

# Oak Trace Weekly Update

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

## A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

What a week! I guess it is really fall! Our lost and found is growing quickly! Have your child check the lost and found if you are missing a sweatshirt, coat, or water bottle. Please label these items so we can return them to you.

We lost power again for about an hour on Thursday. Your children did a great job listening to their teacher and following directions!

We are so excited to bring back the Oak Trace talent show! See further down in the newsletter for more information. The sign up for auditions is located here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4eadac23a13-oaktrace>

We LOVED seeing so many dads (or special visitors) join us for the first All Pro Dads of the year. Your children loved having you here too! Thank you, Coach Gilbert, for being the guest speaker. He reminded the dads and kids that it all goes so quickly - don't blink! The next meeting is Wednesday, October 26th at 7:30 A.M.

Congratulations to our grant winners, Mrs. Loring and Ms. Grenda. They each won a grant from the Westfield Education Foundation that will benefit all third graders! Mrs. Loring's grant will provide materials for individualized math game supplies, and Ms. Grenda's grant will go towards leveled readers. Thank you to our Education Foundation and all who donate to them!

We have loved having you back for lunch! Just a reminder that you must be [Safe Visitor](#) approved before you can join us. Please sign up on the [Sign Up Genius](#) ahead of time, and please don't bring fast food. Thank you!

Jane Hitch

Principal

(317) 867-6410

@MrsHitchOTES



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- October 7 - Family Movie Night
- October 12 - Dress Like a Farmer Day
- October 15th-23rd - FALL BREAK
- October 26 - All Pro Dads 7:30 A.M.

# INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT

SPECIAL EVENT  
at Westfield High School

Telescope Observing Starts at 8:00pm  
Join us for this FREE family-friendly event



## WHERE?

Westfield High School Football Practice Field

## WHEN?

Saturday, Oct 1, 2022

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE by SATURN & JUPITER!**

Presented by:

**GRAND UNIVERSE & WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IDEA FARM**



## OAK TRACE TALENT SHOW

TO: ALL OTES PARENTS & STUDENTS

FROM: Mrs. Paul

RE: 2022 OAK TRACE TALENT SHOW

Dear Parents and Students,

The time has come for auditions for our annual Talent Show which features some of the talents of our students at Oak Trace. The Talent Show will be shown on Tuesday, November 22. We firmly believe that every child at Oak Trace is talented in some way. The talent show is just one opportunity during the school year for students with visible and/or performance related talents to demonstrate their abilities to our school family. Come and think of a few creative ways for your child to

show or demonstrate a special talent? The goal of our program is to showcase a VARIETY of different performances.

If you would like your child to audition for the talent show, the audition dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, October 25 2:45-4:30

Thursday, October 27 2:45-4:30

We are using an online sign up form this year for audition times. To sign up, please click on the link below. You can also copy and paste it into your browser.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4eadac23a13-oaktrace>

If your audition time is before 3:30 you will stay after school. If it is after 3:30 you can go home and return 15 minutes before your audition time. IF you are in BAC you will come to the Multi-Purpose Room 15 minutes before your audition, and then you will

Your child will need to have ALL the necessary items for his/her act at auditions including music, props, or costumes where applicable. If any of these items are not available for the audition (this usually only relates to costumes), the student should at least be able to describe these details to the judges at the time of the audition. Acts should be no more than 3 minutes in length. We encourage all types of acts, but we do not want any singing along with the lead vocals of the recording artist. Background vocals are fine. You will need a Karaoke version (I-Tunes or Youtube is a good place to go) or sheet music and someone to play the piano for you. If you come to auditions and sing along with vocals of an artist on a recording, your act will not be considered. Parents are welcome to attend auditions with their child to assist with costumes and props if needed. Younger students often need assistance to organize and present their act.

Although we would love to include every act that auditions we must limit the length of the program to the top 20 acts or 70 minutes.

If you would like your child to audition for the talent show, please complete the audition form on the back and return it to Mrs. Paul no later than October 21, 2022 and sign up for an audition time.

The Talent Show Committee

Westfield Washington  
School District



 Special Education  
Parent Advisory Council

The members of this council include parent advocates and a growing number of staff educators and administrators of the Westfield Washington School district.

Consider participating in SEPAC!

**Mission**

The mission of SEPAC is to improve the quality of life for students and their families by connecting them with resources as well as communicating ideas, making recommendations, and collaborating within the school district.

**We want to hear your needs!**

**Click here to complete a quick survey**

<https://forms.gle/ZYrMXyMyV8pYzvQDA>

**Parent education and training event with:** 

**What** Presentation: "Article 7 and Introduction to Special Education"  
by IN\*Source Special Education Liaison, Michelle Jones

**Where** Washington Woods Elementary School  
17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield, IN 46074

**When** Thursday October 6, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For questions and to RSVP email: [sepacwestfield@gmail.com](mailto:sepacwestfield@gmail.com)



## WWS COAT DRIVE Sept 26 - Oct 12

**DONATE TODAY**

Kids Coats provides gently-used winter coats at no cost to families in Hamilton County, IN

Westfield Washington Schools is partnering with Kids Coats. If you have a coat at your home to donate send it to your WWS school. Bins are in the office or you can drop it at Community First Bank of Indiana.

If you need a coat scan the QR Code.

Kidscoats.org  
to learn more!



WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

SEVEN LOCATIONS & MULTIPLE DATES  
FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

Register online for an appointment:

[kidscoats.org](http://kidscoats.org)

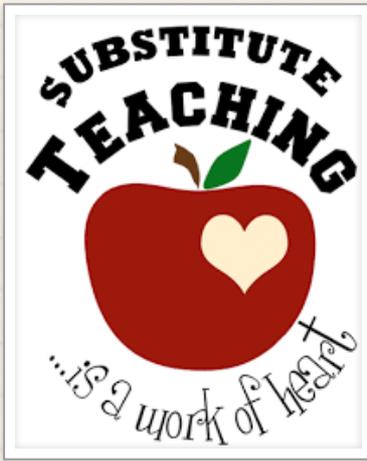
or call 317-324-8818

registration ends October 15

## 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>

## 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](mailto:m McGuire@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!**



2430 E. 146<sup>th</sup> St. Carmel, In 46033



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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## THINKING THURSDAY QUESTION

All Pro Dads resumed this week at Oak Trace. What former football coach started this program?

Tony Dungy

# 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



October TakeHome Menu.pdf

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October Harvest of the Month \_ Final.pdf

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# MATH CHALLENGE

The following students have passed the Math Challenge:

4th: Cameron S. and Alexander W.



# 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>

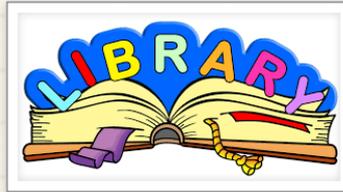
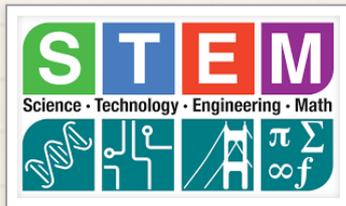


# RENT THE ROCK

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! This week started a new rotation. During this rotation, 4th graders are continuing their work on SCRATCH, and planning for a bridge building project. Third grade students are engineering balloon rockets. 2nd graders are continuing their work on Code.org and completing a Breakout EDU game called Stop the Pigeon. First grade students are doing a Breakout EDU game called The Kid Code, and getting signed up for their Code.org class.

Kindergarteners are designing and building with our STEM supplies. 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](mailto:gibbsj@wws.k12.in.us).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

We have been talking about Johnny Appleseed and typing in the library this week! I have been introducing /reviewing [typing.com](http://typing.com) with 1st through 4th grades! This is a great online program to teach keyboarding to children! (They found it absolutely STUNNING that I learned how to type when I was in high school and it was on a typewriter!!!!) Just like MacinVia - students can access [typing.com](http://typing.com) by going through their CLEVER account! The more they practice...the better they will be! I got to share one of my favorite stories with Kindergarten this week! First we talked about the story of Johnny Appleseed and what makes a TALL TALE! Then, I told them the story of "The Little Red House" which has a very fun ending! (Oh, how I wish I could show you all of their faces when I show them "the house" at the end of the story! It is priceless!!!) There are many youtube videos if you are interested in watching it again with your children at home! It is definitely a favorite!  
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

We had a fun week in music this week!

**Kindergarten-** We have been working speaking an apple rhyme while keeping a steady beat on the claves. We are beginning to work on learning the rhyme Wee Willie Winkie. When we know the words and how to use mallets, we will transfer them to the xylophones and other barred instruments.

**1st Grade-** Mrs. Mueller has finished a 3 weeks unit on high, low, upward, downward, and staying the same with our voices. She used the song William He Had 7 Sons to teach this.

**2nd Grade-** We are learning songs for our Veteran's Day program. They are learning the songs quickly!

**3rd Grade-** We are working on learning the notes on the staff, and playing the song Lucy Locket on the xylophones and other barred instruments.

**4th Grade-** We finished The Canoe Song piece this week. This is a 3 part song. We had a group of singers, a group on the xylophones playing an ostinato, and a group on the hand drums playing a different



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART

We had our Good Deeds celebration for 2nd thru 4th grade yesterday to congratulate our winners. Students in art can nominate a classmate who they catch doing a good deed. At the end of the month, I pick out names and those students get to stay after school and do a special art project. Congratulations to our August winners: Maki, Celia, Emma, Ella, Noah, Annie, Hadley, Abby Madeline, Addie, Finley and Cooper. They made Spooky Books of Spells. On Monday, we will pick our winners for the month of September! Good Luck!!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE

**2nd -4th Grades:** We continue to work on our underhand and overhand throwing. We played a game called Invasion. It was fun and chaotic but the students really enjoyed it. We will continue with this unit next week but we will be adding some Superhero warmups and some new games to the mix.

**K-1st:** We are also still focusing on underhand and overhand throwing. We worked at 5 different stations this week all geared toward those skills. Your child was able to challenge themselves at each station. There was a lot of bean bag tossing, ball rolling and target throwing. We also finished the class with some Fire and Ice Tag, which is a class favorite. We will add some Superhero warm ups next week and continue to practice our throwing and catching.

ostinato. We rotated through the groups, so everyone had a chance to sing and play both instruments.

The OTES Treble Choir begins Monday, October 3. Those students that turned in an interest form got a packet back from me with a calendar of rehearsal and performance dates.

Information for the 2022 Talent Show is attached to this newsletter. Auditions will be October 25 and 27. There is a Sign Up Genius link to select your audition time.

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

