

Oak Trace Weekly Update

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

WOW! Thank you for your incredible support of our Walkathon! You exceeded our expectations! We are so lucky to have your generous support! We raised over \$52,000! That money will be spent providing great experiences for your children. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

Special thanks to the Walkathon committee Erin Whipple, Maria Fellows, Jodi Hardt, Laura Schuster, Kelly Braun, Emily Herron, Ali Coyne, Christine Sampia, and Danielle Prosser. You did a great job - the students had a blast!!

Congratulations to our student of the month, Hudson Heavin! Hudson was chosen due to his hard work and modeling our lifelines. Way to go, Hudson!

We are continuing to look for more guest teachers at Oak Trace! If you are interested in subbing at Oak Trace and/or any of the Westfield schools, contact Molly Baker at 317-867-6403. Thank you!

Beginning September 19th, we are excited to welcome back parents into the cafeteria for lunch. Now that our students and staff have settled into the routine of our lunch procedures and we have our new tables, we are opening up the opportunity for our families to join their child for lunch. In order to keep our students safe and due to limited space, we are allowing our families to keep this visit at a maximum of once a month. They will not be allowed to bring a friend to eat with them. To help keep track of guests and check the [safe visitor system](#) for background checks (required), please make sure that you register 24 hrs in advance. You must be safe visitor approved before joining your child. Space allows for 5 visitors/grade level at lunch. We discourage parents bringing in food other than a home packed lunch. You can [Sign up here](#). Welcome back!

Jane Hitch
Principal

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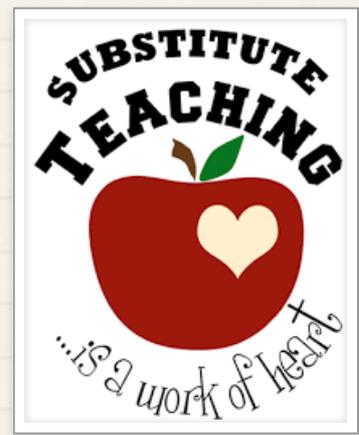


WHAT'S HAPPENING

- September 28 - All Pro Dads
- October 7 - Family Movie Night
- October 15th-23rd - FALL BREAK

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



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>

JOIN THE WWS TEAM

Westfield Washington Schools is committed to meeting the needs of **each student**. The best way to accomplish our mission and vision is to ensure that **every** position in the district is filled with a caring individual dedicated to ensuring **each student** learns and grows. Being part of a dynamic team, working to ensure **each student** achieves their full potential is inspiring and energizing. Applying and working as an Instructional Assistant (IA) in one of our schools is an excellent career choice for individuals who would like to make a profound difference in the lives of children. All nine schools currently have open IA positions. We offer full-time and part-time positions. Our IA positions allow parents to work during their students' school schedule - thus eliminating the need for



child care - while directly contributing to the success of their student's school. We operate at optimal levels when we are fully staffed with IAs.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact your building principal or assistant principal or [click here](#) to apply. If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact Stacy McGuire, Assistant Director of Human Resources, at m McGuire@wws.k12.in.us.

ALL PRO DAD CHAPTERS

WHAT WE DO...

All Pro Dad Chapters provide an opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship. For one hour each month you'll get to join other dads and kids at school for a fun, memory-making event.

DID YOU KNOW...

when a dad is actively involved in his child's life, the child will have...



BETTER
GRADES



ENHANCED
CREATIVITY



FEWER
SCHOOL-RELATED
ISSUES



STRONGER
FATHER-CHILD
RELATIONSHIPS

Join Us

for our next meeting!

Location: Oak Trace Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Date: Wednesday, September 28th

Time: 7:30 – 8:15am

Notes: Breakfast is provided, we just ask that you RSVP in advance so that we have an accurate attendee count for food orders. Feel free to walk your child(ren) to their classroom(s) after our meeting!





Let us know if you're coming.
RSVP using our QR code!

FOLLOW US:   

@AllProDad



The Oak Trace PTO
Invites Everyone to Come for...

Outdoor Family.

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 7th
Oak Trace Elementary
From 06:45pm-9:30pm

FREE
For Oak Trace Families

Bring the family and friends, blanket and lawn chairs for the fun evening movie watching event.

Featured Movie title:
**Minions:
The Rise of Gru**
Rated Parental Guide (PG)

Available for Purchase....
SAMANOS MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK
KERNELS POPCORN - HOT BOX PIZZA
HOOSIER TROPICAL SNO &
SCHOOL SPIRIT APPAREL

Scan Me to RSVP



movie night map.pdf

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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



LUNCH CHARGES

There are new charges for school lunches this year. If a student asks for *SECONDS* of a fruit, vegetable or main entrée, they will now be charged for these items. See the fees below.

main entrée-\$2

vegetable-\$.90

fruit-\$.90



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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>



LOOKING FOR ROOM PARENTS FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

It's that time of year again to sign up to be a ROOM PARENT for the 2022- 2023 school year! Being a room parent is a fun and exciting role to partake in for the year! You will work with other parents in your grade level to come up with Fall (10/28), Winter (12/16), and Valentine's day party (2/14). Room parents will be expected to be in the room during each class party this year. It is also important as a room parent to effectively communicate information to class parents about these events in order to organize and implement these parties. Room parents will also be in charge of collecting, organizing, and creating the grade level baskets for Winter Fest. As part of a room parent's role, you will organize lunch for your teacher for either their birthday or half birthday. Ending the year with communicating about teacher appreciation theme days and lunch for your teacher. A room parent is a great way to be involved throughout the year! And don't worry if you don't get picked, YOU can still come to ALL the class parties during the year. Plus, there are lots of other ways to serve on the PTO to get involved.

Please fill out the following interest form-

<https://forms.gle/rabRfWRLSywZDkzj9> , which does NOT mean you are a room parent. We will let parents know who will be room parents via email by September 13th. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us via Otesroomparents@gmail.com.

We are all looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year!

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.



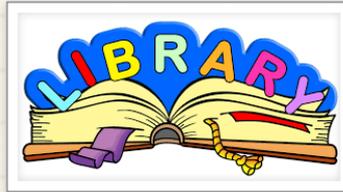
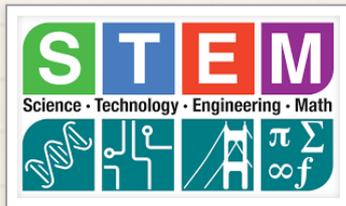
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THINKING THURSDAY QUESTION

Homecoming is Friday. We can't wait to cheer on our football team. What is the name of the marching band that will play at halftime?

The Pride of Westfield



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

We had a fantastic week in STEM! This week started a new rotation. During this rotation, 4th graders are signing up for a computer coding site called SCRATCH, where they are learning to animate using characters called sprites. Third and second grade students are getting signed up for and starting their Code.org coding class for this year. Coding with SCRATCH or on Code.org is something that students are welcome to work on any time outside of school hours, and should be able to access easily through their Google account. First graders are doing a Novel Engineering project with *The Three Little Pigs*, where they are designing and building a device to help the pigs or the wolf in the story. Kindergarten students are building and creating with unifix cubes, pattern blocks, and LEGOS one day and observing animals in the butterfly garden and outdoor lab on the other day with me. I hope you have a wonderful 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

This week we started exploring MackinVia which is our online access to over 700 ebooks! These books can be found on Destiny (our online library catalog) OR easily found by students logging into their CLEVER account and then clicking on the MacinVia app! Students can put up to two books in their virtual backpack - they can create a list of "favorites" to read later - they can take notes on a book, if needed, and - request books that may already be checked out! I showed this to all 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders during our library visit this week. They were pretty excited about having another option of *getting* books! In Kindergarten we read *The Grouchy Ladybug* and created a ladybug bookmark. They also continued practicing using Sammy the Shelfmarker to choose books for checkout. Please be sure to have your child return their library books on their scheduled day. We love sharing books with everyone in the school! 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

After 3 long years, we will finally get to have a live Talent Show again. If you have a special skill you would like to share, start thinking about your performance now. Auditions will be on Tuesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 27 beginning after school at 2:45-4:15. Look for information on how to sign up soon.

We are working on the following in music.

Kindergarten has been playing percussion instruments to a video. They play their instrument on a special color of flower at a specific time in the music. We are rotating, so that they can play all of the instruments.

1st Grade is working on high and low sounds. This can be easily confused with loud and soft sounds.

2nd Grade is learning a song about friendship and adding American Sign Language to it.

3rd Grade is beginning to learn how to read the Treble/G clef, so that we can begin playing the ukulele.

4th Grade has been working on playing an ostinato (a repeated rhythm pattern) while keeping a steady beat. They are using percussion instruments. Each group of instruments is layered in and back out while repeating

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

This has been a great week in art! WE are finishing many of the projects that we talked about last week in the newsletter.

WE have been studying the elements of art: space, line and color and the principles of art: balance and contrast. WE are learning about famous artists: Henri Matisse, Charles McGee and Romero Britto. WE are exploring lots of different art mediums: oil pastels, neon tempera, tempera sticks and watercolors. WE are having an amazing time!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

2nd-4th grades:

We finished our first PE unit with the focus on cooperative games. We played 4 different cooperative games over the course of the unit. The classes each voted for their favorites and we spent our class period playing those games. They had a ton of fun and hopefully learned a bit more about cooperating with others through sports.

Kindergarten and 1st grades:

We also finished our first unit. The unit was built around tag games. We played 3 different tag games throughout the unit. The classes also got a chance to vote for their favorites and we played those. They also had some warmup time to experiment and play with both the hula hoops and the scarves.

Our next unit for all grade levels will be a focus on throwing and catching. We will work on throwing both under and overhand. We will play some new and exciting games as well.

their rhythm patterns during
the song.
Have a Harmonious Weekend!

All fun.

No filter.

Imagine it—you and your
forever friends. Dreaming up
adventures. Making the whole
world sparkle with your own
personal brand of magic.



Calling all Girls in Kindergarten - 12th Grade! We invite you to come learn about and join Girl Scouts at our Welcome Back to Girl Scouts Open House! Please bring an item or accessory you would like to Tie-Dye on Friday, September 23, anytime between 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM at MacGregor Park located at 21105 MacGregor Rd, Westfield. (Rain Date Sept. 30)

Malinda Madden - Membership Campaign Manager
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