

# Oak Trace Weekly Update

JANUARY 27, 2023

## A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

What a week! I guess it really is winter! Thanks for your flexibility on Wednesday. I know it is hard to do elearning at home with your children. I'm so proud of their hard work! Hopefully they got to play in the snow before it got too cold! Thanks for sending in the snow pictures! I made a quick video of them - sorry there is no music - my video editing skills are improving, but I'm not there yet! Here's the youtube link for the video. It looks like they had a lot of fun outside! <https://youtu.be/ulADz4gyw5o>

Good luck to our choir who is singing the National Anthem at the WHS basketball game tonight!

Thank you to all who contributed to the yummy staff lunch on Thursday. You take such good care of us. We appreciate all that you do!

Our kindergarten class celebrated the 100th day of school today! (Spoiler alert - it is really Monday.) Third graders headed to the Children's Museum today. They had so much fun! See below for some pictures!

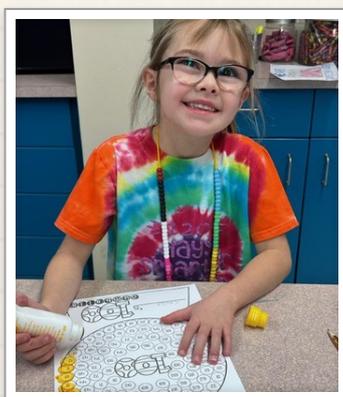
Thanks to everyone who participated in our Penny Wars! The students had a blast. We appreciate all of you who organized it and donated. Thank you to our PTO Philanthropy committee for your hard work! Kindergarten came on strong today and took the championship! All together we raised \$1,444.47 for the WHS Dance Marathon!

Please check your safe visitor registration if you have not renewed it in a few years. Many people who originally registered have expired registrations now. You won't be able to come on field trips, lunch, parties, etc. without a current registration. You can register on the attached link. <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/about-us/wws-school-safety/safe-visitor>

We are looking for extra help in the lunch room. If you'd like to sign up to help in the lunchroom from 11 - 1 occasionally, please sign up [here](#). You must be safe visitor approved in order to help. Thank you! We REALLY appreciate the help! Additionally, you can sign up on this [Sign Up Genius](#) to eat lunch with your child. Just a reminder that we do not allow fast food to be brought in for lunches with students. Thanks!

Have a great weekend!!

Jane Hitch  
Principal  
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@MrsHitchOTES





## WINTER FESTIVAL BASKETS

### Amazon Basket Wish Lists

- Kindergarten Craft Basket-  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FFAPWY8Z5M9G?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FFAPWY8Z5M9G?ref=wl_share)
- Kindergarten Disney Winter Basket-  
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- 1st grade Legos (boys)-  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OXNFXLE69RCV?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OXNFXLE69RCV?ref=wl_share)
- 1st grade- Legos (girls) -  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21SP806648PQ4?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21SP806648PQ4?ref=wl_share)
- 2nd Nerf-  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G8KK8MHYX3X9?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G8KK8MHYX3X9?ref=wl_share)
- 2nd Squishmallows-  
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- 3rd Bring on the Sparkle-  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39M503Y1LIR9B?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39M503Y1LIR9B?ref=wl_share)

- 3rd Gamer Basket -  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2CEE49MLFIHJT?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2CEE49MLFIHJT?ref=wl_share)
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- 4th Outside Fun -  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D1WDMTY5DF5Q?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D1WDMTY5DF5Q?ref=wl_share)
- 4th Future Influencer Basket-  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GPV5BESOD8P8?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GPV5BESOD8P8?ref=wl_share)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- February 1st-World Read Aloud & Global Play Day
- February 14th-Valentine's Parties
- February 20th-President's Day-NO SCHOOL
- February 22nd-All Pro Dads
- February 24th-NO SCHOOL for students
- February 27th-NO SCHOOL for students



## SPRING ENRICHMENT

Oak Trace Enrichment Programs are back! We are very excited to be offering these fun opportunities to our students again this fall. Enrichment classes will meet every **Monday, Tuesday, or Friday** after school from **2:30 PM to 3:30 PM** for six sessions – once per week. The classes will meet on the following dates:

Mondays: February 6, 13, March 6, 13, 20 and 27

Tuesdays: February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7 and 14

Fridays: February 10, 17, March 3, 10, 17 and 24

\*\*Registration will be entirely paperless this year!!

\*\*\***Registration/payment MUST BE RECEIVED by Monday, January 30th at 5:00 p.m. You will not be able to register after this time!\*\*\***

<https://oaktrace.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/219441>



## VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

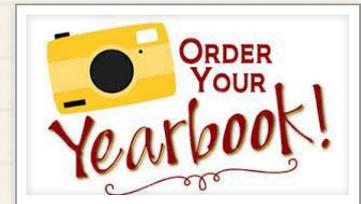
Please use the link below to sign-up to help with the classroom Valentine's Day parties. Please remember you **MUST** be Safevisitor approved to help in the classrooms.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1iJxuXpHrEFT\\_aT-A0YmZrFQzraGR45erPGiZWupSow1oqA/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1iJxuXpHrEFT_aT-A0YmZrFQzraGR45erPGiZWupSow1oqA/viewform?usp=sharing)



## 22/23 YEARBOOKS

The yearbook order forms were sent home with your students this week. The deadline to order yearbooks is Friday, March 17th. To order yearbooks online go to [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) and our yearbook code is 14625623 (this is information is on the form too).



## TOTS AND ALL ABOARD 2023-2024

2023-24 online enrollment will begin Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 am through Monday, February 6, 2023 at 11:59 pm. This is not a first come / first serve enrollment, but is an open enrollment period that is a two part process (listed below) that must be completed between January 9 and February 6, 2023.

<https://www.wws.k12.in.us/departments/student-support-programs/tots>

1. Complete and submit your child's online enrollment through the EZ ChildTrack link on the district website.
2. Submit all required paperwork and forms that will be posted on this webpage during the open enrollment period.

2023-24 TOTS and All Aboard enrollment will be filled first by returning families and remaining spots are filled by lottery selection. We will hold the lottery on Friday, February 10 (closed to public), and parents will receive enrollment status notification by email on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

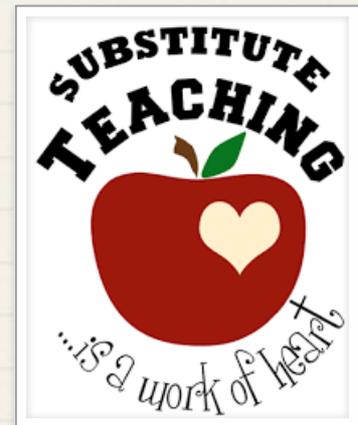


## SAFE VISITOR REGISTRATION

If you want to participate in classroom activities or chaperone field trips, you must be registered in Safe Visitor. To register or renew your registration in Safe Visitor, please use the link below.

## 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](mailto:bakerm@wws.k12.in.us) or call 317-867-6403. You can request to be a substitute for OTES only if you are interested.



## 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



## THINKING THURSDAY QUESTION

What Purdue basketball player just had his Westfield High School basketball number retired?

Braden Smith

## LUNCH TIMES

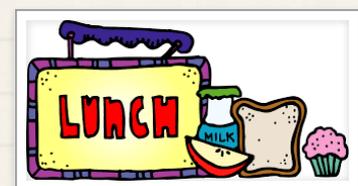
Kindergarten 11:00-11:30

1st 11:40-12:10

2nd 11:15-11:45

3rd 12:00-12:30

4th 12:20-12:50



# MATH CHALLENGE

The following students have passed the Math Challenge:



4th: Cole B., Briggs B., Lillian K., and Ava W.

# LOTS OF PTO INFORMATION

*PTO volunteers for various events throughout the year.*



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEAF28A75-2022>

Please remember to follow Oak Trace PTO on Facebook to get all the latest information!

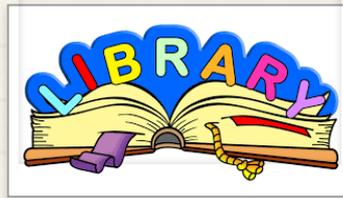
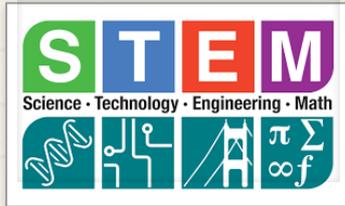
<https://www.facebook.com/OTESPTO>



# RENT THE ROCK

The rental is **\$20 per day this year** and we are **renting every day Sunday- Thursday**. We do have some days not available due to vacations or special events. Rental and payment are completed through the membership toolkit as in previous years.

<https://oaktrace.membershiptoolkit.com/home>



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

We had a wonderful week in STEM. I would love to see what everyone has been building, programming, and learning with over the last few weeks. If your student has been using any STEM tools recently I would love to have a picture of them to add to my Super STEMers wall. Please send any pictures to me at [gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us](mailto:gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us). If you have any questions, please let me know. Have a fantastic weekend.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

We continued to talk about Digital Citizenship this week. We all know how screen time has become part of our daily lives and I wanted to share some important information with our kiddos! We discussed media balance and well being, privacy and security, digital footprints and more! I used Common Sense Media as my gathering place for sharing information with the students. It has some great ideas that are easy for elementary-aged children to understand! I hope you are all taking advantage of these chilly days to snuggle up with some great books!

One way to snuggle up to great reading is by signing into Scholastics WRAD-A-THON (World Read Aloud Day is February 1st!) where you and your family can listen to great authors reading aloud one of their books. Just follow the instructions in this link:

[https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/WRAD2023/WRAD\\_a\\_Thon\\_Schedule.pdf](https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/WRAD2023/WRAD_a_Thon_Schedule.pdf)

Happy Reading!  
Mrs. Walker

## NURSE'S CLINIC

We are seeing an increase in illnesses at school. Please keep your child home to monitor them if they are not feeling well. We want to try to reduce the spread of the illnesses. If you feel your child needs Tylenol or Ibuprofen to get through the day, please keep home.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

It is a really busy time in music right now!

Kindergarten finished their Snowman song, and we are now reading the book Up, Up Down by Robert Munsch. We will use the xylophones and other barred instruments the next couple of weeks as an accompaniment to the book.

1st Grade is rehearsing for their Mr. Rogers performance. The performance dates are as follows. All 3 performances begin at 1:45.

February 15- Mrs. Culley and Ms. Helman (Actors from both classes)

February 16- Ms. Vannatta and Mrs. Fletcher (Actors from both classes)

February 17- Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Helman (The actors will be from Mrs. Cox's class)

The music can be found at the following link, so that your child can sing the songs at home.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1BgFnC5PiJRY1zHCxNUNdQ16WFIGdYoh3>

2nd Grade is finishing up their song about building a snowman and composing rhythm patterns that fit into the song. We perform this in rondo form.

3rd Grade- We are reviewing



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

Oak Trace Families, what a crazy week of weather we had. Winter is such a fascinating time of year and many artists use that inspiration in their art. So here is a challenge: Find an artist that has used winter as their inspiration and either email me a copy of the art or print it out and bring it in to me. Those who find something will make my heart smile!! Those students who find a piece of art other than a drawing or painting will get something extra. Good luck on your search.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

We just completed our Jump Rope unit for all grade levels. The students had a great time and improved tremendously on their jump rope skills. Here is a quick video link with some pictures from the unit.

[JUMP ROPE VIDEO](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

the ukulele. Next week we will have a check in to see how well we are playing.

4th Grade- We are working really hard on our songs for our program, Delirium: A Trip through Indiana History. We will perform on Monday, March 6, 7 pm at Westfield High School.

Have a Harmonious Weekend!  
Mrs. Paul