

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGUST 11, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families! We have had a great two days with the students! It is so nice to all be together again.

Just a reminder that our 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 is 8:10 AM and the tardy bell and school start time is 8:20 AM. If you are dropping off your child for school, kindergarten drop off is in the kindergarten circle drive by the kindergarten doors. Please have your child practice getting in and out of the car seat so you can remain in your car to keep the car line moving. Drop off and pick up for grades 1-4 is in the back of the building by the gym.

A Safe Visitor background check will be required for anyone who visits our schools, including family members of our students. To sign up for Safe Visitor, please visit <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/Page/1474>. Safe Visitor will send you a notification if your registration is expiring. Thank you for a great start to the school year!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Jane Hitch

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- August 24th: Grades 1- 4 Meet the Teacher 6:00
- September 7: Picture Day



Savor WESTFIELD

THANK YOU TO OUR TITLE SPONSORS INDY DENTAL GROUP AND URBAN APPLES

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS MUST DO, ADULTS ONLY NIGHT OUT!
THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT...

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!

SAVOR WESTFIELD IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT, BENEFITING OAK TRACE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WESTFIELD YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
COME SAMPLE, SIP, AND TASTE THE MENUS OF 21 LOCAL RESTAURANTS,
WINERIES AND BREWERIES!

SAVOR WESTFIELD IS A 21 & OLDER EVENT
PERFECT DATE NIGHT OR GIRLS NIGHT OUT!
FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.SAVORWESTFIELD.COM

LOCATION: THE BRIDGEWATER CLUB
DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023
TIME: 6:30-9:30PM

TICKETS \$50.00

VIP TICKETS \$75.00- LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS (INCLUDES EARLY
ADMITTANCE AT 6PM AND DRINK TICKET)
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE!



HEARING SCREENINGS

Tuesday the 15th is Oak Trace's annually state-mandated hearing screens for all Kindergarten, 1st grade, 4th grade, and any new students to Westfield Washington Schools. Speech-Language Pathologists from throughout the district will be assisting Mr. Butz, MA CCC-SLP, with the screenings and you will only be contacted with the results if further action is needed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the screening process please contact Mr. Butz at butzb@wvs.k12.in.us.

COUNSELOR'S CHRONICLE

Welcome back students and families! It has been a fantastic start to our 2023 school year. Our ambassadors deserve a quick shout out for helping our staff with bus arrival and even down in the cafeteria these past couple of days. My goal is to visit every classroom over the next 2 weeks to get to know our students and let them know I'm here to assist in any way needed. Have a spectacular weekend! Mr. F



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Substitute teach at Oak Trace

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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>

ATTENDANCE LINE

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



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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



PTO INFORMATION IS BELOW

Lots of PTO information in the following slides. Please review.

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

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.





Room Parents Flyer (1).pdf

Become a room parent

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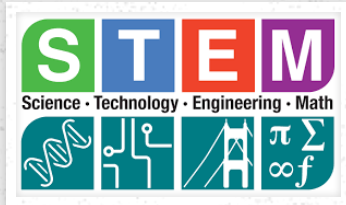
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MAKE A TEACHER'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL!



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TEACHER3](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4BA4AD28A0FFC16-TEACHER3)

SIGN UP TO BRING A TEACHER THEIR BIRTHDAY LUNCH!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

Welcome back! We had a wonderful start to our school year. My name is Jeff Gibbs and I am the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) teacher here at Oak Trace. This will be my 7th year teaching STEM and my 24th year of teaching; before teaching STEM I taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. I am super excited for this year and all of the projects and activities that we will be doing in STEM. If you ever have any questions for me, please feel free to contact me through Talking Points, or send me an email at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us. It's going to be a great year!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Oak Trace! It was so great to see all the boys and girls back at school this week! I am super excited to see them all in the library this year! As part of the specials team, I will see each classroom when it's their time to have library on their schedule!

This rotation we are reading Butterflies on the First Day of School by Anne Silvestro. We have discussed feelings we have on the first week of school. It's ok to be nervous! The students made butterflies to hang around our building! Such a fun way to start our year!

Also, don't forget to send in your passports from our summer reading program! They are due by August 16th!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



NURSE'S CLINIC

Hi parents! I am so excited to start a new school year. If your student needs to take a medication at school (including epi pen and/or inhaler), please bring them to the clinic as soon as possible. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on what paperwork you need to do so. Also, we are in need of underwear for the clinic. Currently we are low on girl size 6 underwear and boys size 4 and 6. If you'd like to donate new underwear, it would be greatly appreciated.

Melissa Hurst, RN, BSN



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Welcome to our school year in music! It is great to be back!

This rotation we will be going through our procedures for the music room. We are really working on Doing the Right Thing and Treating People Right with a focus on responsibility and respect. We have a lot of exciting things coming up in music this year!

Have a Harmonious Weekend,
Mrs. Paul



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

Welcome back Oak Trace families, It has been a great start to the school year. The students have been so attentive, even though we have discussed a lot about our procedures and didn't have much time to create. However, now that we got the "housekeeping" stuff out of the way, we will begin our first project. They will deal with how to have a growth mindset in art and the things that make us successful as artists. I can't wait to begin!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

Welcome to Oak Trace PE! My name is Chris Van Den Berg. Most of you know me as Mr. V. This is my 12th year at Oak Trace and my second as the PE teacher. I previously taught 2nd grade here for 10 years. I am really excited to be back. I have some exciting plans for this school year and am looking forward to rolling those out as the year progresses.

The first exciting program I want to tell you about is the **Future Rocks** program. In an effort to promote **ALL** sports here in Westfield I have created this program. The goal of this program is to get kids to any and all Westfield High School/Middle School Fall sporting events. There will be football games, cross country meets, golf matches, tennis matches, volleyball matches and soccer games. If your child attends any of these events all they have to do is take a picture and Tweet it to [@OTES_PE](#) on Twitter with the hashtag **#FUTUREROCKS**. Include their name in the post and the next time I see them I will give them a cool **FUTURE ROCKS** wristband to wear. I hope this idea will get our kids out to all the fall sports going on around Westfield.

