

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

What a great week! We have loved seeing all of the learning that is happening in our classrooms. Ask your child what book he/she is reading. Many of our students are working on developing number sense with our new math curriculum. It has been great to see how much they are thinking and and growing!

Today we kicked off our Walkathon. This is our main fundraiser of the year. Money used from this event fund so many activities for our students and staff. We are able to bring in an artist in residence each year, give money to teachers to use in their classrooms, visiting author, and so much more. This year we would like to be able to use the money to help pay for a field trip for students!

The Westfield Homecoming Parade is next week, and we will have an Oak Trace float! We have room for a few students to join the float. We will do a random drawing for students who are interested in being on the float. We know many students love to get the candy by watching the parade, but if your child would like to ride our float and throw out candy, enter his/her name in the drawing at this link. [OTES Homecoming Parade drawing](#). If you have never been to the parade, I encourage you to check it out this year. It's such a fun community event. It will take place between the middle school and high school at 6:30 on September 21st.

Want to get more involved at school? We are looking for more guest teachers! Please contact Molly Baker at bakerm@wws.k12.in.us if you are able to help. Thank you!!

Our third and fourth graders had a great time at Colts Camp on Thursday. Thank you, Mr. Van Den Berg, for organizing it. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped!

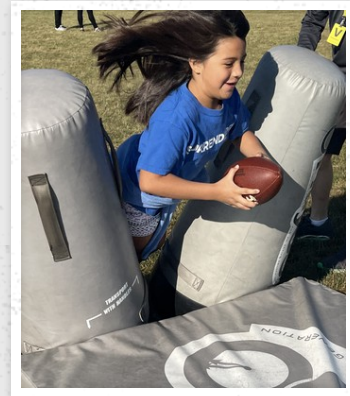
Please remember TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS TO SIGN UP FOR CHROMEBOOK PROTECTION. It will save you money if there are any damages. See below for more information.

Have you signed up for Safe Visitor yet? We hate turning people away from events because they aren't registered or it is expired. Visit <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/about-us/wws-school-safety/safe-visitor> to renew or register. We want you to be able to join us for All Pro Dads, field trips, performances, etc. Thanks!

Have a great weekend!

Jane Hitch

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WALKATHON KICKS OFF TODAY!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **September 18** - Crazy Hair Day
- **September 19** - Hat Day
- **September 20** - Pajama Day
- **September 21** - Westfield Spirit Day
- **September 22** - Neon Day
- **September 27** - All Pro Dads
- **September 29** - Walkathon - wear Oak Trace spirit shirts
- **October 6** - OTES Family Movie Night
- **October 16 - 20** - Fall Break



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are welcome to bring technology to school as a tool for learning if approved by the classroom teacher and/or administration. If you or your child decides to send such devices, understand that the school is not liable for any loss or damage to the device. All devices should be clearly labeled with the owner's name.

No cell phones or smart watches of any form are to be used during the school day including drop off and pick up. If these devices are brought to school, cell phones should be kept in their backpack or bag in their cubby. Smartwatches may be worn but not used to text or communicate during the school day. If a student has continuous reminders to follow this rule, they will be asked to give them to the teacher and at the end of the day it will be returned. If there are continued violations the device may be confiscated and kept in the office and the parent will be required to pick it up. We ask that parents do not text their children during the

day; you can contact the office for any questions or concerns. Pictures and videos are not to be taken without prior approval from a teacher or staff member. Students are not to post to social media while on school property, including inside and outside the school building, athletic fields, and school buses.

ATTENTION THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE PARENTS!

I highly recommend that you sign up for the Chromebook Protection Plan. Without it, Chromebook repairs can easily exceed \$100. The deadline to sign up is today! You can find more information at the link below.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/193ZJPYTPtyJejofldb7Z_bJgClSQT5DX/view

OTES AND ROCKS APPAREL

Today is the last day to order from the Oak Trace Spirit Wear online store! You can purchase apparel using the link below, and all purchases made from this site support our PTO and school. Many items are available in different colors and styles. Items will be delivered to the school and sent home with your student. Thank you for supporting PTO!

[Click Here to Order OTES & Rocks Apparel](#)



OAK TRACE ELEMENTARY



**ONLINE STORE IS HERE! PROCEEDS SUPPORT OAK
TRACE ELEMENTARY PTO!**

Shop now through September 15th

<https://oaktrace2023.itemorder.com>

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styles available for
almost every item!*





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There is also an option for UPS Ground Shipping at checkout.

**Orders will be processed after the posted closing date. Most
products will be delivered within 3 weeks after order closing date



ALL PRO DADS

First meeting is Wednesday 9/27 at 730am in the MPR. Here is the RSVP link:

https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/3952/chapter_meetings/47773.

Please remember that you must be safevisitor approved to attend this meeting.

<https://secure.safevisitorsolutions.com/Safe/Volunteer/003471/volunteer>

OAK TRACE

HOMECOMING SPIRIT DAYS

SEPTEMBER 18 - 22



Monday- Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday - Hat Day

Wednesday - Pajama Day

Thursday - Westfield Spirit Day

Friday - Neon Day

MOVIE NIGHT

THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

OAK TRACE ELEMENTARY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
6:30PM-9:30PM
MOVIE BEGINS AT 7:20PM

Bring the family, friends, blanket and lawn chairs!
free event | MUST RSVP!

scan here to RSVP

Available for Purchase
Samano's Food Truck,
Popcorn, Pizza, Kona Ice,
& School Spirit Apparel

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



Fall Events at the Library

Westfield Washington Public Library 333 W. Hoover St. Westfield, IN 46074 (317) 896-9391 wwpl.lib.in.us
Register for programs at wwpl.librarycalendar.com

Check out these fun upcoming events for our young patrons!

Story Castle CINEMA

Bring a snack, relax, and enjoy fun watching Saturday matinees in the comfort of your home! (See Fall 11 for exact cartoon preschools will begin at 12:30 PM on Saturdays and 1 PM on Sundays, followed by the movies.)
COSTS AND SEATING ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Saturdays and Sundays in September, October & November
SATURDAY MOVIE AT 1 PM SUNDAY MOVIE AT 1:30 PM

Sep. 2 - Sing 2 (2021) (Closed on Sep. 3)
Sep. 9 & 10 - Up (2000)
Sep. 16 & 17 - Beethoven 2 Beethoven's 2nd (1992/1993)
Sep. 23 & 24 - Peter Pan (2018)
Sep. 30 & Oct. 1 - Mr. Peabody & Sherman (2014)
Oct. 7 & 8 - Monsters, Inc. (2001)
Oct. 14 & 15 - Coraline (2009)
Oct. 21 & 22 - Spooky Buddies (2011)
Oct. 28 & 29 - In the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (1966)
Nov. 4 & 5 - The Wizard of Oz (1939)
Nov. 11 & 12 - Inside Out (2015)
Nov. 18 & 19 - A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (1973)
Nov. 25 & 26 - Pocahontas & Pocahontas II (1996/1998)

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WONDERLAB PRESENTS: WonderFest STEAM!

For ages K through adult!

Thursday, October 19
3:30pm - 5pm

This program will provide opportunities to experience the wonder and excitement of science through observation and 10 different lab tables. The following table exhibits will be available for all to enjoy:

1. Balancing Bird
2. Binary Jewelry
3. Color Changing Chemistry
4. Foam Sculptures
5. Gravity Graph
6. Mobile Strips
7. Nature of Dye
8. Rainbow Paper
9. UV Art
10. Thaumatrope

Registration required on our Events Calendar: wwpl.librarycalendar.com
Scan here for more information or to register.

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Family BINGO Night

Mon. September 18
Mon. October 16

6:00 PM

Kids, bring your parents or grandparents to WIN! for an inter-generational fun night with special prizes given!

Please reserve your spot on our website's Events Calendar: wwpl.librarycalendar.com

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PAWS TO READ

2nd Saturday of the month

Sign up at the Children's Desk or on our website's Events Calendar to read to a dog who is a very good listener!

Registration required. A \$5 non-refundable fee will be required from wwpl.librarycalendar.com.

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TRAILSIDE TALES STORY TIME

at MacGregor Park

WED. OCT. 18
6:30 PM

Bring your flashlights!

For more info or to register, visit wwpl.librarycalendar.com

MacGregor Park is located at 21105 MacGregor Park Rd., Westfield, IN

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Drop-in Lego Build

(Suggested ages 5 - 12)

Bring your creativity and build with Legos and other materials at the library! Challenge Cards will be available, too! Drop-in Lego Build will meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

4:30 PM
Sep. 13
Oct. 11
Nov. 8
Dec. 13

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PUMPKIN PARTY

Wednesday, Oct. 25
from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

BYOP - Bring Your Own Mini Pumpkin!
Decorate the pumpkin at the library!

We will also have games, "scary" storytelling and crafts for families, costumes, prizes, a scavenger hunt, more candy, popcorn, and... more candy!

Feel free to wear a costume!

Registration appreciated, but not required.
wwpl.librarycalendar.com/event/childrens-pumpkin-party

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"SCARY" STORY TIME

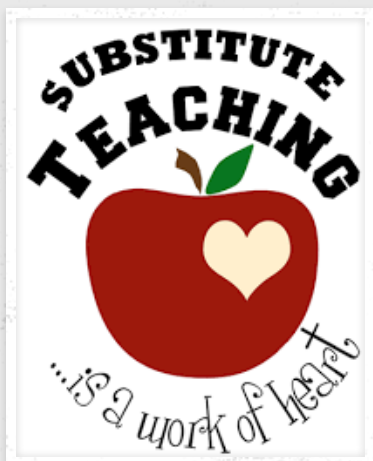
for Families

Boo! During the Pumpkin Party, our "Scary" Story Time will give you the creeps! Sit back (if you dare) and get ready for some chills and thrills!

Wed. Oct. 25
5:00 - 6:00 PM

Registration not required.

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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

Our Walkathon kicks off tomorrow. Name at least two events that the money from the walkathon helps pay for.

Answers could include: Artist in Residence, teacher grants, Field Day supplies, field trips, and so much more!! Thank you!



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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>



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

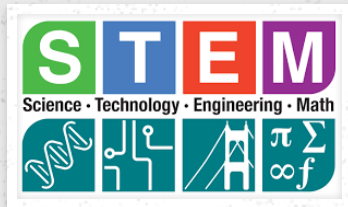
Questions? OakTracepto@gmail.com

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.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

We had a wonderful week in STEM! This week began a new rotation that will take us through September 22nd. During this rotation, 4th grade students are signing up for and creating a project in a coding program called SCRATCH. Third graders are setting up their STEM Journals and learning about science tools. 2nd grade students are learning about seed dispersal and creating their own sticky seeds after examining some seeds that disperse by sticking to animals. First graders are doing a Novel Engineering project with the story The Three Little Javelinas, where they are creating devices to help the characters in the story. Kindergarteners are continuing to build on their skill of observation by examining water beads. 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 continued exploring the Non Fiction, Fiction, and Everybody Fiction Neighborhoods in the library this week. We also discussed how to read a spine label to identify a book's neighborhood in the library. The 4h, 3rd, and 2nd graders enjoyed watching the Dewey Decimal Rap to review the Dewey Decimal system. 1st graders reviewed Fiction and Non Fiction books and were they are located in the library. Kindergarten friends listened to the Eyes that Kissed the Corners! This is our first Young Hoosier nominated book of many that we will be reading this year! This is a favorite activity for students and a great opportunity to hear some awesome picture books! Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



NURSE'S CLINIC





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Kindergarten is working on keeping a steady beat to a poem about apples.

1st Grade is working on moving to a steady beat and recognizing if a sound that we hear in our houses, outside, or in school are a steady beat or not.

2nd Grade has started working on their We Honor the Brave program for Veterans Day.

3rd Grade is being introduced to the Treble/G clef and learning where the notes are on the staff.

4th Grade is working on a Native American piece with singing, a drum ostinato, and a melodic ostinato on the xylophones for the next couple of weeks.

Have a Harmonious Weekend!
Mrs. Paul



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th Grades

This week we started our Throwing and Catching Unit. The games and warm up activities we do over the next few weeks will focus on those skills. I am looking for proper throwing form both overhand and underhand. This week we played a game called Pin Down! It was fast and furious and the kids had a great time. There was lots of running, throwing and protecting the pins.

K-1st Grades

These grade levels also began Throwing and Catching. They warmed up with scarves to make tossing and catching easier. The scarf obviously falls a bit slower than a ball. Then we worked on our throwing and catching in 5 different stations. There was bowling, pitching, tossing and catching as well as underhand tossing into buckets. We will continue working on these skills for the next few weeks.

COLTS CAMP WAS AN AMAZING SUCCESS!! Thank you to all of the 3rd and 4th grade parents who volunteered to help it. We couldn't have done it without you.

