

# Oak Trace Weekly Update

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

## A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

We've had another great week at Oak Trace! Things settled down a bit - no jet packs or pies in the face - just a lot of great work and settling into our procedures. Our students are working hard in reading, writing, math, special areas, and more. I'm so proud of the growth they have shown already. I know you help your children learn to read, write, and practice facts at home too - thank you! We appreciate it!

Thank you to the Lions club for donating a dictionary to every third grader! It was so thoughtful of them!

We had a delicious tailgate lunch provided by our amazing PTO on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or served. It was so nice!!

We've included a few more pictures from our Walkathon. These were taken by the amazing Bridget Cicchillo - parent, instructional assistant, and owner of B.photography by Bridget Cicchillo. Thanks for sharing your talents with us, Bridget!

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. The person signing up for lunch, must be the actual person coming to eat. If it's a grandparent, they must be registered in Safevisitor. You can [Sign up here](#). Welcome back!

Jane Hitch

Principal  
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@MrsHitchOTES





## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

## 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.



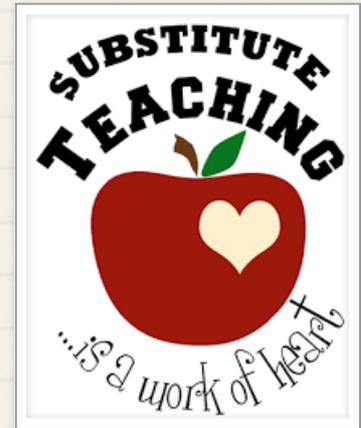
## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Oak Trace families, what a week it has been. Our Ambassadors were visiting classrooms this week to teach our newest Lifeline RESPECT. Our definition of Respect is when you care how your actions impact others feelings and well-being. We are really trying to focus on those key words **Your Actions**. I encourage you to share ways your family shows respect in your day to day life, and ask your students what are

the 3 areas of respect they learned this week. Have a great weekend. Mr. F

## 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>

## 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 [mcguires@wws.k12.in.us](mailto:mcguires@wws.k12.in.us).

# 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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# 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...



## Join Us for our next meeting!

Location: **Oak Trace Elementary Multi-Purpose Room**

Date: **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **7:30 – 8:15am**

*Note: 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

**FREE**  
For Oak Trace Families

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

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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## KIDS COAT DRIVE (ENGLISH)



## COLECTA DE ABRIGOS PARA NIÑOS (ESPAÑOL)



## 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



## THINKING THURSDAY QUESTION

What are the four stages of the butterfly life cycle?

The four stages of a butterfly life cycle are the egg, the larva (caterpillar), the pupa (chrysalis), and the adult butterfly.

## MATH CHALLENGE

The following students have passed the Math Challenge:

4th: Evan B., Lewis E., Charlie D., Carson P., Hannah S., Lillian K., Isaac W., and Emerson F., and Isabelle R.



## 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!

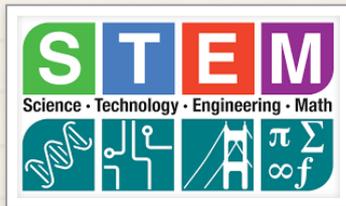
<https://www.facebook.com/OTESPTO>



## 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 STEM based activities at home, I would love to have a picture of him or her and their project to add to my Super STEMer board outside of my classroom. So, if you have a picture you would like to share of your student doing something connected to Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, please send it 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

We continued 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 MackinVia app! Students can put up to two books in their virtual backpack - they can create a list of their "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 last week and are continuing to practice using it this week. Kindergarten friends have listened to the Fussy Flamingo! This is our first Young Hoosier nominated book of many that we will be reading this year! This is a favorite activity for students and a great opportunity to hear some awesome picture books! 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-** We have learned a rhyme about apples. Next, we will play instruments to play the beat as we say the apple rhyme.

**1st Grade-** Mrs. Mueller has been working on high and low, upward, downward and same.

**2nd Grade-** We have listened to the recording of our Veteran's Day program, and now we are beginning to learn the songs.

**3rd Grade-** We are learning where the notes are on the staff, and we are putting together the song, Lucy Locket, on the xylophones and other barred instruments.

**4th Grade-** We are learning The Canoe Song. We will add a drum and xylophone ostinato to this song. This is one of the songs we perform in our program in March.

Talent show auditions are going to be on October 25th and 27th. A link for a Sign-Up Genius will come out soon!

The OTES Treble Choir begins rehearsal on October 3rd!  
Have a Harmonious Weekend!  
Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Mueller

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

We are having so much fun in the art room. 4th graders are finishing their 1st project for the spring art show. 3rd graders are beginning a new project about M.C. Esher and tessellations. 2nd graders are still working on their Henri Matisse inspired painting. 1st graders are doing a great job on their Britto Dogs and Cats and kindergarten friends are almost finished with their Romero Britto inspired alphabets. So many great things have been happening all week!!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

**Grades 2-4:**

We began our throwing and catching unit this week. We specifically worked on throwing underhand. We played a game called Cone Hole. It is very similar to Corn Hole. The kids really had a great time with it. We will continue to work on throwing and catching for the next few weeks.

**Grades K-1:**

This group also began working on throwing and catching. We spent this week working in stations to improve our underhand throw. We also played a game called Pin Takedown. Ask your child what they did to protect their pin. We will work on throwing and catching for the next few weeks as well.

[Grenda 1](#)

