

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

We had a fun week celebrating Homecoming and gearing up for our Walkathon! The crazy hair was crazy indeed! The pajamas were so cozy! And, wow, was it bright in the hallways today with all that neon.

Thank you SO MUCH to Kristy Huntwork for organizing our Oak Trace float in the Homecoming parade. It was incredible! Thank you to Christine Durbin, Suzanne Boyer, Steffani Harrell, Jolene Dailey, Ali Coyne, and Kelly Braun for helping with it. We had a great time in the parade!

We are excited for our Walkathon next Friday! Which grade level will get to Silly String Mrs. Herring and Mrs. Hitch? Who will raise \$400 or more and win a Squishmallow? Who will be in the Top Ten and get a chance to try the dunk tank with our special area teachers? If we can get to 50% participation by Monday, I will take a pie in my face during announcements! The money raised from the Walkathon is our major PTO fundraiser used to support so many programs for our students. Thank you VERY much for your support.

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! Go Rocks!

Jane Hitch

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

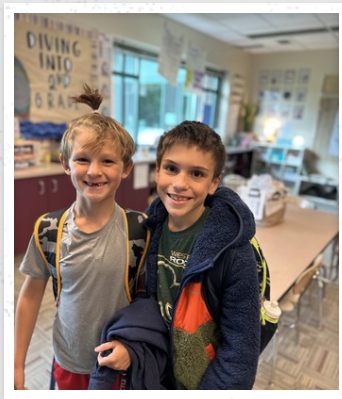
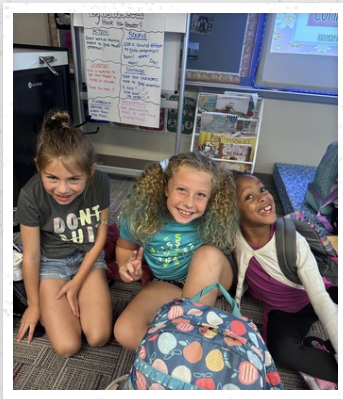
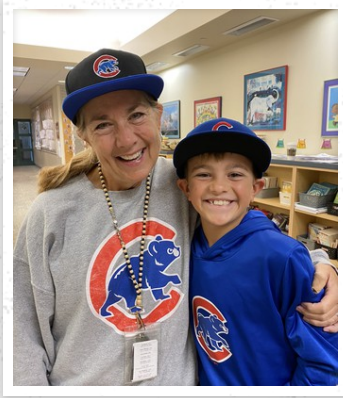
- September 27 - All Pro Dads
- September 29 - Walkathon - wear Oak Trace spirit shirts
- October 6 - OTES Family Movie Night
- October 16 - 20 - Fall Break

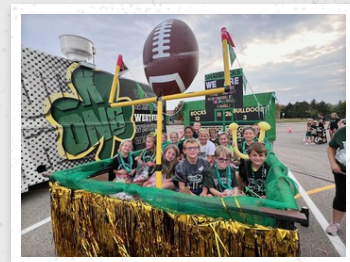


OAK TRACE FAMILIES WE ARE HALFWAY THROUGH OUR CAMPAIGN

Do you still need to create your child's Walk-A-Thon fundraising page? Click the QR code to sign into Membership Toolkit to create and manage your student's individual fundraising page. If every student raises \$80+ we will reach our goal! All proceeds from our fundraiser go directly back to Oak Trace to benefit our teachers, staff and students. Don't forget our Walk-a-Thon is Friday, September 29 at 1PM!







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.



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>

OTES MOVIE NIGHT



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





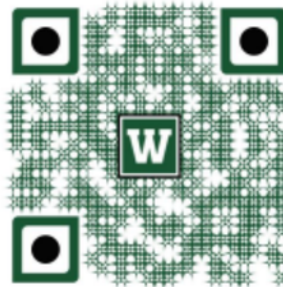
COAT DRIVE

Sept 22 - Oct 12

DONATE TODAY

We are partnering with Kids Coats to provide winter coats to Hamilton County kids in need. If you would like to donate a gently-used coat, send it to your WWS school's front office.

If you **need** a coat scan the QR Code.



Register online for an appointment:

kidscoats.org

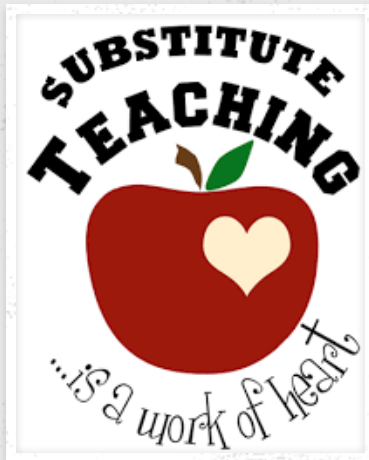
or call 317-324-8818

registration ends October 15

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



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

Friday is Homecoming for Westfield High School football. What are three other school sports or activities you could participate in while in high school?



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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>

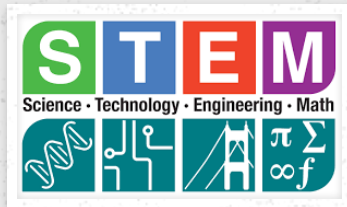
Thanks

Oak Trace PTO

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 as we finished our rotations from last week. Something that I love to see are all of the cool STEM related projects that students are doing when they are not at school. If your student loves to build, create, program, and/or explore I would love to have a picture of them doing their thing. Please send any pictures to me so I can display them on the wall outside of my classroom. Pictures could include, but are not limited to, science experiments and explorations, LEGO builds, and robotics. Please send pictures to me at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us, or have your student bring me a hard copy. I can't wait to see what everyone is doing related to STEM. Have a great weekend and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

We have been talking about Young Hoosier Nominated Books and typing in the library this week! I have been introducing /reviewing typing.com with 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades! This is a great online program to teach keyboarding to children! (They found it absolutely STUNNING that I learned how to type when I was in high school and it was on a typewriter!!!!) Students can access typing.com by going through their CLEVER account! The more they practice...the better they will be! 2nd graders are continuing to check out books and then heading to music to practice for Veteran's Day programs! I got to share one another Young Hoosier nominated book with the Kindergarteners this week. It is called Something's Wrong! by Jory John. We had a lot of fun making bear puppets like the character in the book! Be sure to ask you kiddos about this week in the library! Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



NURSE'S CLINIC



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Kindergarten is learning how to use the mallets for the xylophones and other barred instruments. Next week we will explore how to play the barred instruments with the rhyme Wee Willie Winkie.

1st Grade has been working really hard on playing a steady beat. We have been using the boomwhackers to play a steady beat to the song, Mr. Bassman.

2nd Grade is working so hard and doing a great job learning the music for We Honor the Brave. I have included an Interview Sheet to be filled out if you have a family member that is serving or has served in the military. Please turn those into me soon. **(See PDF below)**

Here is a link to the music for our program that can be used to practice at home.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11xtqLE-Knmp3TuLkIOwLXEQMAuF3hNjV>

3rd Grade is learning about the G/Treble Clef and how to read the notes on the staff.

4th Grade is finishing their Native American piece which included singing a song, an ostinato on the frame drums,



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th Grades

This week we worked on our throwing skills. We played a game called Hula Hut Throwdown. The object of the game was to earn hula hoops by hitting targets and then build and protect hula hut structures. It is a game that requires lots of teamwork and communication because there are so many jobs to be done during the rounds. This is a fast paced game and the kids left the gym very sweaty. We will continue working on throwing and catching next week with a few new games.

K-1st Grades

We played two games that worked on our throwing and catching this week. The first was Fire and Ice Tag. The students always love this game. Taggers run around and freeze other students. Frozen students can be unfrozen when a student with a "fire" ball tosses it to them and they catch it. They are constantly running and tossing while they try to avoid being tagged. We also played Pin Takedown. This required students to protect a bowling pin while throwing and rolling balls to knock other student's pins down. We will keep working on our throwing

and an ostinato on the xylophones.

Talent Show Auditions are will be here before you know it! Our annual talent show will be on Tuesday, November 21. Our auditions will be on Monday, October 23 and Thursday, October 26. I have included an information document with a link to sign up for an audition date and time.

Have a Harmonious Weekend,
Mrs. Paul

[Talent Show General Audition Letter.doc](#)

and catching in the coming weeks.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE FUTURE ROCKS PROGRAM!! If your student attends any Westfield Middle or High School sporting event they can receive a wristband from me. Just send me a picture of your child at the event and I will put it up in our hallway and give them a wristband!



Veteran's Interview.pdf



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