

# OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 6, 2023

## A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families,

I hope you've had a great week. I've loved seeing all of the learning happening this week at school. Students are skip counting, creating arrays, designing parks to try to eliminate mosquitos, learning to play the xylophone or recorder, and/or discussing character traits in books. So much learning and great discussion. I'm so proud of how hard our students work!

Thank you to all of the dads who brought the staff doughnuts today! Everyone loved them! We truly have the best families. Thank you for all you do at home and school to support our students.

A Safe Visitor background check is required for anyone who visits our schools, including grandparents and family members of our students. 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](mailto:eglerl@wws.k12.in.us).

Have a great weekend!

Jane Hitch  
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## ALL PRO DADS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **October 6** - OTES Family Movie Night
- **October 16 - 20** - Fall Break
- **October 25** - All Pro Dads
- **October 31** - Fall parties



# DINE <sup>TO</sup> DONATE

Benefitting Oak Trace Elementary

**KONA GRILL**  
kitchen • sushi • cocktails

## Thursday, October 12

**Where:** Kona Grill in Clay Terrace

**How:** You must bring this flyer with you when you dine

**When:** Any time on Oct. 12 (they are open 11am-12am)

*Thank You*  
**for supporting our school!**

### **KONA GRILL** **KRAVE to RAISE**

OAK TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
School

10/12/23  
Date

PRESENT THIS FLYER TO CONTRIBUTE  
**20% OF YOUR CHECK**  
TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

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## 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.



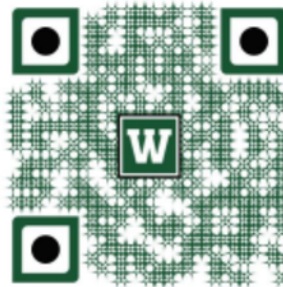
COAT DRIVE

Sept 22 - Oct 12

DONATE TODAY

We are partnering with Kids Coats to provide winter coats to Hamilton County kids in need. If you would like to donate a gently-used coat, send it to your WWS school's front office.

If you **need** a coat scan the QR Code.



Register online for an appointment:

[kidscoats.org](http://kidscoats.org)

or call 317-324-8818

registration ends October 15



## COUNSELOR'S CHRONICLE

Welcome to October, which means fall break is not too far away. I hope everyone has had a great week. This week kicked off the second lifeline of the year Responsibility. We define responsibility as being accountable for your actions. Our ambassadors were in the classroom this week teaching ways students can be responsible for themselves both at school and at home. It is important to remember the more chances we get to practice being responsible, the better we understand the why behind the request. A few simple ways to work on responsibility at home is by setting up a homework time, assigning a chore or two to help with the household

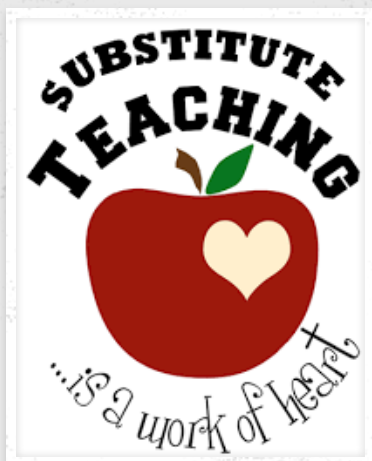
responsibilities, or even when at the store assigning your child the task of getting a few items on the grocery list. All of these build the foundation of being a responsible person not for a reward, but because it is the right thing to do. Have a great weekend, and GO Bucks!

Mr. F

## 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](mailto:bakerm@wws.k12.in.us) or call 317-867-6403. You can request to be a substitute for OTES only.

## THINKING THURSDAY

Movie Night is Friday and we will be showing Super Mario Brothers. What year did the first Mario Brothers game debut?



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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

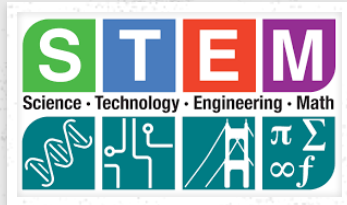
Questions? [OakTracepto@gmail.com](mailto:OakTracepto@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:hardtj@wws.k12.in).





## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

We had a wonderful week in STEM continued with our rotations from last week. Something that I love to see are all of the cool STEM related projects that students are doing when they are not at school. If your student loves to build, create, program, and/or explore I would love to have a picture of them doing their thing. Please send any pictures to me so I can display them on the wall outside of my classroom. Pictures could include, but are not limited to, science experiments and explorations, LEGO builds, and robotics. Please send pictures to me at [gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us](mailto:gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us), or have your student bring me a hard copy. I can't wait to see what everyone is doing related to STEM. Have a great weekend and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at [gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us](mailto: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

We are busy in the music room!

Kindergarten is getting ready to start looking at patterns of yellow, red, and green apples and applesauce. We will speak them to a steady beat, and then play them to a steady beat.

1st Grade is also working on patterns of yellow, red, and green apples and applesauce, as well as an icon of "yum." We will be working with a partner to create our patterns and play the words/rhythm on unpitched percussion instruments.

2nd Grade is really working hard to learn our songs for our We Honor the Brave program. The music and lyrics can be found at the following link, so you can practice at home and in the car! Click on the We Honor the Brave folder.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11xtqLE-Knmp3TuLkIOwLXEQMAuF3hNjV>

3rd Graders have started to learn how to blow into their recorders, and how important covering the holes with their fingers is. This is the way we get the correct pitch.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

### 2nd-4th Grades

KING PIN!! We played an amazing game this week to continue working on our throwing and catching. This is definitely a game you will want to ask your student about. It was fast paced and exciting the whole time. The kids left the gym very sweaty! I was also extremely proud of the honesty and sportsmanship shown this week in PE. This game required students to show honesty when they were eliminated and they did a fantastic job.

### K-1st

BATTLESHIP! I don't need to say much about how fun this game was for the students. It involves throwing, rolling, running and even riding scooters!! I will let the video link below do it justice! They had a wonderful time playing this game.

[IMG\\_5483.MOV](#)

4th grade is finishing an autumn piece in triple meter on the xylophones and other barred instruments.

**Don't forget that talent show auditions are coming up the week after fall break. The talent show is for students in all grades k-4th grade.** I have attached the information as well as the sign up genius link. Please have your child fill out the sheet for me regarding information concerning their act, and have them turn it into me.

[Talent Show General Audition Letter.docx](#)

