

Oak Trace Weekly Update

DECEMBER 9, 2022

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

I hope you are all doing well! I've had a great week! I became a grandma for the first time. Our daughter had a baby, Nora Elaine, on Saturday. This grandma gig is pretty fun!!

We have had a lot more cases of students going home sick. PLEASE help us contain the germs by keeping your child home if he/she is sick. If they need Tylenol or Motrin to get through the day, they should stay home. Thank you!

Good luck to our girls in Acorns on the Run. They will be running the 5K at Conner Prairie tomorrow! We are so proud of you, girls!

Thank you for your generosity for our Circle City Relief collection. We were able to collect more than 350 games, stuffed animals, and toys. You are the best!

Our lost and found is overflowing! We will be donating the items soon. If your child is missing a coat, sweatshirt, etc. please check the lost and found!

Great job to our choir at their choir concert last night. I am so proud of them! Their next big event will be to sing the national anthem at the Pacers game on January 8th. Way to go!

As a reminder, you must be safe visitor approved if you would like to chaperone a field trip, attend a class party, or eat lunch at school with your child. You can register on the attached link if you haven't already. <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! 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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PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Collected games, stuffed
animals and toys!

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Choir to Perform at Pacers game

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**WESTFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL**

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Have a holly jolly holiday season with Santa!

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10TH, 2022
10 AM - 12 PM**

Enter through doors 1, 2, or 3 at Westfield High School
(Front entrance and bus lot).

- LIVE MUSIC
- LLAMA PETTING ZOO
- LOTS OF CRAFTS
- PICTURES WITH SANTA
- COOKIE DECORATING
- HOT COCOA
- LETTERS TO SANTA
- OBSTACLE COURSE INFLATABLE

FREE ADMISSION

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW TOY DONATIONS FOR RILEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND PEYTON MANNING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. BOXES WILL BE IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE.



NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

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

- December 16-Winter Parties
- December 17-Winter Break until January 3rd



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

With year 2022 coming to end, our ambassadors have provided their classrooms a lesson on the lifeline of Manners. This first week of December, we are having our Bus Manners challenge to see which school bus can demonstrate the most manners on the daily bus ride. Then the week before winter break we will have a grade level challenge of showing manners in the cafeteria. I know the lessons my Grandmother instilled in me and my siblings regarding the importance of using manners, has stuck with me for (well lets just say many years). So, encourage your child to keep showing manners to others, and you will find a goal sheet attached that families can use at home to focus on yet another important lifeline. Have a great weekend, and enjoy your family time over winter break. Mr. F



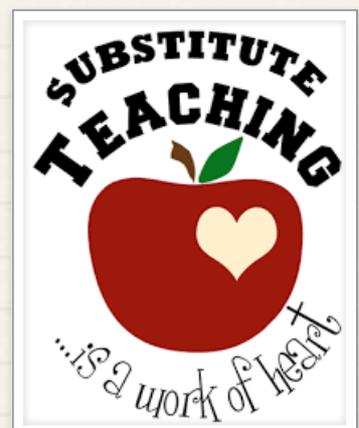
SAFE VISITOR REGISTRATION

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

How many sides does a snowflake have?

A snowflake has 6 sides.

LUNCH TIMES

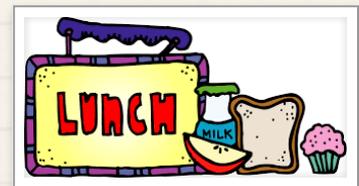
Kindergarten 11:00-11:30

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: Luke D.



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!

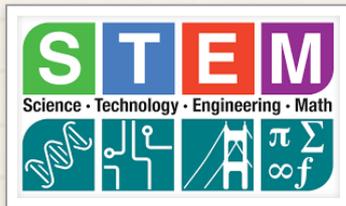
<https://www.facebook.com/OTESPTO>



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! This week we began a new rotation. During this rotation all groups will have one day of STEM choice to revisit some of our activities from the first half of the year. Along with STEM choice, 4th grade is working on digital Breakout EDU games that can be accessed through Google Classroom. Third graders are designing and testing different parachute ideas, and 2nd graders are completing their Home Alone inspired Ozobot traps. First grade students are designing and building straw trees with Playdough and paper straws, and Kindergarteners are doing a gingerbread experiment to see what part of a gingerbread man people eat first. Have a great 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

We had an awesome time at our Book Fair these past few weeks! Thank you for your continued support of our school and of our child's love of reading! I cannot tell you how rewarding it is to see the children get so excited about our Book Fair each year! If your child had to order anything from our Book Fair because we were out of it - I will deliver it as soon as it arrives! Also, if your child had money left in their eWallet - you will be able to transfer it to a new eWallet for our spring Book Fair OR you can go online to spend it there!
Happy Reading!
Mrs. Walker

NURSE'S CLINIC



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

I want to give a big thank you to our student teacher, Mrs. Mueller! She has done a great job, and will be graduating from Ball State next weekend. We wish her well as she begins her career as a music teacher!

Kindergarten- We are finishing playing the steady beat with drums, claves, and jingle bells to the song Play the Bells.

1st Grade has been playing Jingle Bells on the Boomwhackers.

2nd Grade- We have been assessing 2nd grade on singing sol, la, and mi by singing Doggy, Doggy Where's Your Bone. We have also been working on reading rhythm patterns with quarter notes and two eighth notes.

3rd Grade- We have moved from open notes and chords on the ukuleles to fretting Bflat and C7 chord.

4th Grade- We will begin working on rhythms with plastic cups to the Sleigh Ride song.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

We just completed our soccer unit. I hope the kids enjoyed learning some new skills with the ball at their feet. The World Cup is still going strong and the knockout games have been exciting. We will keep a close eye on the winner to determine which class will get the extra PE!

CLASSES/COUNTRIES STILL LEFT

Culley- France
Hiatt- Morocco
Marvel- Netherlands
Spangler- Portugal
Denkman- England
Higgins- Croatia
Grenda- Brazil

Here is a short video from our soccer unit. [VIDEO](#)

Have a great weekend!



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HISTORY OF
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