

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGUST 18, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

We have continued to have a great start to the year! Your children are learning procedures and getting started with curricular work as well. I am so proud of them. They are truly showing how we "treat people right" and "do the right thing!"

Our PTO has been preparing for Savor Westfield. Have you bought your ticket yet? It is a fun, adults-only evening where you can taste great food from area restaurants, enjoy a parents night out, and raise money for Oak Trace and Westfield Youth Assistance. Please see below for more information. I hope to see you there!

Our second, third, and fourth grade students can sometimes have seconds at lunch. You can keep track of your child's lunch account on our district website. Check out the Oak Trace page under Parents. <https://ote.wws.k12.in.us/> You can also prevent them from getting seconds if you choose. We also serve breakfast and soon will have a la cart options. Some parents may not be aware that their children are getting breakfast, seconds, or a la cart. You can see what your child has gotten (and prevent what you don't want) on that website. There is also an app called Nutrislice that shows you the breakfast and lunch being served each day.

Our Meet the Teacher Night will be Thursday, August 24th at 6:00 for grades 1 - 4. Kindergarten had their Information Night the night of the Ice Cream Social. If you have more than one child here, you can attend one class's session and then visit the other teacher to get information. This event is for parents/guardians only.

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!

Have a great weekend!

Jane Hitch

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- August 24th: Grades 1- 4 Meet the Teacher 6:00
- September 1 and 4 - No School - Labor Day weekend (note that it is a 4 day weekend)
- September 7: Savor Westfield and Picture Day

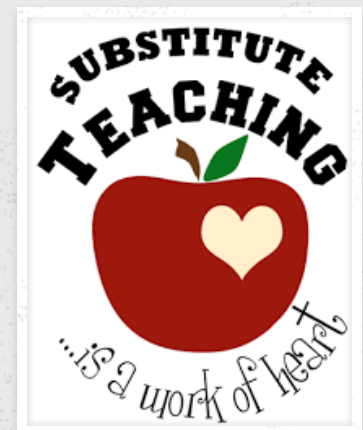


AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

After School Enrichment classes will start after Labor Day and will run for 6 weeks up until Fall Break! We have some fun classes planned! Classes will be offered on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays this session. Many favorites are back and we have some new classes as well! Look for more information in an email Monday!

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.



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!



THINKING THURSDAY

Colts training camp ended this week at Grand Park. What is the name of the Colts' new quarterback?

Anthony Richardson



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Westfield Basketball Academy tryouts

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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

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>

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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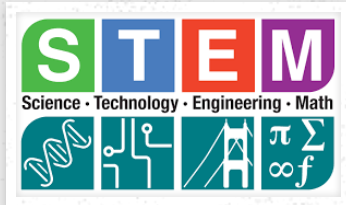
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MAKE A TEACHER'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL!



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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

We are having 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 have just 1 more class from each grade level to meet, and it has been great seeing everyone and catching up on what is going on with them. 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

We are off and running in the Oak Trace Library! The boys and girls have been super excited to be back and check out some great books! We started talking about taking care of our library books and I know our students always try to be responsible! Please remind your kiddos to make sure their water bottles are closed in their backpacks or maybe they keep their library books in a separate part of their backpack! We have also been talking about how it is important to keep their library books in a safe place when they are not reading them! I try to encourage them to keep them in their backpacks because they will always have their books at home and always have them back at school, too! We also have the opportunity to come down any day during Open Checkout to get new books! That is each day from 1:50-2:00 PM! I am so thrilled to see our students excited about reading!

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

I finally got to see all of the classes this week, and we started our second rotation.

Kindergarten is finding their singing voices, learning how to keep a steady beat with *Re the Raccoon*, learning the song *Frog in the Meadow*, and the spoken rhyme, *Chop Chop, Chippity Chop*.

1st Grade is learning the song *Rig a Jig Jig* as we learn each other's names and a little about our friends.

2nd Grade is working on a name game called *Ickle Ockle Blue Bockle*.

3rd Grade is working on activities that we did this summer and rhythm patterns.

4th Grade is reviewing rhythms and playing some of our unpitched percussion instruments as we layer in 5 different ostinoti (repeated rhythm patterns.)

Please see the attachment regarding the OTES Treble Choir for 3rd and 4th grade students. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesdays after school on September 19, 2023.



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

2nd-4th Grades

We had a great first week in PE. I was able to see every class. We focused this week on COOPERATION. We did some different cooperative challenges. Their favorite game was *Space Race*. They had to work together to move around the gym and collect "space rocks." They did an amazing job working together to accomplish this task.

K-1st Grades

These grades worked on some of our PE routines. I taught them or reminded them how we warm up and how we freeze in the gym. Then they played a fun game called *Spaceships vs. Aliens!* Ask your child about that game if you haven't already.

Please have your child fill out this form, and return it to me.

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Have a Harmonious Weekend!

Mrs. Paul

