

Oak Trace Weekly Update

February 2, 2024

Hello From Mrs. Hitch

Happy Friday!

We celebrated our 100th day of school on Wednesday. We are so lucky to get to spend those days with your children. We are so thankful for all of our families.

Do you have a child or know a neighbor's child who will turn five before August 1st? Kindergarten registration opens February 15th. Little Acorn Night will be March 20th at 6:00 PM. That is a chance to learn a little about kindergarten and for incoming kindergartners to see our school. Information about registration can be found here. <https://ote.wws.k12.in.us/parents/future-kindergarten-information>. Please tell your neighbors if they don't have students here already but will have one next year. Thanks!

Just a couple reminders about our upcoming Valentine's Day parties. You must be Safe Visitor approved before you can attend a class party. It takes a few days to get approved so please register now if you aren't already approved. If you aren't sure if yours is expired, you can email Lori Egler (eglerl@wws.k12.in.us) to check out your status. Another important note about Valentine's Day parties... ***Do not send in candy/food with the valentines due to the increased number of students with severe allergies.*** Thank you for understanding!

We go outside for recess in the winter if the temperature is 15 degrees or above. Please make sure your children are wearing hats, gloves, and warm coats to school. They are permitted to go in snow if they bring snow pants and boots. I highly recommend labeling the items. Our lost and found fills up quickly!

We are looking for extra help in the lunchroom. If you can help, please sign up here. <https://signup.com/go/TQYrRfS>. Thank you!

Just a reminder that the first bell rings at 7:40 AM to enter the building, and the tardy bell and school start time is 7:50 AM. On Wednesdays, the first bell rings at 8:10 AM, and the tardy bell rings at 8:20AM.

Jane Hitch

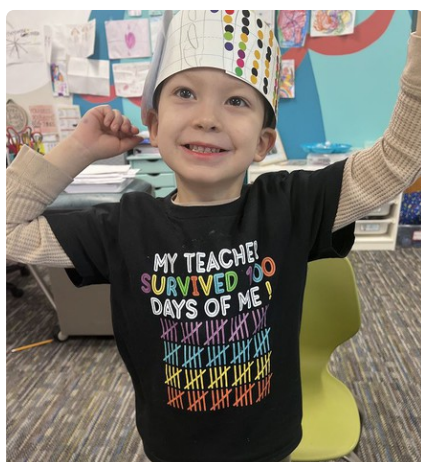
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What's Happening

- February 16th - 19th - No School, Presidents' Day
- February 29th - March 1st - No School, Staff PD



TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

HERE'S HOW
TO TELL



STAY HOME IF...

Your child feels too sick for regular activities

Yellow or green pus appears

The temperature on an oral thermometer reads 100F or higher

You suspect flu- it spreads rapidly

Your child has a migraine -throbbing, severe pain with moodiness, fatigue and sensitivity to light

Contagious rash such as chicken pox, impetigo, scabies

Your doctor suspects - or diagnoses - strep throat

Your child is vomiting or has diarrhea



GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER...

Fever is gone for 24 hours without medication and your child feels better

24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic eye drops have been given

No fever above 100F without using fever reduction medication for 24 hours

Fever has been gone for 24 hours without medication

Pain is under control

24 hours after medication started if needed and doctor gives ok to return to school

24 hours after beginning antibiotics

24 hours after no vomiting or diarrhea without medication

SYMPTOM

COUGH AND OTHER COLD SYMPTOMS

EYE DISCHARGE

FEVER

FLU

HEADACHE

RASH

SORE THROAT

STOMACHACHE

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OTHER STUDENTS AND STAFF HEALTHY



**WESTFIELD
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SCHOOLS**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR 2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN NIGHTS!

CAREY RIDGE March 14
Little Carey Kids Night 6:00 p.m.

OAK TRACE March 20
Little Acorn Night 6:00 p.m.

MAPLE GLEN March 20
Little Maple Leaf Night 6:15 p.m.

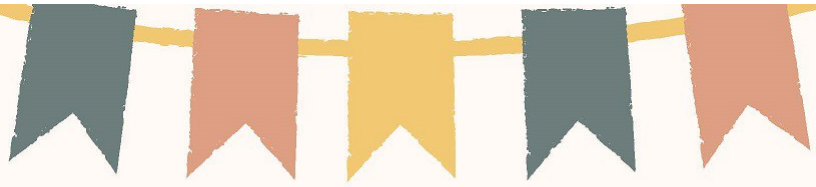
SHAMROCK SPRINGS March 14
Little Shamrock Night 6:00 p.m.

MONON TRAIL April 18
Little Trailblazer Night 5:30 p.m.

WASHINGTON WOODS March 7
Little Leaves Night 6:00 p.m.

**COME AND EXPLORE OUR CLASSROOMS, MEET THE TEACHERS,
CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL BUS, AND GET EXCITED ABOUT
STARTING SCHOOL!**





OAK TRACE ELEMENTARY

LITTLE ACORN NIGHT

Parents of the Oak Trace community and their incoming kindergarten student are invited to attend this fun and informational evening!

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024
Oak Trace Elementary School
16504 Oak Ridge Rd
6PM-7PM

Scan QR Code to RSVP



If you can't use the QR code, here is the link to RSVP for Little Acorn Night.

<https://forms.gle/471jTEBctNkR5vkZA>

Winter Festival Meal Deals

Winter Festival Wristbands and Meal Deals Available for Pre Order!

You can now pre order your wristbands for unlimited game play as well as pre order your dinner through Membership Toolkit.

Wristbands are \$5 each. Students over 12 years of age do not need a wristband. *Adults **do not** need a wristband to enter the festival.

Meal Deals are \$5 each. 3 options available:

- Chick-Fil-A Sandwich, chips and soft drink/water
- Chick-Fil-A Nuggets, chips and soft drink/water
- Slice of Pizza, chips, soft drink/water

We **strongly suggest** ordering food during this pre order window. We cannot guarantee food will be available for purchase on the night of the event.





OAK TRACE ELEMENTARY

Oak Trace Elementary - Login

Oak Trace Elementary

oaktrace.membershiptoolkit.com

Winter Festival

Newsletter Links for 2024 Raffle Baskets



The Oak Trace Winter Festival is February 24th. That means it's Raffle Basket Time! One of the highlights of our annual Winter Festival is the Raffle Baskets. The PTO creates themed baskets with donated items from Oak Trace families. Festival attendees have an opportunity to win these baskets for \$1 per raffle ticket.

We couldn't make these baskets without your donations. Please consider purchasing an item from the Amazon wish list links (it will be sent directly to a PTO member's home) or picking up something while you're out and sending it in to school. We've organized the baskets by grade level. Please contact oaktracepto@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten:

[Learn to Bake](#)

[Let's Build Something](#)

First Grade:

[Barbie + Dolls](#)

[Marvel Superheroes](#)

Second Grade:

[Weird Science/It's Magic](#)

[Planes, Trains and Automobiles](#)

Third Grade:

[Nerf + More](#)

[The Arts](#)

[All About the Girls](#)

Fourth Grade:

[Sleepover Fun](#)

[Games](#)

[Let's Go Outside](#)



Lego Basket



Art Basket



Disney Basket

Visiting Author (Troy Cummings) on March 4th

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DSDOrDJSZZal6zabrCWQxMiWrzdoY22qlireuOjk9FU/edit>



Counselor Chronicle

Hello Oak Trace families! It is hard to believe the first month of 2024 is almost over, I hope everyone is enjoying the new year. This week our ambassadors presented a new lifeline to the classes. Over the next six weeks we will be focusing on living the example of showing **Compassion**. We define compassion as feeling a strong desire to help others in need. We see many students demonstrating compassion to others daily and I hope you are seeing this trait at home too. Be sure to talk with your student to see what they learn over the next month or so. Have a fantastic weekend. Mr. F



SPRING SPORTS

TIME TO REGISTER



BASEBALL • SOFTBALL
GIRLS LACROSSE • BOYS LACROSSE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28!

ROCK STRONG AWARD



Do you know a WWS employee who
strives to make a difference to the
Westfield community and our students?

Nominate him/her for a Rock Strong
Award recognizing their hard work and
dedication.



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Reminder from the nurse's clinic

The nurse is missing a lot of clothes that were sent home with children. If your child borrowed clothes from the clinic, please wash and return the clothes ASAP. Thank you!



TOTS and All Aboard

Open enrollment for **2024-25 TOTS and All Aboard will begin Monday, January 8 at 6:00 AM through Monday, February 5 at 11:59 PM.** If your child is currently enrolled in 2023-24 TOTS or All Aboard, and you plan for your child to return for 2024-25 year, you will still need to submit your enrollment some time between these dates. New families will also submit their enrollment during the same period. Enrollment is limited and will fill first by returning families, then remaining spots are filled by lottery.

We have posted a virtual parent information meeting for the 2024-25 programs on both the TOTS and All Aboard websites along with 2024-25 program details and pricing. The virtual parent meeting will provide important information and will provide specific instructions about the enrollment and placement process. To view the virtual meeting, click one of the links below to go to the webpage to view the meeting:

TOTS: <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/departments/student-support-programs/tots>

All Aboard: <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/departments/student-support-programs/all-aboard-program>

Order your yearbook today at 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

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¡Echa un vistazo para
encargar hoy!

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

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

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Thinking Thursday

Friday is Groundhog's Day. What does it mean if he sees his shadow?

Six more weeks of winter



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.

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. Walkathons, Sevier 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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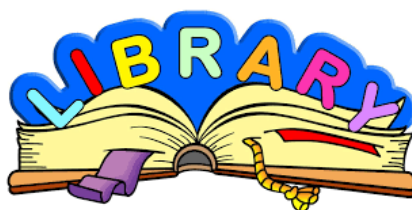
Questions? OakTracepto@gmail.com

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.



We had a wonderful week in STEM! This week we started a new rotation that will take us through February 14th. During this rotation 4th graders are building chain reaction machines. Third grade students are exploring with Lego We Do 2.0 and learning how to program and drive Sphero robots. 2nd graders are learning about how water moves from high areas to low areas and that movement causes erosion. First grade students are coding and exploring with Code and Go Mouse robots and Botley robots. Kindergarteners are continuing work in their



"World Read Aloud Day" will be Wednesday, February 7th! We can't wait to enjoy listening to authors read aloud some of their favorite books! Just follow this link if you like to watch at home!
<https://www.scholastic.com/worldreadaloudday>

Our author visit will be Monday, March 4th! Troy Cummings will be sharing with the students how he came to be an amazing author! Be sure to order your books before February 6th! Also, 1st and 4th grade are checking out books and practicing for their upcoming



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.

Code.org class and doing their first Breakout EDU game, which goes along with the story, If You Take a Mouse to School. I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend, and, as always, please contact me with any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us.

musicals - 1st grade Mr. Rogers and 4th grade Delirium with Mrs. Paul and myself. We finished out the week with 3rd, 2nd, and Kindergarten listening to more Young Hoosier picture books so they are ready to vote on their favorite in April! These are really great books that the students are loving! Stay warm, safe, and snuggle up with a great book!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker

Thank you so much for your help in this matter.



Kindergarten- We will be playing a Valentine's game and Learning a circle dance to a Valentine's song.

1st Grade- We are in our final weeks of rehearsals for our Mr. Rogers program.

2nd Grade- We have been working hard on rhythm patterns made up of quarter notes, two eighth notes, and quarter rests.

3rd Grade- We started listening to the songs for our program, Economan this week.

4th Grade- We are working hard on getting our Delirium: A Trip through Indiana History program ready to go!



Oak Trace families, I am happy to announce that we have a new Amazing Art Gallery in the hallway by the art room. It is divided into 3 sections- **visual arts** like paintings, drawings ,artist trading cards, printmaking, **paper sculptures**- 3-D paper projects, paper collages and **textile arts**- for weaving and sewing. Very soon the 3rd and 4th graders will be transitioning into more of a studio setting for art. We will still be covering our art standards and have "Learning Days" but students will get to work at different studios to learn more about a type of art that interests them . They will be working on projects for several art sessions. Work that is "WOW" worthy will be displayed in the Art Gallery. I will be sending home more



2nd-4th Grades

We completed our soccer unit this week. We played some 4 Goal soccer. This game gave the kids a chance to be a part of the action the entire time. The students on the sideline acted as extra players by kicking the ball back to their teammates when it rolled out of bounds. We are now moving on to our volleyball unit. We will be working on those skills for the next month.

4 GOAL SOCCER VIDEO

Kindergarten and 1st grades

The kindergartners and 1st graders also finished up their soccer unit. They played 4 Corner Soccer. This game has 4 teams that each have their

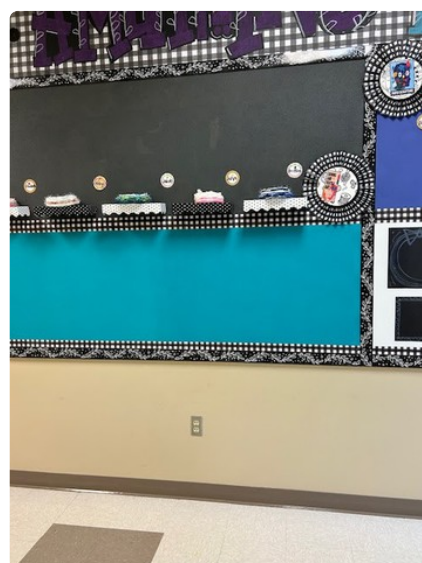
The OTES Treble Choir will be singing The National Anthem at the WHS basketball game on February 9!

Have a Harmonious Weekend!

information about this new approach called TAB- Teaching for Artistic Behaviors in a few weeks. 2nd grade will begin to have studio art after spring break. My littles will continue with more project inspired by artists projects , like we have been doing. I am really excited to begin this new format for teaching art. It should be great!!

own goal. We use 3 soccer balls and it becomes one big game of soccer. The kids really have a great time. I challenged them to achieve one of two goals, score a goal or save a goal as a goalie. Almost every student was able to do one or the other. They will be moving on to volleyball/striking skills over the next few weeks as well

[4 CORNER SOCCER VIDEO](#)



Molly Baker

Molly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters