

# OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

December 1, 2023

## A Note from Mrs. Hitch

Hello Oak Trace Families,

We've been so busy since our last newsletter! Our students are working hard in reading and math and so many things. Fourth graders are working on their Famous Hoosiers projects, third graders are hard on work on odes, second graders are tackling main idea and details, first graders are learning subtraction strategies, while kindergartners are doing narrative writing. We've had a lot of extra events as well!

We enjoyed the celebrating the many talents of our students at the talent show last week. We are so impressed! On Monday our choir sang the national anthem at the Pacers game. We had so much fun. Our choir did a fantastic job and represented Oak Trace well! Tonight we will join the high school and honor Tucker Swain's love of reading and basketball. Please join us tonight at the basketball game. All books donated will go to the Tucker Swain vending machine for our students. See below for more information. Thank you!

Good luck to our choir who will sing at Westfield in Lights tomorrow at 4:30. Stop by and hear them sing if you are at this wonderful community event!

We've had a lot of students arriving late in the drop off line lately. Please remember that students are expected to be **in their classrooms by 7:50** or will be considered tardy. Thank you for your help with this.

We are still having to turn people away from events. We hate to do that! 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](mailto:eglerl@wws.k12.in.us). Thank you!!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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@MrsHitchOTES



## What's Happening

- December 4-8 - Book Fair
- December 5 - Book fair family night 3:30-6:30







# PLAY FOR TUCK!

Tucker Swain Night

ZIONSVILLE VS WESTFIELD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST @ THE ROCK

JV - 6:00/VARSITY 7:30

**GREEN OUT - All Fans Unite & Pack the gym with GREEN in Support of the Swain Family.**

Westfield Rocks Basketball is honoring Tucker Swain and his LOVE for Basketball and Reading!

We are asking all fans to bring a children's book of their choice to donate in Tucker's memory.

All books collected will be donated to the Tucker Swain Book Vending Machine.

As both teams take the court...they will be

**Playing for You, Tucker!**

Once a ROCK, Always a ROCK **#12**



Winter Party 12/15/23

If you would like to attend the parties, please RSVP before 12/13 and you MUST be safevisitor approved.

RSVP link: <https://forms.gle/4P1SjyMrCSFyLCF8A>



Kindergarten: completed!

First Grade:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EADA62BA6FFC07-46062450-1stgrade>

Second Grade:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WZH4NMZJYLUP?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WZH4NMZJYLUP?ref=wl_share)

Third Grade:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WL7PXBT6XKSC?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WL7PXBT6XKSC?ref=wl_share)

Fourth Grade:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1DR9NVQBKK5OE?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1DR9NVQBKK5OE?ref=wl_share)



## Cookies with Santa

Happy Holidays Oak Trace! I am a student at Westfield High School in the Student Government and want to invite you (and your students) to our annual Cookies with Santa event! The event will take place on December 16th from 12 pm to 2 pm at Westfield High School and is open to the whole community. Here, we will offer free admission to an event with cookies, crafts, games, and a free photo opportunity to meet Santa Claus! We are also encouraging monetary donations and toy donations for the Care Like Cate toy drive that will be taking place at the school during this time. There will be a space to drop the donations off at the school. Please let us know if you have any questions! Merry Christmas, Westfield High School Student Government

Dear Parents,

Each year Oak Trace Elementary chooses a philanthropy project to allow students the opportunity to give back to their community. Service projects help instill a commitment to serve others at a young age and develop empathy and support of good causes.

The PTO Philanthropy Committee is partnering again this winter with Circle City Relief to help fulfill their "Miracle on 34th Street" campaign. This event, held in December, provides an opportunity for local families in need to shop for holiday gifts for their children free of charge.

If able, please consider donating:

**NEW Squishmallows/Squishies and/or NEW hats/socks for kids aged 6-18.**



There will be boxes for easy drop off by the front office.

If you have any questions please feel free to email a member of the philanthropy committee.

We would like to have all donations by **December 4th**.  
Thank you so much for your continued support!

2022-23 PTO Philanthropy Committee  
Carrie Farrow (carriefarrow@gmail.com)  
Lindsey Robertson (linny8908@gmail.com)  
Nicole Royle (nicole.royle@forumcu.com)



## Holiday Giving

Westfield Education Foundation

[https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?  
ApiKey=pub\\_cb83e035-0405-11eb-b759-  
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# Order your yearbook today at [ybpay.com](http://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><b>Yearbook Anuario \$15.00</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sturdy softcover with protective coating</li> <li>All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year</li> <li>Durable Smyth-sewn binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear.</li> </ul> <p>Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Todas las páginas a color que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos durante el año escolar</li> <li>Encuadernación costada con sistema Smyth duradero, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el uso y desgaste.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00</b> Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p><b>Packages Paquetes</b></p> <p><b>BEST VALUE!   Mejor valor</b></p> <p><b>PACKAGE A \$24.50</b> PAQUETE A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yearbook</li> <li>Personalized Yearbook Cover</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> <li>Autograph Insert</li> <li>Yearbook Stickys</li> </ul> <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cubierta personalizada</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> <li>Volante de autógrafo</li> <li>Adhesivos del anuario</li> </ul> <p><b>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00</b> Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p><b>PACKAGE B \$23.00</b> PAQUETE B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yearbook</li> <li>Personalized Yearbook Cover</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> <li>Autograph Insert</li> </ul> <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cubierta personalizada</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> <li>Volante de autógrafo</li> </ul> <p><b>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00</b> Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p><b>PACKAGE C \$21.50</b> PAQUETE C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yearbook</li> <li>Personalized Yearbook Cover</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> </ul> <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cubierta personalizada</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> </ul> <p><b>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00</b> Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>	<p><b>PACKAGE D \$17.00</b> PAQUETE D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yearbook</li> <li>The Week Junior</li> </ul> <p>Anuario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Week Junior</li> </ul> <p><b>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00</b> Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</p>
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**Extras Adicionales**

<p><b>Personalized Yearbook Cover \$6.00</b></p> <p>Your student's picture &amp; name printed on the cover.</p> <p>Cubierta personalizada</p> <p>La foto y el nombre de tu estudiante impresos directamente en la tapa.</p>	<p><b>The Week Junior \$3.00</b></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 de entretenimiento, las noticias más memorables de este año y mucho más!</p>	<p><b>Autograph Insert \$2.00</b></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><b>Yearbook Stickys \$2.00</b></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](http://lifetouch.com/support-us). Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.  
Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda para recibir asistencia en [lifetouch.com/support-us](http://lifetouch.com/support-us). Selección Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.

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## 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](#)

## Thinking Thursday

On Friday we will have our Mini Dance Marathon. Which hospital does the Dance Marathon support?

Riley Hospital for Children



## 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.

### 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. 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)

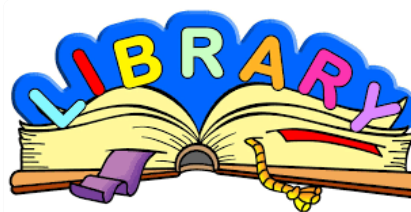
## Rent the Rock!

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. This week we began a new rotation that will take us through December 1st. During this rotation 4th grade students are learning about and experimenting with force, motion, and energy. 3rd graders are continuing their exploration of magnets by building and testing a VEX Go magnetic car. Second grade students are creating a Home



## What's happening in the Library

We made it to the Book Fair! All classes created their "Wish Lists" to bring home and share with you, their family! Each "Wish List" has the date that the students will be shopping! They will shop on their scheduled library date. Also, we are super excited to be able to host our "Family Night" on Tuesday, December 5th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.! Please try to utilize the eWallet



## 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



Alone themed Ozobot maze. 1st graders are learning about and exploring with Ozobots, and Kindergarten students are creating LEGO marble mazes. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us](mailto:gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us).

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and a very thankful Thanksgiving holiday.

system, if possible, as it makes purchasing easier for everyone! No money has to be brought to school which means there is no chance of losing it! (On the Internet just search for "Scholastic Book Fairs" and then click on "Fair Finder" and type in Oak Trace Elementary! Then, scroll down to the eWallet section and follow the simple directions!)\***IF YOU HAD AN eWALLET MONEY LEFT FROM A PREVIOUS OAK TRACE BOOK FAIR...YOU MUST CREATE A NEW eWALLET FOR THIS BOOK FAIR AND TRANSFER THE LEFTOVER MONEY!**\* If writing a check, please make it payable to OTES PTO. Thank you again for supporting our Book Fair!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Walker

*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

I was so proud of our OTES Treble Choir at the Pacers game on Monday night. They sang so well, and were great representatives of Oak Trace. They will be singing this Saturday at 4:30 for the Westfield in Lights event on the stage at Grand Junction



### What's happening in art

Hello Oak Trace families. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and families. We are getting close to our 1st Trading Card Swap for 2nd thru 4th grade. It will happen in January after we get back our Winter Break. You must have 9 or more trading cards finished to be able to swap. The cards have to be interesting and done well or no



### What's happening in PE 2nd-4th Grades

We have only 3 PE class periods before Winter Break. We have begun our Striking Unit. This week we played a version of floor hockey. We used two different types of sticks to give the kids some variety. They had a great time and were extremely active.

## Have a Harmonious Weekend!

Mrs. Paul

one will want to swap with you! Remember you can always take 2 trading cards at the end of class to work on at home to add to your collection. Here is another good tip on making an interesting card at home.

Collage with Magazine Scrap: Cut out a fun image from a magazine and make a black and white line drawing scene around it. Easy and interesting!! **See example below.**

Next week we are going to play PICKLEBALL! With the growing popularity of this sport I want to introduce it to the kids so they can enjoy it outside of school. It will be a modified version but we will be discussing the rules and some techniques.

### K-1st Grades

We began our Striking Unit as well. The first thing we did was a student favorite known as "keepy uppy." They used the lollipop paddles to keep the balloon in the air as long as possible. It is amazing how much they love doing this! Then we played a game where the students were trying to hit gator skin balls to knock down the other team's pins. We used a scoreboard and were able to have some great discussions about sportsmanship and winning and losing. Next week we will play some other striking games to continue or work on hand eye coordination.



**Molly Baker**

Molly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters



