

Oak Trace Weekly Update

March 15, 2024

Hello From Mrs. Hitch

Happy Friday!

We've had a fun week! Today our students listened to a bagpiper play and were able to ask him questions. Our second graders are busy learning about fairy tales and fables. We can't wait to see their fairy tale plays next week. Fourth graders have been working on persuasive writing. They had some interesting debates - is water wet? Are you in or on the Earth? Our kindergartners built creative leprechaun traps today!

Report cards are available to view on PowerSchool. You can access the grades at www.powerschool.com/public. There is an information sheet located below.

Interested in a summer camp? Registration opens today. See further in the newsletter for how to register.

Our Lego team did a great job at their competition on Saturday. We are so proud of them!

We are excited to welcome our newest little acorns to Little Acorn Night next Wednesday. This will take place at Oak Trace and is for students are entering kindergarten next year.

Have a great weekend!

Jane Hitch @MrsHitchOTES <u>hitchj@wws.k12.in.us</u>

Attendance	Missed	Percent Who Meet or Exceeded Winter NWEA
Rate	Days	Goal
95.69% - 100%	0-5	73.20%
91.38% - 95.68%	6-10	70%
87.07% - 91.37%	11-15	65.80%
67% - 86.06%	16 or more	60%

































Our New Kindergarten Playground is Coming Soon!





What's Happening

- March 20th Little Acorn Night
- March 21st Crazy Sock Day
- March 27th All Pro Dads
- March 29th- April 8th Spring Break (school resumes April 9th)
- April 10th Economan @ WHS (3rd grade)
- April 15th May 2nd ILEARN (3rd and 4th grade)

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How Can I Access My Child's Report Card?

Our report cards are completely online and can be accessed via PowerSchool. Students in grades K- 2 have standards based report cards (you can see how they are progressing in each standard.) Students in grades 3-12 have letter grades which are percentage based. Please see below for details on how to

Accessing report cards

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All Pro Dads

All Pro Dads are meeting March 27th. Below is the link to RSVP.

Father & Kids Experience

https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/3952/chapter_meetings/47



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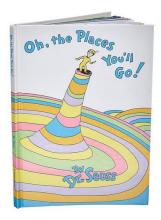
Westfield Washington School District Special Education Program presentation: Cross Categorical

Westfield's Cross Categorical program serves our students who have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and a mild cognitive delay or who function as if they have a mild cognitive delay. These students have the advantage of getting their core instruction either in their Cross Categorical classroom or in the general education classroom whichever is most appropriate for each individual student. Our students engage in our math, reading and writing curriculums, receive the services of our speech/language, occupational and physical therapists, participate with their peers in PE, music, STEM, art and in our innovation center. The teachers have training in Autism Spectrum Disorders and are uniquely qualified to meet the needs of the students in this program. In addition to their core curriculum, our staff integrates social skills instruction throughout the school day to assist our students in becoming more socially independent. The Westfield Autism Team (WAT) is a multidisciplinary team that offers support and resources to all teachers, staff and parents in the district.

Would you like to learn more? This event in open to any district parent. Just email sepacwestfield@gmail.com for the event invitation. In person and virtual options.

Date: Wednesday, March 27th

Time: 6pm - 730pm



Book signing

It's hard to believe we are close to winding down the 23/24 school year. We know some parents like to have teachers sign special books for their students (see attached picture), but we are asking you to bring these books in earlier rather than later. Teachers are so busy the month of May so it is hard for them to get these books signed and returned before school ends.

Summer Childcare and Camps

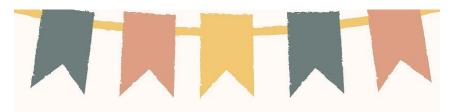
Summer Childcare and Summer Camp Program--Enrollment will open on March 15th, 2024 at 6:00 AM.

Before and After Care Program for the 2024-2025 School Year - Enrollment will Open on May 1st, 2024 at 6:00 AM.

Click $\underline{\text{HERE}}$ to register and for more information.



These programs are very popular and fill up quickly. Please do not delay registering once enrollment opens.



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







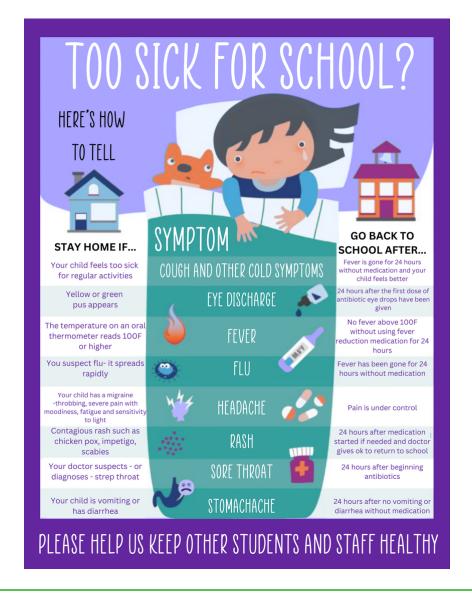
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Westfield Washington Schools 2024-2025 School Supply List

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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

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!





Thinking Thursday

What is the traditional uniform worn by a bagpiper called?

A kilt

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 <u>do need</u> 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!

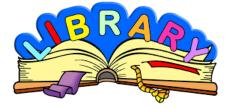
Starting Friday, August 5, at 9 am. You will be able to Rent the Rock through Membership toolkit. The Rock is able to be rented Sunday-Thursday for \$20. You are able to begin painting at 4:00 pm on the day of your rental. Your beautiful artwork stays up for 24 hours or until the next person has it rented. 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 hardti@wws.k12.in.



We had a fantastic week in STEM! This week we continued



The students in the library have been reading more



our rotation that will end next **Tuesday. During this rotation** 4th grade students are reviewing electrical energy and creating a light up card of the Indiana state flag. Third grade students are building and programming VEX Go robots to perform a simple task. 2nd graders are learning about the life cycle of a frog by building the stages from tadpole to adult frog with our VEX Go kits. First graders are doing a Breakout EDU called, Sam, The **Shape Stealer to review** shapes, and learning about the path of the sun in the sky. Kindergarten students are doing stations with our coding robots, LEGOs, pattern blocks, and building shapes out of toothpicks and playdough. 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.

Indiana Young Hoosier Books! This week, our third graders, second graders, first graders, and kindergarten friends read **Brains Not Just a Zombie** Snack by Stacy McAnulty and The Lief Thief by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater... We learned from the story how our brains are so important and the parts of the brain! I am so proud of how they are all learning and growing! In fourth grade we are sharing new chapter books that are also on the Young Hoosier Nominated list. This week we looked at The Elephant in the Room by Holly Sloan. Be sure to ask vour child about this interesting book!

SAVE-THE DATE for our next Oak Trace Book Fair!!! It will be set up just like our first Book Fair where the students will come during the week of May 6th-10th to browse the Book Fair and create a "Wish List" to bring home to share! Then. during the week of May 13th-17th to have the opportunity to purchase any books they would like! We will also have our "Family Night" on Tuesday, May 14th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to purchase books for summer reading! More information will be coming as the weeks continue! Be sure to put this on your calendar! Happy Reading! Mrs. Walker

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.



I am so proud of our 4th graders! They did such a great job during their performance of Delirium: A Trip through Indiana History. They worked so hard, and it paid off.

Kindergarten is playing instruments while we say the onomatopoeias in the book Road Work.

1st Grade is beginning to listen to and learn about instrument families from the musical story Peter and the Wolf.

2nd Grade is going to learn about different tempos of music through the music composition and story Carnival of the Animals.

3rd Grade is continuing to learn the music for Economan. Ask them to play the soca rhythm for you. It is a rhythm often used in music from Trinidad.

4th Grade- Job well done!

Have a Harmonious Weekend, Mrs. Paul



Oak Trace families,

We are super busy in the art room finishing up a lot of projects. 4th grade are finishing their weavings and cardboard portraits. 3rd grade is finishing their sewing projects. 2nd graders are working on a robot project that will focus on the element of art-value. 1st grade is working on the element of space with a gumball machine project and kindergarten is learning about the color spectrum and ROY G BIV. It has been great!!



2nd-4th Grades

March Madness is in full swing in the OTES gym! This week we continued to work on our basketball skills. We played some dribble relay games and also Champion Ball. Champion Ball is a great game that you can play at home or on any basketball hoop with your children. Watch the video link here and see it in action!!

Kindergarten-1st Grades

This week we worked on our dribbling skills. Dribbling a basketball stationary and on the move is a great challenge for this age group. We played a game called Steal the Beanbags. It was a lot of fun because they had the chance to "steal" beanbags from other teams! There was a lot of dribbling around the gym and many sweaty kids. Here is a link to a short video clip of one of the classes playing.

