

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families,

It has been great to see so many families in the last week. Thank you to all who donated and/or helped with the staff luncheon last Friday. What a fun tailgate theme! We loved seeing so many of you here on Tuesday for the fall parties! Many of you have been in school this week (or will be next week) for parent teacher conferences. This is a great time to talk with your child's teacher about his/her progress this year. Thank you for your partnership. Next week our second grade will share their Veterans Day program. We can't wait!

Please remember that there will be no school next Thursday and Friday due to professional development and conferences. Trimester two will begin on November 13th. It's hard to believe we are already almost a third of the way through the school year. There will not be a newsletter next week.

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. 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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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- November 9-10 - No school for students

- **November 22-24** - Thanksgiving Break
- **November 27** - Choir sings at Pacer game
- **November 20-December 1** - Book Fair



COGAT TESTING

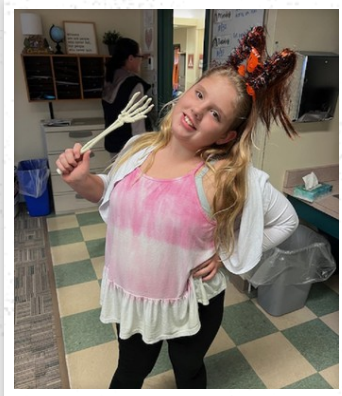
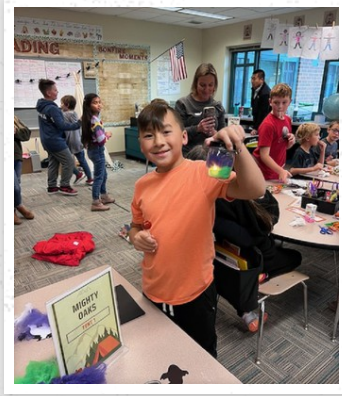
Dear **Second Grade** and **Kindergarten** Parents,

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 96th percentile 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





Join us on Mondays in November (6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th) and support the Oak Trace Elementary PTO!!

Be here from 3pm to 10pm and turn in this flier when you pay at CRAFTER'S PIZZA & DRAFTHOUSE, and Oak Trace Elementary PTO will receive 10% of your check!

Take this opportunity to treat your family and friends to The Social and Dinner!

The Social prices apply for dine-in orders only and is from 3pm – 6pm and 9pm-10pm

*Carry-Out ordering is available.
*Must Present Flyer at time of Payment.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL!



2430 E. 146th St. Carmel, In 46033

Building community through a hot meal.

ROCKS *Giving*



WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

We would like to invite all families to the table as we serve hot food, have conversation, and make a connection.

**Monday, November 20
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Westfield High School**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE



HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

**AND DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO ADD ON:
VIP EARLY ENTRY (PRE-PURCHASE ONLY)
\$5 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



WESTFIELD ORNAMENT

Thanks to the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, you can now give your holiday decorations a hometown touch. This ornament recognizes our city's first responders while also highlighting the Monon Trail, a main artery of foot and bike traffic that connects our community.

Proceeds from this ornament will go towards the chamber's student scholarships and help them continue to support our local businesses.

[Click here to buy.](#)

LEGO LEAGUE



FIRST Lego League (grades 2-4)

Calling all 2-4 grade students to join the fun and exciting FIRST Lego League Explore Program! FLL Explore is a great way for kids to learn engineering, design, and coding through playing with

Legos. The program meets at Westfield High School on Thursdays, 6-7:30, starting November 30th!

Application deadline is November 14th. Capacity is limited. You will be notified if your application was accepted by November 17.

[Click here to apply.](#)

[Click here for more information](#)

The poster features a man with tattoos, Nick Hardwick, holding a white and yellow racing helmet. The background shows a shelf with various helmets. The text is in white and yellow on a black background.

NOVEMBER 12 | 6- 7 PM | MOTOR DISTRICT
NICK HARDWICK

The logo for Westfield Washington Schools Parent University, featuring a graduation cap, a lightbulb with a green clover inside, and the text 'westfield washington schools PARENT university' in green and white.

Join **Nick Hardwick**, former Purdue Boilermaker and San Diego Charger & and current Westfield resident, for a conversation uniting dads and men across Westfield in support of our youth.

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Cash Bar/Light Appetizers
Conversation 6 -7 PM

Location: Motor District
1 Motor District Circle,
Westfield, IN 46074

Donations will support students' needs in Westfield Washington Schools, including mental health and food insecurity.

A square QR code located in the bottom left corner of the poster.

REGISTER NOW

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 is a digraph? Please list three examples of words with digraphs in your answer.

A digraph is a combination of two letters representing one sound.



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

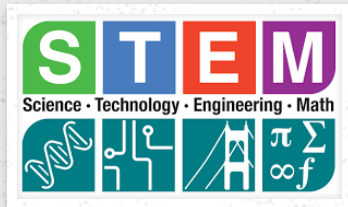
Oak Trace PTO

Questions? OakTracepto@gmail.com

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 began a new rotation that will take us through November 14th. During this rotation 4th graders are learning about and building with our new VEX Go kits. Third grade students are exploring with and testing magnets. 2nd graders are learning about and creating Google Slides slideshows. First grade students are creating animal inspired tools for humans. Kindergarteners are engineering things to help the characters in the story *The Gingerbread Cowboy*. I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend and as always please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us or on Talking Points.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

What an amazing week we had in library! 4th graders were introduced to *Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate. It is a Young Hoosier Nominated book! I love giving them a taste for new titles! Summarizing is a skill that good readers use to understand fiction stories. This week 3rd, 1st, and Kindergarteners read the book *The Creepy Carrot* by Aaron Reynolds and illustrated by Peter Brown. The students retold the story by using the strategy of Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then. I was so proud of how they understood the story and were able to retell/summarize the story. Our 2nd graders are super excited about their program for Veterans coming next week! Also, our first BOOK FAIR is coming up! Yippee! It will be from December 4th through December 8th! Each class will get to preview the BOOK FAIR the week before! They will get to make their "Wish Lists" to take home and share with you! Also... we will be having our "Family Night" on December 5th from 3:30-6:30 pm! This is a great opportunity to come with your children to shop or pick up some great holiday gifts!

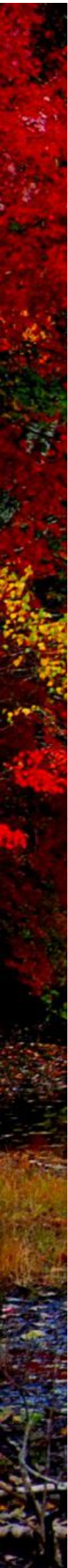
Happy Reading!



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 have several events happening in music!

Kindergarten finished their Pumpkin Round and Fat song and movement activity.

1st Grade worked really hard on keeping a steady beat as they passed a pumpkin around a circle, sang a song, and played instruments to the beat.

2nd Grade- Our We Honor the Brave program is next Tuesday and Wednesday! All of the students need to wear a combination of red, white, and blue for the program.

3rd Grade- Everyone will be bringing their recorders home for the first time. They have learned the notes G and E on the staff, and should be practicing the song Engine, Engine Number 9.

4th Grade- We worked on rhythms to the Skeleton Dance this week on drums, tambourines, claves, and triangles.

Our school Pacers night is on Monday, November 27. Our OTES Treble Choir will be singing the National Anthem that night before the game!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

Hello Oak Trace Families, here is another technique that you might want to try out when making an artist trading cards. Remember that if you don't use paper from the art room, your card must be made from cardstock and cut 2 1/2 in x 3 1/2 in to be able to be traded at the SWAP. What a cool idea!!

Crayon Resist:

Draw an image with a crayon. Lightly Paint over the drawing with watercolor paint. The crayon drawing resists color, and will show through. There is an example below.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th Grades

Our skill continues to be throwing and catching frisbees. We played a fun and fast paced game called King Pin. There is a lot of throwing, catching, and dodging in this game. The students loved trying to make a shot into the frisbee golf holes to win their team a point. Watch this [video link](#) to get a short glimpse of this game.

Next week we will be playing FRISBEE GOLF! The gym will be all set up to play a 9 hole round! I am really excited.

K-1st Grades

POINT-CROSS-STEP-THROW! Those are the words that we are working on to remember how to throw a frisbee. We did a couple different activities to practice that skill this week. The first was Frisbee Golf. Here is a quick [video clip](#) of one of our classes playing this game. Next we played Frisbee Mania. The goal was to throw the frisbee and knock over the pins. The first team to get all of their pins down won the game. [Frisbee Mania clip](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

The OTES Treble Choir will also be singing at Westfield in Lights on Saturday, December 2 at 4:30 on the stage at Grand Junction Plaza. We would love to have our Oak Trace family come to hear us!

Have a Harmonious Weekend!
Mrs. Paul

