

Oak Trace Weekly Update

JANUARY 6, 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

I hope you had a wonderful winter break with your children. We are ready for a great second half of the school year!

Good luck to our choir who will sing the national anthem at the Pacer game on Sunday! We are proud of you!

Just a reminder that the first bell rings at 7:40 A.M. to enter the building, and the tardy bell and school start time is 7:50 A.M. On Wednesdays, the first bell is 8:10 A.M. and the tardy bell and school start time is 8:20 A.M. If you are dropping off your child for school, kindergarten drop off is in the kindergarten circle drive by the kindergarten doors. Your child should get in and out of the car seat on his/her own so you can remain in your car to keep the car line moving. Drop off and pick up for grades 1-4 is in the back of the building by the gym.

Here are some upcoming days that we DO NOT have school. Students will not attend school January 16th (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 20th (Presidents' Day), and February 24th & 27th (Staff PD days).

We go outside for recess in the winter if the temperature is 15 degrees or above. Please make sure your children are wearing hats, gloves, and warm coats to school. They are also permitted to go in the snow if they bring snow pants and boots. I highly recommend labeling the items - our lost and found is overflowing!

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!! Stay warm!

Jane Hitch
Principal
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@MrsHitchOTES

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **January 8th - OTES Choir sings the National Anthem at the Pacer game.**
- **January 16th-Dr. Martin Luther King Day (NO SCHOOL)**
- **January 19th-Club picture day**
- **January 25th-All Pro Dads**



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>

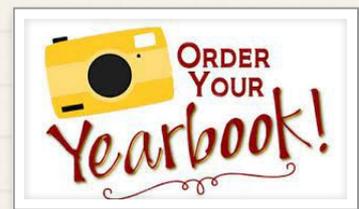
1. Complete and submit your child's online enrollment through the EZ ChildTrack link on the district website.
2. Submit all required paperwork and forms that will be posted on this webpage during the open enrollment period.

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.

22/23 YEARBOOKS

The yearbook order forms were sent home with your students this week. The deadline to order

code is 14625623 (this information is on the form too).



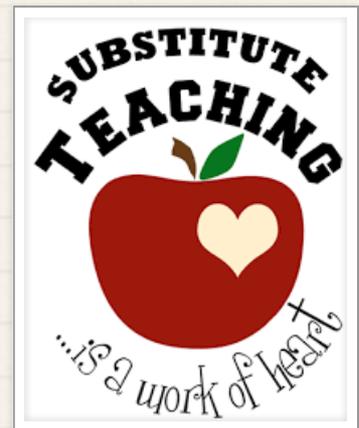
SAFE VISITOR REGISTRATION

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.

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

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 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

On October 14, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. won a big prize for leading a movement to combat racial inequality. What was that prize called?

Nobel Peace Prize

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:



LOTS OF PTO INFORMATION

PTO volunteers for various events throughout the year.

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

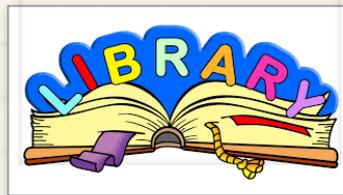
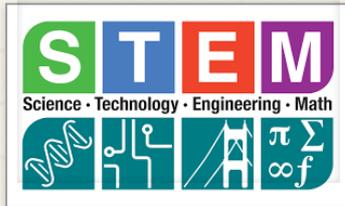
Please remember to follow Oak Trace PTO on Facebook to get all the latest information!

<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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

Welcome Back! We had a wonderful week in STEM. This week we began a new rotation that will last until January 17th. During this rotation, 4th grade students are learning about and testing potential and kinetic energy. 3rd graders are doing a Breakout EDU game to review time, and starting a novel engineering project with the story, Pop's Bridge. Second grade students are creating and testing curling stones to use in a curling tournament. 1st graders are learning about and working with one of my favorite robots, Ozobots, which are little line following robots. Kindergartners are working with 2 coding robots, Code and Go Mouse and Bee Bot, as well as working on their Code.org class. Have a fantastic weekend, and as always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at gibbsj@wvs.k12.in.us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Welcome Back! We started the 2023 year with New Year's Resolutions/Goals for our year! The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi is a Young Hoosier Nominated book that we read to help us with understanding that goals just haven't happened yet and to not give up! Then we made a New Year Book List goal! The students were able to take a scavenger hunt of the library and find new books that they wanted to read this coming year! Many wrote down new books that we purchased from the Book Fair! I can't wait to hear about all of the new books that the students will read this coming year!
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

Happy 2023!

We have a busy spring in the music room.

1st Grade has started working on their Mr. Rogers program.

2nd Grade is working on keeping a steady beat on the xylophones and other barred instruments while they sing a snowman song.

3rd Grade continues on with playing the ukulele.

4th Grade has started working on their 4th grade program.

The OTES Treble Choir is singing The National Anthem at the Pacers game on Sunday at 5:00!

Have a Harmonious Weekend!
Mrs. Paul



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

Happy New Year!! I hope your time off was filled with joy!

This is my favorite part of the school year. I always see such growth from January to March!

We are trying to finish up some of our projects. One thing that I have noticed the past 2 years is we consistently across the grades have not finished as many projects as pre-Covid.

We are working on having an urgency to begin a project after instruction has been given. I think Covid and e-learning kind

of changed the way kiddos look at working on an assignment. So we are trying to re-train our brain to begin right away and to be hardworking throughout the project. One way is that we have started this week with 5 minute worktime. After instruction has been given ,I set a timer for 5 minutes and the students are silently working for the 5 minutes. I am finding that this way of beginning helps us to be more focused and to begin right away. I have to be silent during that time as well, and boy, that is a struggle for me! Lastly lots of kiddos told me they got art supplies for Christmas. This is fantastic!!! My goal when I began teaching art was that I wanted kiddos to go home and talk about art, to want to do art

at home and for them to be



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

We started our Jump Rope unit with all grades this week. We worked on the basics of jumping rope and tried some fun challenges. We played a game called Pin Down. It is a fast paced game with a lot of throwing and rolling of balls and plenty of jumping rope. In 2nd-4th grades we also tried the 3 Minute Jump Rope Challenge! The goal is to jump rope as long as possible with the ultimate goal of making it to 3 minutes. We had a handful of people make it to the 1 and 2 minute mark. 2 students were able to make it to the 3 minute mark. Each class will get 3 chances to make this 3 minute goal. I will update our challenge winners each week in the newsletter. Have a great weekend.

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3 MINUTE CHALLENGE WINNERS

LUKE B.

BRADY C.

proud of their hard work!!
These kiddos are amazing!!

