

OAK TRACE WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

Thank you for your generous support at Savor last night! What a fabulous evening. It was great to see so many of you there supporting our school and Westfield Youth Assistance. Thank you to Janelle Browne, Erin Neale, Heather Hohla, Emily Herron, Carolyn Haney, Dana Ferlaino, Kelly Braun, Christine Sampia, Jodi Hardt, Ali Coyne, Kelsie Duggan, and all who helped organize this incredible event! Please support our wonderful sponsors and restaurants who participated!

Please read the next section in this newsletter which highlights slight wording changes to our district student handbook regarding electronic devices. Students are allowed to wear devices such as smart watches, etc. (except during state testing) but are not allowed to communicate with others during the school day. Parent communication should go through the office or your child's teacher. Thanks!

Your children have been working very hard. We are so proud of them! Have a great weekend!
Go Colts!

Jane Hitch
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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 September 15, 2023. You can find more information at the link below.

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





WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **September 14** - 3rd and 4th grade Colts Camp, wear Colts blue!
- **September 15** - Walkathon kickoff
- **September 18** - Crazy Hair Day
- **September 19** - Hat Day
- **September 20** - Pajama Day
- **September 21** - Westfield Spirit Day
- **September 22** - Neon Day
- **September 29** - Walkathon
- **October 16 - 20** - Fall Break



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



OTES Apparel Flyer 23-24.pdf
ROCKS apparel

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OAK TRACE 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

THINKING THURSDAY

Recently the First Lady of the United States visited Westfield High School. What is her name?

Dr. Jill Biden



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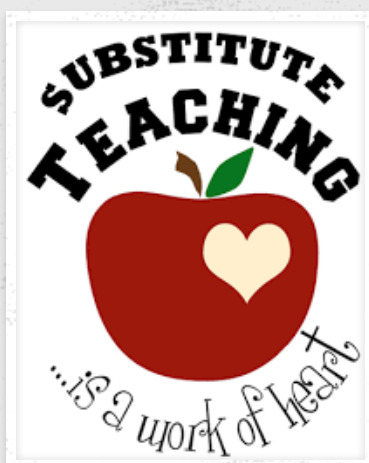
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LUNCH DUTY HELPERS

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>



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.



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! On Friday we finished a rotation. During this rotation 3rd and 4th grade students used our Sphero robots to experiment with the connection between rate of speed and distance traveled, as well as used Google Sheets to create graphs to help us analyze the data from the experiment. Second grade students conducted an experiment with liquids and solids to see which ones will mix with water to create a solution. 1st graders and Kindergartners practiced the skill of observation and created a design inspired by the book [Not a Stick](#). 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

Do you remember the Dewey Decimal System? If your child is in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade - you might ask them what they know about Melvil Dewey and how he created an organizational system for libraries! We have been really digging into how our library is organized so they can find books on their own! Some students are getting super excited when they are able to use Destiny Discover (our online catalog system) to see if we have the book they want and then actually walk to the "neighborhood" and locate the exact book! It's almost like a doubly excited to use the iPads that are mounted in our library to use Destiny Discover! I have been reviewing book care and fiction vs. nonfiction books with the Kindergartners and 1st graders! They know that fiction books tell us stories and books in the nonfiction neighborhood can give us information! So much to learn in our library!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker



NURSE'S CLINIC



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



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

FUTURE ROCKS

Our Future Rocks board is filling up fast! I have been passing out wristbands all week. Remember, all your child has to do is attend a middle or high school Rocks sporting event. While there, snap a picture and email it to me or Tweet it at me @OTES_PE. I will get your child's picture up on the board and award them with a wristband. This is a great chance to get out and support all of your fall sports!

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1ST and 2ND grade SHOE TYING!!!

I am still looking for students to pass the Shoe Tying Challenge!! If your child can tie their own shoes I want to know. You can send me a video of them tying their shoes or they can show me when they get to class. Our Wall of Fame is also filling up fast. Many students have risen to the challenge and I am looking for more. Keep practicing that important skill of tying shoes and let me see it!!

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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

