fat and do a circle dance.

1st Grade- We are working on keeping a steady beat to the song Pass the Pumpkin, and we are learning what rhythm is.

2nd Grade- We are only two weeks away from our We Honor the Brave program. Everyone is working so hard!

3rd Grade- We are working on the technique to get the correct pitch on our recorders and learning how to play the notes G and E.

4th Grade- We are working on keeping a steady beat as we play a game to the song Pass the Pumpkin. We are also playing 3 different ostinato patterns on the claves and xylophones when we get out of the game as an accompaniment.

Upcoming Events

We Honor the Brave November 7 and 8.

Talent Show November 21



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

ATCs are taking 4th, 3rd and 2nd grade by storm here at Oak Trace. What is an ATC? It stands for Artist Trading Card. Artist Trading Cards, (ATCs), are fun, miniature pieces of art that are created and traded with other artists. Just like the classic baseball trading card, they measure 2-1/2 x 3-1/2 inches. The artist trading card is said to have been born in 1997 in Switzerland when M. Vänçi Stirnemann of Zurich hosted the first swap at "INK. art & text". Since then this small art form has grown very large in popularity. ATCs are an excellent way to share one's own art, and collect the art of others. Lots of students are making ATCs at home to add to their collection for our 2 Swaps we will be having this year. I thought I might highlight a new technique each week that students could do to add variety to their cards.

Collage with Washable Markers;

Color background with Washable Markers in a scribbly style with desired colors. Lightly paint over the markers with a wet paint brush. While it is drying, create an image with colored paper and an old book page, magazine page or sheet of music. What a cool idea!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th Grades

FRISBEE!! This week we began our frisbee unit. Our skill focus was simply just being able to throw the frisbee accurately. We played some catch to work on that skill and then they played some Kan Jam/Pin Knockdown. We will continue our frisbee unit over the next few weeks with some Ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee Golf. Ask your child how the frisbee received its name. Hopefully they remember the little history lesson I gave them!

K-1st Grades

The younger students also began working with the frisbee this week. They played a really fun and challenging game called Pizza Tag. They had to travel around the gym and keep their "pizza/frisbee" on their hand without letting anyone knock it off. Then they worked on their frisbee throwing skills during some stations. Here is a video of one of the classes playing in those stations.

[VIDEO](#)

They will continue to work on frisbee skills the next few weeks as well.

KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE PARENTS

OTES Treble Choir sings the National Anthem at the Indiana Pacers game November 27.

Have a Harmonious Weekend!
Mrs. Paul

DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THE SHOE TYING CHALLENGE! I AM STILL LOOKING FOR STUDENTS IN THESE GRADES WHO CAN TIE THEIR OWN SHOES. SIMPLY SEND ME A VIDEO OF THEM TYING THEIR SHOES OR HAVE THEM SHOW ME BEFORE CLASS. THEY WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AND GET THEIR PICTURE ON THE SHOE TYING WALL OF FAME!

