

Oak Trace Weekly Update

February 9, 2024

Hello From Mrs. Hitch

Happy Friday!

We had a fun week this week! Global Play Day and World Read Aloud Day was Wednesday. Students did a nice job sharing and playing games. We were so proud of them! Teachers played games too during our early morning PD. We learned about many fun reading and math games. Teachers could win the games, and they are now in our classrooms!

We are so proud of our Robotics team. They had their final competition on Wednesday and represented us well. Way to go!

Our second graders concluded their nonfiction unit with a book celebration. We were SO impressed by the books they created about the topic they researched. Well done!

Valentine parties are next week. This is your last chance to register for Safe Visitor before the parties if you haven't already or if it is expired. We really don't want to turn people away. Please remember that students will not be able to pass out candy with their valentines.

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!

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

Please remember that next week there is no school on Friday and no school the following Monday (February 19th). There will not be a newsletter next week.

Have a great weekend! Enjoy all the games this weekend! I'll be cheering for my Boilers!

Jane Hitch

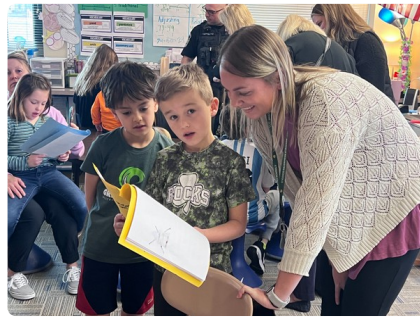
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What's Happening

- February 16th - 19th - No School, Presidents' Day
- February 29th - March 1st - No School, Staff PD
- March 4th-Visiting Author (Troy Cummings)




Penny Wars are coming...Save your pennies to help your grade level raise money for local charities. Hosted by The PTO and Student Council February 20-23.



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



SYMPTOM

COUGH AND OTHER COLD SYMPTOMS

EYE DISCHARGE

FEVER

FLU

HEADACHE

RASH

SORE THROAT

STOMACHACHE

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

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



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**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!**





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

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!



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!

Yearbook Anuario \$15.00	Packages Paquetes			
<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-sewada, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el uso y desgaste. <p>Hardcover Upgrade +\$5.00 Mejora de la cubierta de tapa dura</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>

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 reúne 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>

*Yearbook design varies by school.
**Items 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. Selecciona Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.

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Thinking Thursday

There are 46 students in the cafeteria. There are 18 more students in the MPR than in the cafeteria. How many students are in the cafeteria and MPR combined?

110 students





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. 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>

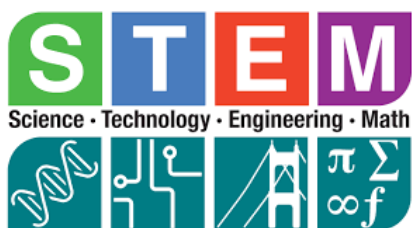
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Oak Trace PTO

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! My Super STEMers board needs some more pictures. Does your student like doing STEM related things at home? If so, please send me a picture of them with their



We are taking some time to just enjoy amazing books in the library! Kindergarten and 2nd grade listened to a picture book about a groundhog that didn't want to see his shadow! He wanted an early spring! The



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

project so I can hang it outside of my room. Options include, but are not limited to, Lego builds, Magnatile creations, science experiments, and outdoor explorations. Please send any pictures to me at school digitally or with your student to STEM. Have a great weekend, and please contact me with any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us.

Groundhog's Day by Steven Kroll.. 2nd grade also learned true facts about groundhogs! First grade is continuing to check out books and practice songs for a special Mr. Rogers musical with Mrs. Paul! Fourth grade is also checking out books and continuing to practice for the special musical for Mrs. Paul! Third grade started Economan practices this week as well! Keep snuggling with those books!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Walker

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.



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.



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



2nd-4th Grades

This week we kicked off our volleyball unit. We began working on the skills over bumping and setting. The students used balloons and beach balls to work on these skills in small groups. Then they played 4 Square Volleyball. In this game they tried to keep the beach ball up in the air without letting it land in their square. Next week we will work on the skill of serving and play some 2 on 2 volleyball.

Kindergarten and 1st Grades

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

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

Have a Harmonious Weekend!

several art sessions. Work that 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!!

In PE this week we began working on striking with our hands/volleyball skills. We used balloons and tried a few different challenges. They tried to keep the balloon up in the air with a partner while holding on a hula hoop and also holding hands. This was a lot of fun to watch. They also played balloon volleyball. Finally they got a chance to try out the rock climbing wall. I was amazed with how well they were able to climb the rock wall and they had an absolute blast.

[ROCK WALL](#)



Molly Baker

Molly is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters