

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGUST 25, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

Thank you for coming to our grades 1-4 Classroom Information Night! It was great to see so many of you. We are looking forward to a wonderful partnership with you this year. Thank you for all of your support!

The next two weeks will be shortened weeks due to Labor Day. There will be no school next Friday (September 1st) nor the following Monday (September 4th).

Don't forget to get your ticket for Savor Westfield! It's a fun adults-only event that supports Oak Trace and Westfield Youth Assistance. Can't wait to see you there!

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.

Have a great weekend!

Jane Hitch
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- September 1 and 4 - No School - Labor Day weekend (note that it is a 4 day weekend)
- September 7: Savor Westfield and Picture Day



PICTURE DAY

School picture day is Thursday, September 7th! Order forms are going home soon.

DINE *TO* DONATE

Benefitting Oak Trace Elementary



Tuesday, August 29 | 3pm-8pm

Where: Chick-fil-A at Thatcher Lane (near Hobby Lobby)

How: You must order through the Chick-fil-A app. When you get to the payment screen, toggle the "Support Community Care Event" and use the code **OTE2023**

Thank You
for supporting our school!

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
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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!



A LA CARTE IN CAFETERIA

Just wanted to send out a reminder that all the elementary schools and WIS are scheduled to start their a la carte offerings on 5 Sept. We had great success with the fruit roll ups last year, so we will continue to serve those. The Goldfish ended up not selling at all, so we donated them to a local church near Oak Trace for their food service program.

We will be adding a juice element this year, so we will still keep the options limited to 1 snack and 1 juice, both priced at \$0.75. If a parent does not wish their child to participate, they are

able to go on to the Lunchtime portal and restrict "Snack" and "Juice" under the restriction list, and those items will not be able to be purchased. A la carte purchases are also not allowed if a child does not have a positive balance on their Lunchtime account unless they pay with cash. This keeps the students from being able to go into negative balances with a la cartes. Per a request last year, we will still be limiting each student to only 1 a la carte purchase per day.

Please see the Child Nutrition Label below. This is one of the few approved juices for K-4 by the USDA and meets all Federal and USDA requirements to be served for that age group. The other option we had was to add the Switch juices, but those cost almost a dollar each for us to purchase, so I wanted to stay in the \$0.75 price range to limit any price confusion. I decided not to put the Switch drinks in the 6 elementary schools, but they did very well at WIS when we had them, so WIS will have the Switch option, while the 6 elementary schools will have the Juicy Juice box option.

Nutrition and ingredients ^

Nutrition Facts

8 servings per container

Serving Size **1.00 box**

Amount Per Serving

Calories **100**

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 0g **0%**

Sodium 15mg **1%**

Total Carbohydrate 24g **9%**

Total Sugars 23g

Includes Added Sugars 0g **0%**

Protein 0g

Potassium 240mg 6%

Vitamin C 90mg 100%

* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

Ingredients

Apple Juice from Concentrate (Water, Juice Concentrate), Pear Juice from Concentrate (Water, Juice Concentrate), Tangerine Juice from Concentrate (Water, Juice Concentrate), Grape Juice from Concentrate (Water, Juice Concentrate), Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C), Citric Acid, Natural Flavors.

Allergens and safety warnings

Do not drink if boxes are leaking or damaged.



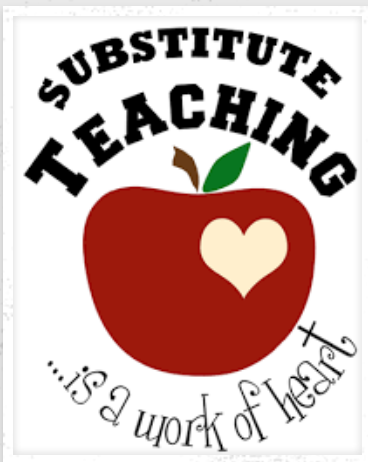
LUNCH DUTY HELPERS

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>

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.



THINKING THURSDAY

Oak Trace is part of the Westfield Washington School District. How many schools are in our school district?

10



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Westfield Basketball Academy tryouts

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Become a Sub.pdf

Become a sub for the WWS district

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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 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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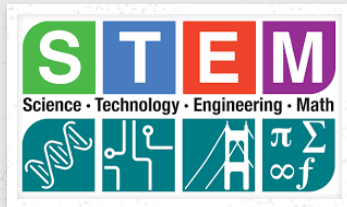
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MAKE A TEACHER'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL!



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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 had a wonderful week in STEM, and I have now had a chance to see all of the classes. On Thursday we started a new rotation that will take us through September 8th. During this rotation 3rd and 4th grade students are using our Sphero robots to experiment with the connection between rate of speed and distance traveled, as well as using Google Sheets to create graphs and charts. Second grade students are conducting experiments with liquids and solids to see which ones will mix with water to create a solution. 1st graders and Kindergarteners are practicing the skill of observation and creating a design inspired by the book Not a Stick (Book by Antoinette Portis) I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and, as always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Things are moving along nicely in the Oak Trace Library! We reviewed procedures for checking out books and using the library. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders on understanding how to "use" our library more independently when they are looking for books! They have done an amazing job with this and I'm super impressed! The 1st graders have been reviewing about how to pick the book that is great for them. We call these books "Just Right Books". We talk about books that may be too easy or too hard for us. We are also reviewing the importance of taking good care of their library books! With the Kindergartners a story called Manners in the Library by Carrie Finn was read and discussed. Kindergartners are continuing to learn about book care and Sammy the Shelf Marker! They are loving making their

own Sammy the Shelf Marker!

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

This week in music we...

Kindergarten- we are learning about our singing, speaking, whispering, and calling voices with some puppet friends and the song, "Bow Wow Wow." We are also learning a circle partner dance.

1st Grade- We finished our singing game to the song "Rig a Jig Jig." Now we are working on high and low voices with the song, "Bounce High, Bounce Low," while we bounce a ball to the beat. We also reviewed the 4 ways we use our voices with the song, "Doggie, Doggie Where's Your Bone."

2nd Grade- We finished our Ickle Ockle name game, and now we are going to be working on an ABCA pattern with the rhyme Deedle, Deedle Dumpling. We will also get to play the words on the xylophones and other barred instruments.

3rd Grade- We are finishing our summer rhythm patterns and creating a song in rondo form.

4th Grade- We are finishing simple repeated rhythm patterns (an ostinato) as we layer 5 patterns in and then



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

Hello Oak Trace Families, We have been so busy learning procedures and working on our first projects for the year.

Our 4th graders are finishing their Todd Parr selfies for the hallway display. They are so cute!

Third graders did an eraser drawing inspired from the book When Pencil Met Erasers. These were tricky and they did a great job on them.

2nd graders are turning OOPs paper that they tore into a picture. It has been fun seeing their minds play with the shapes and transforming them.

1st graders are learning about the element of art called shape and kindergarteners element of art is line.

We have had a very busy week!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th Grades

This week the kids played one of their favorite games, Cats vs. Mice. It is a throwing, and dodging game where they also have to work together. We also warmed up with some really fun noodle relays. Here is a [link](#) to watch a short video of the relays!

K-1st Grades

This week we worked with hula hoops. We used them to try many different challenges. We also played a tag game called Bumper Car Tag. The kids had a lot of fun moving around the gym in their "bumper cars" trying to avoid being tagged. Here is a [link](#) to watch a short video of the tag game.

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layer them out. We are using 5 different instruments in groups as we do this.

The OTES Treble Choir is for 3rd and 4th grade students that love to sing, and would like to be a part of a group that sings in front of an audience. We begin rehearsal on Tuesday, September 19. Below is a form you can print, fill out, and return to me. See attachment below.

Have a Harmonious Weekend,
Mrs. Paul



Choir Info Letter.pdf

Choir permission slip

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