



Oak Trace Weekly Update

February 23, 2024

Hello From Mrs. Hitch

Happy Friday!

Hope you had a great long weekend with your children last weekend. Students will not be in school next Thursday and Friday due to staff development. Thank you for your flexibility with our alternate schedules - I know it can be tricky for working parents.

We are so excited for our Winter Festival tomorrow from 5:00 - 7:00. Thank you to all of you who donated or volunteered for this fun family event.

Great job to our first graders for their Mr. Rogers performances. It's so fun to hear them sing songs I grew up singing. See the links below to watch these performances at home! Our kindergartners enjoyed a visit from Ms. Liz the Science Wiz today!

Thank you to all of you who participate in drop off and pick up in the back for following our new guidelines (listed below.). We hope this will make the line run more efficiently and get students to their classrooms on time (by 7:50.). If you arrive past 7:50 you will need to park in front and walk in your child to sign in at the front desk. Thank you!

Great job on the penny wars. We raised \$1259.31.

1st place-2nd grade

2nd place-3rd grade

3rd place-kindergarten

4th place-1st grade

5th place- 4th grade

Today Mrs. Herring and I met with safety personnel from Westfield to review safety plans, discuss possible scenarios, and share ideas. It was a great meeting! Your children's safety is very important to us.

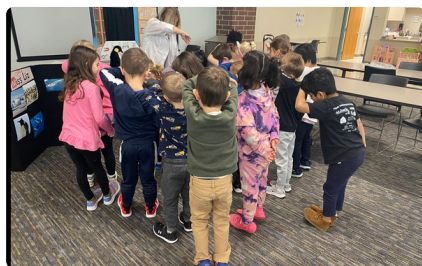
There will be no school next Thursday or Friday due to staff professional development.

Have a great weekend! I will see you at the Winter Festival tomorrow!

Jane Hitch

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Mr. Rogers performances

Here are the links to view the 3 Mr. Rogers performances this week.

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What's Happening

- February 29th - March 1st - No School, Staff PD
- March 4th-Visiting Author (Troy Cummings)
- March 29 th- April 8th - Spring Break (school resumes April 9th)





All Pro Dads

Here is the RSVP for the All Pro Dads meeting on February 28th.

https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/3952/chapter_meetings/47978

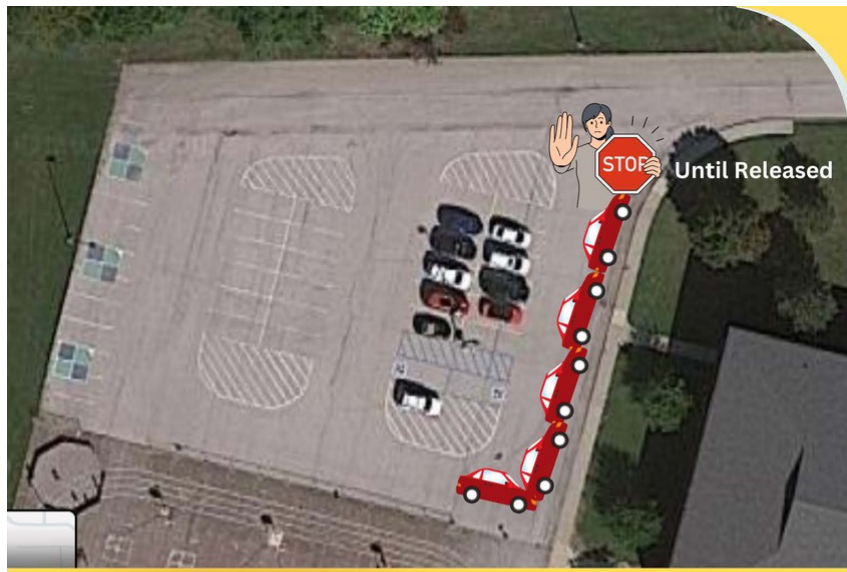
ROBBIES HOPE CLUB

COOKIES &
CANVASES

PAINT ALONG WITH AN AP ART
STUDENT, ELYSE MENZEL

FEBRUARY 27TH, 5:30-6:30
WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BISTRO

RSVP
HERE!



NEW Parent Drop-Off Procedures

- Cars will be released 5-6 cars at a time.
- If you are the 1st car in the released set, DO NOT pull away until you are given the signal by a staff member. This will allow the next set of cars to pull up at the same time.
- When it is your turn, please make sure your child is unbuckled, backpack ready and shoes on.
- If you arrive after 7:50, you will need to park in the front parking lot and bring your child into the front office to sign them in.

By implementing these changes, our hope is that students will arrive on time and the process will become more efficient. Thank you for following these new procedures.



**WESTFIELD
WASHINGTON
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>

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

Save the dates

(Please avoid making any appointments on these dates)

3rd grade Iread

Monday, March 4th
Wednesday, March 6th
Thursday, March 7th

3rd grade ILearn Testing

(Please try not to schedule any appointments on these dates)

Tuesday, April 16th - ELA 8:15-9:45
Wednesday, April 17th - ELA 8:15-9:45
Thursday, April 18th - ELA 8:30-10
Friday, April 19th - ELA 8:15-9:45
Tuesday, April 23rd - Math 8:15-9:45
Wednesday, April 24th - Math 8:30-10
Thursday, April 25th - Math 8:15-9:45



4th grade ILearn Testing

(Please try not to schedule any appointments on these dates)

Monday, April 15th - ELA 9:30-11
Tuesday, April 16th - ELA 9:30-11
Thursday, April 18th - ELA 9:30-11
Friday, April 19th - ELA 9:30-11
Monday, April 22nd - Math 9:30-11
Tuesday, April 23rd - Math 9:30-11
Thursday, April 25th - Math 9:30-11
Tuesday, April 30th - Science 9:30-11
Wednesday, May 1st - Science 9:30-11
Thursday, May 2nd - Science 9:30-11

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.



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!



Lee

Order your yearbook today at ybpay.com

Encarga hoy tu anuario



Order Deadline:

Fecha Tope 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>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 in 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.

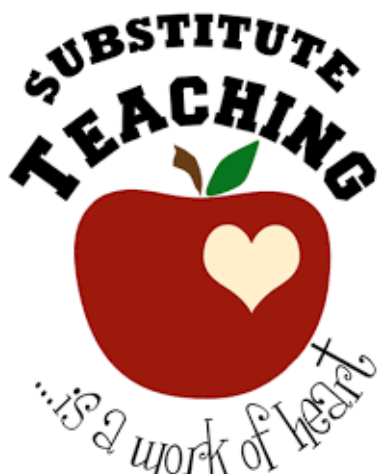
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Thinking Thursday

What is the name of the galaxy that contains our solar system?

The Milky Way



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, Soccer, 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

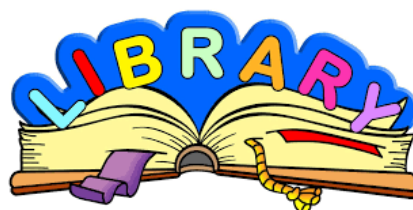
Questions? OakTracepto@gmail.com

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! We started a new rotation that will take us through March 5th. During this rotation 4th graders are building and programming VEX robots to complete a dirty, dangerous, or repetitive job. Third graders are designing, building, and programming Lego recycling trucks. Second grade students are learning about and experimenting with erosion as well as designing and testing erosion control solutions. 1st graders are learning about the life cycle of a frog by building models of the stages of their life cycle with our VEX Go kits.



We began reading books from our upcoming visiting author, Troy Cummings! I Found a Kitty! was the book we read together! We watched a video of Troy illustrating a character from his books as well. The kids just loved the books! In kindergarten and second grade, the students created their own paper plate kitty to hang in the library! First graders presented their musical, Mr. Roger's Neighborhood! They were adorable and sang their hearts out! Our third graders checked books out and continued to work on their third grade musical, "Economan"! They



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.

Kindergarten students are doing some coding in their code.org class and coding with our Bee Bots and Code and Go Mouse. I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend, and, as always, please contact me with any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us

truly are amazing at presenting their knowledge about economy! Fourth graders are continuing their practices for their musical, "Delirium", which will be presented Wednesday evening, March 6th at the Westfield Washington High School! Super excited for all of them!

The countdown is on for our visiting author, Troy Cummings, on Monday, March 4th!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



We are working hard in the music room!

Kindergarten is finishing their guessing Valentine's game. Next week we will begin added instruments to onomatopoeias in a book about roadwork.

1st Grade- You did an amazing job on your Mr. Rogers performances!

2nd grade has been working on rhythms as we play rhythm bingo.

3rd grade is learning the music for their Economan performance.



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



2nd-4th Grades

The Fastest Class Challenge has begun. We are deciding which class is the fastest in each of these grade levels. To start class I put 5 minutes on the clock. The students have to run as many laps as possible. I keep track of the total laps each class gets, then I divide it by the number of students to get the average laps per student. The class that has the highest total average after 3 weeks will be our fastest class. The winning class will receive a Free Choice PE class where they get to choose the games that we play for that day. All of the

4th grade is just under two weeks until we do our Delirium: A Trip through Indiana History performance.

Have a Harmonious Weekend!

Mrs. Paul

is "WOW" worthy will be displayed in the Art Gallery. I will be sending home more 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!!

classes are off to a good start and the race is very tight still.

We also played volleyball after our 5 minute run. We are working on the rules of the game and rotating as well as serving. We will play volleyball for 1 more week before moving on to basketball and March Madness!!

Kindergarten-1st grades

PARACHUTE DAY!!! We busted out the gian parachute this week and the kids had a wonderful time. It is so much fun to watch their excitement as we play with the parachute. They went underneath it, around it and tried to pop balls off of it. Below is a link to 3 short video clips of them having a great time!

[VIDEO 1](#)

[VIDEO 2](#)



Molly Baker

Molly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters