

# Oak Trace Weekly Update

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

## A NOTE FROM MRS. HITCH

Hello Oak Trace Families!

What a great night last night! Thank you for all of your support at Savor Westfield last night! We are excited about raising money for new adaptive playground equipment and for Westfield Youth Assistance. Special thanks to all who organized it - Janelle Browne, Erin Neale, Kelly Braun, Maghan Keller, Heather Hohla, Christine Sampia, Emily Herron, Beth Johnston, the other Kelly Braun, and Ali Coyne. Thank you to our sponsors, the restaurants, the volunteers, and all of you who could join us. If you missed it, we hope you can come to Savor next year! Here are pictures from the event. It was truly a great event!

<https://kylegphotography39.pixieset.com/savorwestfield/>

Just a reminder that the incredible silent auction baskets are still live until next Thursday.

Thank you for your support with Walkathon as well! I know it is a lot right now - we appreciate all of your support! We are gearing up for our Walkathon next Wednesday. Which grade level will get to silly string Mrs. Herring and me? Who will be our top 10 fundraisers who get to throw at the dunk tank? Should be a fun day!! The money raised goes to the teachers for projects in the classroom as well as things such as visiting authors, Accelerated Reader, Artist in Residence, etc.

Next week is Homecoming week at the high school and Walkathon week for us. We will have some dress up days to celebrate. Monday - Pajama Day, Tuesday - Team Day (wear your favorite team colors or shirt), Wednesday - Oak Trace Spirit shirt (the new gray ones we received from PTO this year), Thursday - Crazy Sock Day, and Friday - Neon Day.

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!

Have a great weekend! Thanks for all you do at home to support our students!!

Jane Hitch  
Principal  
(317) 867-6410  
@MrsHitchOTES



4TH GRADERS



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# OAK TRACE <sup>20</sup> SPIRIT WEEK <sup>22</sup>

SEP  
12

PAJAMA DAY

TEAM DAY

SEP  
13

SEP  
14

OAK TRACE  
SPIRIT SHIRT

CRAZY SOCKS DAY

SEP  
15

SEP  
16

NEON DAY



SAVOR WESTFIELD



SAVOR WESTFIELD



NEW CAFETERIA  
TABLES!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- September 12 - Pajama Day
- September 13 - Favorite Team Day
- September 14 - Walkathon - wear Oak Trace spirit shirt
- September 15 - Crazy Sock Day
- September 16 - Neon Day
- September 28 - All Pro Dads
- October 7 - Family Movie Night

## 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.

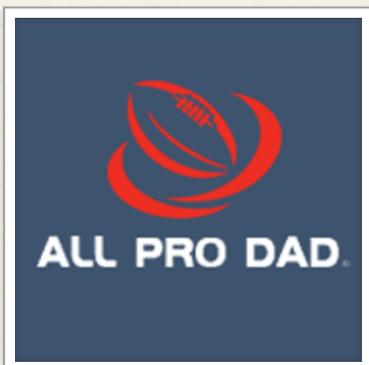
If calling after 1:30 P.M., please call the office directly at #317-867-6411

## 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>



## ALL PRO DADS

Here's the link to RSVP for All Pro Dads. The first meeting is September 28th.

[https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/3952/chapter\\_meetings/41021](https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/3952/chapter_meetings/41021)

A vibrant poster for an outdoor family movie night. The background features a close-up of a yellow Minion character. The central text is set against a dark blue circular backdrop. At the top, two red circular icons with yellow film reels contain the text 'The Oak Trace PTO' and 'Invites Everyone to Come for...'. Below these, the words 'Outdoor Family' are written in a yellow script font. The main title 'MOVIE NIGHT' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Underneath, the date and time 'Friday, October 7th From 06:45pm-9:30pm' are listed in white. To the left, a white banner says 'FREE For Oak Trace Families'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the featured movie title 'Minions: The Rise of Gru' and its rating 'Rated Parental Guide (PG)'. A QR code is on the left with the text 'Scan Me to RSVP'. On the right, two yellow popcorn buckets are shown. The bottom of the poster lists vendors: 'Available for Purchase.... SAMANOS MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK, KERNELS POPCORN - HOT BOX PIZZA, HOOSIER TROPICAL SNO & SCHOOL SPIRIT APPAREL'.

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)

Scan Me to RSVP



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



movie night map.pdf



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## PURCHASE ROCKS SPIRIT WEAR

If you want to purchase more Rocks spirit wear from WHS, please use this link.

<http://www.whsrockshop.org>



# OAK TRACE FAMILIES

We are over the moon to share that our  
Walk-A-Thon Fundraising Campaign starts Monday, August 29  
Our theme this year is  
**"Oak Trace is Out of this World"**

Our Mission is to raise \$45,000.

### THE ULTIMATE PRIZE

Our astronauts will orbit the field on  
Wednesday, September 14 at 1:00PM.  
The top 10 astronauts will have the opportunity to dunk one of  
their specials teachers in our intergalactic dunk tank!  
The top grade level will silly string Mrs. Hitch and Mrs. Herring!

### How to Raise Money

Students will each have an individual fundraising page on Membership Toolkit.  
Scan the QR code to register or login to Membership Toolkit



Please be sure to follow the Oak Trace PTO Facebook and Instagram  
page for information and updates on Walk-A-Thon!

Please feel free to email us at the  
following address: [oteswalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:oteswalkathon@gmail.com)

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  
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana  
317-924-6819 or 765-271-7757 or mmadden@girlscoutsindiana.org



Join  
Girl Scouts  
today.

girlscouts  
of central indiana

Be a Girl Scout.

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**OFFICIAL TOUR STOP**

**Westfield Middle School**  
345 W Hoover St, Westfield, IN 46074

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Last day to order: September 5<sup>th</sup> or until sold out



Scan this QR CODE to order your apples now!




**WESTFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION**





**Bonus: The Apple Truck will donate \$1.00 per box to the Westfield Education Foundation in support of Westfield Washington Schools' Teacher Grants!**



September Elementary Take Home Menu.pdf

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## LUNCH TIMES

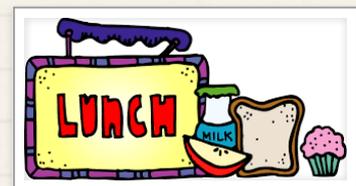
Kindergarten 11:00-11:30

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.

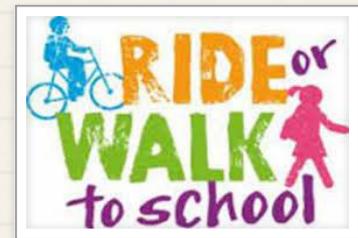
main entrée-\$2

vegetable-\$.90

fruit-\$.90

## BIKE OR WALK TO SCHOOL

If you give permission for your child to bike or walk to school this year, please complete the form below and send it to school with your child. The office needs this completed form before your child can bike or walk to school. Please also let the office know each day that your child will be walking or riding their bike home.



Bike or Walk to School Permission (1).pdf

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## TBR FEES FOR THE 22-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Elementary fees for textbooks will be posted to your students PowerSchool Account August 10th. All fees should be paid in full by September 15th. To sign up for a payment plan, email [luedkes@wws.k12.in.us](mailto:luedkes@wws.k12.in.us). Please note the Chromebook protection plan is an optional fee that is NOT covered by the free and reduced application. If you want the protection plan, please make sure you purchase it by September 15.

## 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>



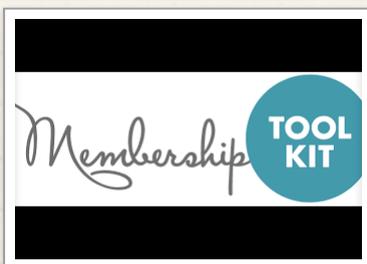
## LOOKING FOR ROOM PARENTS FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

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](mailto:Otesroomparents@gmail.com).

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



## PTO

Hello, families!

Please remember to update your family information on Membership Toolkit. This needs to be done EACH year. We use this platform for Rent the Rock, fundraisers, apparel sales, club and enrichment sign ups, and more!

<https://oaktrace.membershiptoolkit.com/>

## 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 on its previous page.

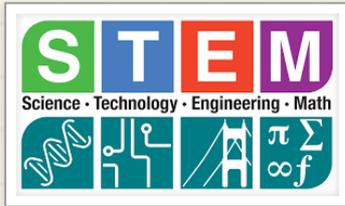




## THINKING THURSDAY QUESTION

**We are excited about our new cafeteria tables. Each table can seat eight people. If a class has 22 students, how many tables would they need?**

**Three tables**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STEM

We had a fantastic week in STEM! Something 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

Do you remember the Dewey Decimal System? If your child is in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade -you might ask them what they know about Melvin Dewey and how he created an organizational system for libraries! We have been really digging into how our library is organized so they can find books on their own! Some students are getting super excited when they are able to use Destiny Discover (our online catalogue system) to see if we have the book they want and then actually walk to the "neighborhood" and locate the exact book! It's almost like a scavenger hunt! They are doubly excited to use the iPads that have been mounted in our library to use Destiny Discover! I have been reviewing book care and fiction vs. nonfiction books with Kindergarten and 1st graders! They know that fiction books tell us stories and books in the nonfiction neighborhood can give us information! So much to learn in our library! 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.



Choir Info. letter  
3rd & 4th grade choir letter

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

Kindergarten is working on the difference between singing, speaking, whispering, and calling voices with our friends Sarah, the singing cat, Sammy, the speaking rabbit, Wesley, the whispering sheep, and Cooper, the calling dog to the song Bow Wow Wow.

1st Grade is beginning a lesson on high and low sounds and their singing voice with Mrs. Mueller.

2nd Grade is finishing our lesson using the rhyme Deedle, Deedle Dumpling and the barred instruments. We are playing every sound we speak. (Beginning Rhythm)

3rd Grade is adding sound effects with fun instruments for the characters in the book The Napping House. This is an introduction to reading the notes on the staff.

4th Grade is finishing a lesson with the song Welcome, Welcome. We have sung it in a canon, and now we are using our musical ear to find the melody on the barred instruments.

See the attached document above this section of the newsletter if your child is

## 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 graders worked on cooperation this week. They played a game called Hula Hut Throwdown! They worked together to build and protect their hula huts. Asked them about any strategies they used while trying to win the game.

Kindergarten and 1st graders warmed up this week with scarves. They worked on tossing and catching in fun and creative ways. They even caught the scarves on their heads! They also played Fire and Ice tag. Students who were frozen had to catch a "fireball" from another student in order to get unfrozen. They really had a great time.

Our Future Rocks Program is in full swing. I have passed out more than 20 Future Rocks wristbands! The bulletin board outside of the gym is filling up with pictures of students attending Rocks sporting events!

Remember to follow Oak Trace PE on Twitter at OTES\_PE!  
[IMG\\_4343.HEIC](#)

interested in joining the OTES

Treble choir!

Have a Harmonious Weekend!

Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Mueller

