

# Oak Trace Weekly Update

OCTOBER 28, 2022

## A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

Thank you to everyone who sent pictures of students reading over Fall Break. Looks like you had a lot of fun! Also see a picture below of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 542 who went made cards for women who need uplifting during their breast cancer diagnosis. They also donated \$250 of their Girl Scout cookie proceeds to help support patients in need. Way to go, girls! Our kindergarteners are becoming readers! We loved celebrating them during the "We are Readers" parade!

It was great to see so many of you at the fall parties today! It's wonderful to have families back in the building again!

Just want to share a few reminders about drop off and pick up.

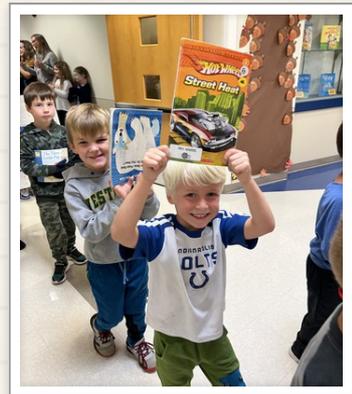
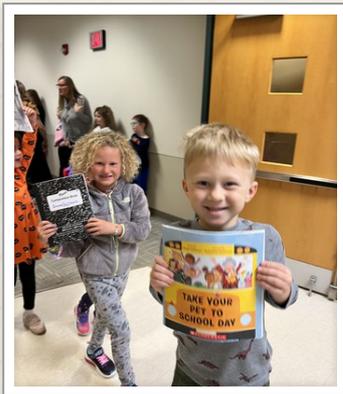
- The first bell rings at 7:40. The school day begins (and tardy bell rings) at 7:50.
- Please stay in line - don't pull around other cars.
- If you are dropping off a kindergarten student, please help them practice at home getting in and out of the car seat so we can keep the line moving. We have teachers out at drop off and pick up who will make sure they get in and out of the building safely.
- Our goal is to keep adults in the car so the line can keep moving.
- Students should enter and exit the car from the curbside only.

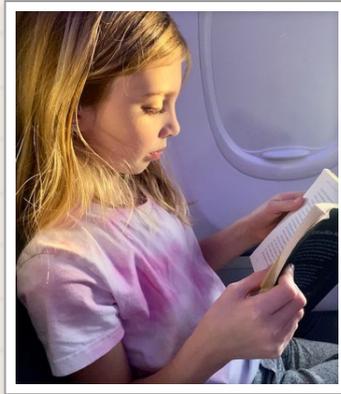
Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

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! Additionally, you can sign up on this [Sign Up Genius](#) to eat lunch with your child.

Have a terrific weekend!

Jane Hitch  
Principal  
(317) 867-6410  
@MrsHitchOTES





Here we grow.pdf

4th grade parents, please read

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- November 3rd - PICTURE RETAKES
- November 10th - Professional Development Day - No School for students
- November 11th - Parent Teacher Conferences Day - No School for students
- November 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break - No School



## PICTURE RETAKES: NOVEMBER 3RD

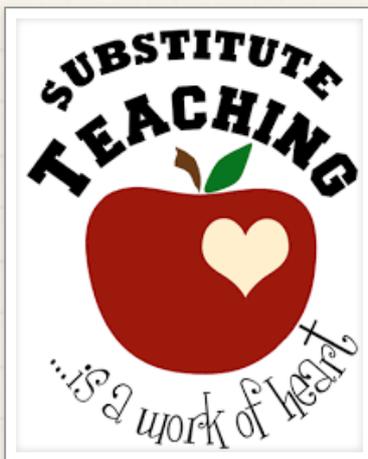
Here are a couple of reminders about picture retake day.



- New students or students who were absent during the original picture day/s should come to the camera on Retake Day.
- Students who would like a retake must bring their original portrait packet to the camera and return it to the photographer.

## FROM THE NURSE'S CLINIC

- Students cannot have medications (ie Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cough drops) in their backpacks or on themselves. Students need to come to the clinic if they need any medications. Thank you so much for your help with this.
- If your child comes home with borrowed clothes from the nurse, please wash and return these clothes ASAP.
- The nurse needs boys size 4-10 pants/shorts.



## 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



## 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>

# Oak Trace Elementary

*Join us on Mondays in October (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>) and support the Oak Trace Elementary PTO!!*

*Be here from 3pm to 10pm and turn in this flyer when you pay at CRAFTER'S PIZZA & DRAFTHOUSE, and Oak Trace Elementary PTO will receive 10% of your check!*

*Take this opportunity to treat your family and friends to The Social and Dinner! The Social prices apply for dine-in orders only and is from 3pm – 6pm and 9pm-10pm*

*\*Carry-Out ordering is available.*

*\*Must Present Flyer at time of Payment.*

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL!**



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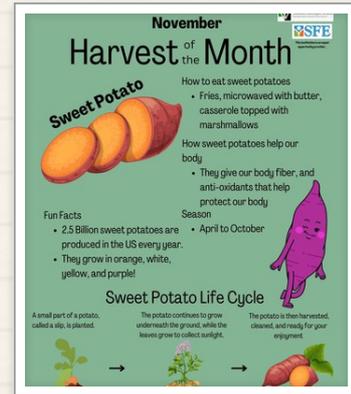


# THINKING THURSDAY QUESTION

How many Hershey Kisses are made each day?

70 million

Elementary		Take Home Menu		November	
<b>A la carte snack</b> Price \$0.75	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Lunch Peanut Butter Candy Apples	Breakfast Egg, Turkey Omelette & Toast Lunch Older Cheesecake Pumpkin Cheesecake Sauce	Breakfast Egg, Turkey Omelette & Toast Lunch Older Cheesecake Pumpkin Cheesecake Sauce	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Lunch Peanut Butter Candy Apples	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Lunch Peanut Butter Candy Apples
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## 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: Eli C. and Kai F.



## 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!

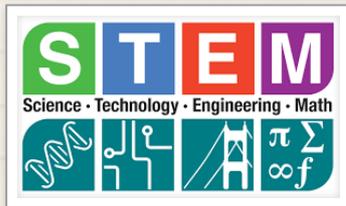
<https://www.facebook.com/OTESPTO>



## 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 fantastic week in STEM! I love seeing what our little STEMers are doing at home in connection with STEM. If your student loves doing STEM based activities at home, I would love to have a picture of him or her and their project to add to the Super STEMer board outside of my classroom. Pictures could include, but are not limited to, science experiments, Lego or other building tool builds, and robotics. Please send any pictures to me at [gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us](mailto:gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us), or send a picture in with your student. I can't wait to see what they are doing at home. If you have any questions, please let me know. Have a great weekend!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Happy Reading! This week has been filled with so many pumpkin stories in the library! Third and Fourth grade read Too Many Pumpkins by Linda White! Predictions were made throughout the story! We have been talking about "Reading is Thinking" and one way we use our brain to think about what we are reading is predicting what might happen next in the story. I was so proud of how the students predicted the next outcome for our character, Rebecca Estelle! In the lower grades we read about two very kind mice in The Biggest Pumpkin Ever by Steven Kroll. The students compared and contrasted the mice! Using a Venn Diagram, the students were able to tell how the mice were different and how they were alike! I am just so proud of the kiddos and how they are thinking when reading! Happy Reading!  
Mrs. Walker

## NURSE'S CLINIC

I am in need of boys size 4-8 clothes for the clinic. I would appreciate any donations that you might have. Thank you so much.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Kindergarten is finishing their Pumpkin, Pumpkin song and dance.

1st, 3rd, and 4th Graders have been working on "Pass the Pumpkin" a song that includes a passing game. 1st Grade students also played the steady beat when they got out of the game. 3rd Grade played an ostinato when they got out of the game. 4th grade played 4 different ostinatos in groups when they got out.

2nd Grade has one more week of rehearsals until their We Honor the Brave performance! You can have your 2nd grader practice the music by clicking the following link. It would be really helpful if they could practice over the next week.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rc7SJ6Dz33bAOG3qCIYL-yZFqPK-gd4Z>

Have a Harmonious Weekend,  
Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Mueller

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

Oak Trace Parents and Guardians, I wanted to send out a little FYI about how I give grades in art since conferences and report cards will be coming soon. I assess our student during the whole trimester on these 5 components: Craftmanship- Did they try their best? Procedure- Did they follow the steps it takes to create this? Application: Did they show the specific skill that was taught- Did they use only warm colors on their owl and cool colors for the background? Completion- Did they finish? Citizenship-Did the treat people right and do the right thing while they were in art. Each area is worth 20 pts for a total of 100. If someone was a problem in one of these areas and it's not repeated again during the rest of the projects we do during the trimester- I just take 10 pts away in that area. If they don't improve during the trimester, I take 20pts away in that area. If they consistently have a difficult time in that area I take away 30pts. Here is what an example would look like. If a child got 90 for Application, 100 for Citizenship, 90 for Completion, 100 for Craftmanship and 80

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2-4 Grades:

Since it was the end of our throwing and catching unit I let the classes choose the game they wanted to play. They had 3 different options. Ask your child which throwing and catching game their class chose. Next week we will begin our soccer unit. I am really excited to start this with the World Cup starting in a few short weeks.

K-1:

TRICK OR TREAT!! With Halloween right around the corner we played a game called Trick or Treat. Ask your child about this game. We played Halloween themed music and enjoyed this tag game! These groups will also be starting a soccer/kicking unit next week.

for Procedures that child would earn an S for the trimester. If a child got 90 for Application, 70for Citizenship, 90 for Completion, 80 for Craftmanship and 80 for Procedures that child would earn an S- for the trimester. I hope this helps. have a great weekend.

