

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGUST 31, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

I hope you have enjoyed the wonderful weather this week. We have had a great week at school!

Thank you to all of you who came to our PTO meeting on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there to support our school. We are so lucky to have a great PTO! Our PTO has been busy working on Savor Westfield which takes place next week. We can't wait! Please join us for this fun evening out! Thank you to all who have been busy planning this terrific event.

Want to see all the great things happening at school? We are still looking for help at lunch and substitute teachers. See below for more information.

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





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PICTURE DAY IS COMING!




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Thursday, September 07, 2023
Oak Trace Elementary School



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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

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!





COUNSELORS CHRONICLE

Hello Oak Trace Families,

This was a great week here at school. Our ambassadors presented their first lifeline lesson of the year. We have been focusing on our RESPECT lifeline this week and will continue to work on being respectful in the 3 areas. What are the 3 areas of respect you ask, I encourage you to ask your child and see if they can help teach you those 3 areas. Have a great extended weekend, and Go Bucks! Mr. F

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LUNCH DUTY HELPERS

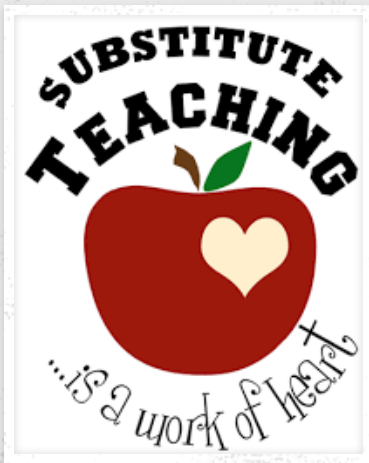
If you'd like to help with lunch duty this year, please open the link below. You can also find this sign-up on our website.

<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.



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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.



September lunch menu.pdf

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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



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.





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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

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 have been 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, We read about being Library Success Stories in 4th and 3rd grade! Be sure to ask your child what that means! In 2nd grade we introduced non-fiction categories and in 1st grade we talked about picking "Just Right Books"! Our kindergarten friends learned about Sammy the Shelf Marker and made one for their home libraries! I am so thrilled to see our students excited about reading!



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

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

We have had a busy week in the music room!

Kindergarten- We continue to talk about using our singing, speaking, whispering, and calling voices, and we have finished up the Bow Wow Wow song and movement piece. We are going to begin to start building our repertoire of musical instruments. We are also always working on steady beat. Ask your kindergartener about Re the Raccoon.

1st Grade has been playing a name game, called Bounce High, Bounce Low while we talk about high and low voices. We are also working on keeping a steady beat, and will begin to start to learn basic rhythm patterns.

2nd Grade is finishing our use of an ABCA pattern and movement to the Deedle Deedle Dumpling Rhyme. Next week we will watch last year's 2nd grade Veteran's Day performance, and begin rehearsing for this year's!

3rd Grade finished up a rondo form piece that they helped create with simple rhythm patterns for summertime activities.



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

We are finishing up our cooperative games unit. This week we played Hula Hut Knockdown. The students had to work together to knock down their other teams hula huts while also protecting and rebuilding their own. It is a fast paced game with a lot of action and they had a great time playing.

K-1st Grades

This week we warmed up with Dice Tag. Students took turns rolling dice and chasing each other when the number 1 was rolled. They also played other tag games like Sharks and Minnows, Freeze Tag and Pirate Ship Tag. We will begin our throwing and catching unit next!

FOLLOW THE PE PROGRAM ON TWITTER (or X) @OTES_PE. THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE GYM! VIDEO CLIPS AND PICTURES ARE POSTED SO YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT YOUR CHILD IS PLAYING AND LEARNING!

4th Grade finished up a piece in which 5 different instrument groups play 5 different repeated rhythm patterns while we all had to keep the same beat/tempo. It can be a challenge, but they did a great job!

OTES TALENT SHOW!

Start thinking about a way you can showcase your talent for our annual talent show that we will have in November.

Auditions will be the week after Fall Break. I will have a sign up very soon!

Anyone who is still interested in signing up for choir needs to turn in their form to me next week. After that it will be too late to join.

Have a Harmonious Weekend!
Mrs. Paul



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Choir permission slip

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