



# ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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# NEWSLETTER

December 2023 - January 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

12/1 • LP 4 Attendance Due	12/12- • Kids Gift Workshop
• School closed for staff meetings	12/13
12/4- • Last week of onsite classes	12/15 • Last day of first semester
12/8 • Last day to pick up cinnamon rolls	• LP 5 Attendance Due
12/11 • Hour of Code	12/16- • Winter Break
	1/3

### JANUARY

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1/5 • School closed for staff meetings	1/22- • School Choice Week
1/8 • China Peak Field Trip	1/24 • Pieology Fundraiser
1/9 • Spelling Bee	• Fig Garden Library guest speaker: Nurse Practitioner
1/12 • 1st day on semester 2 onsite classes	1/26 • Attendance LP 6 Due
1/15 • School Closed for MLK Day	1/31 • Community Food Bank

TK-8

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H.S.

NOTE: NO onsite classes 1st Friday of the month.

Generosity is...

"giving without expectation of receiving anything in return." - Ms. Shaw

Perserverance is...

"making progress, even when it doesn't feel like it." - Jacob Mulick



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WSCS BOARD MEETING

November Board Meeting: 1/16  
3:00pm at Endeavor Campus in Room E

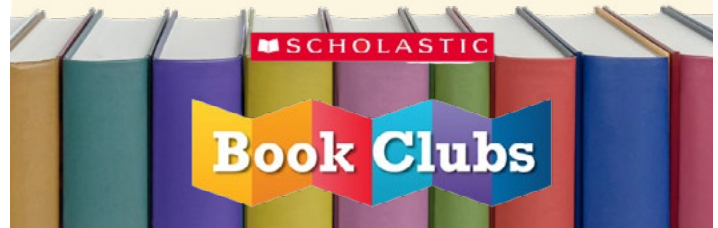
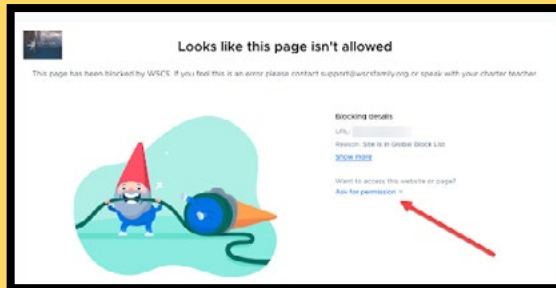
This meeting will be held at Endeavor Charter School.  
Can be viewed online at: [www.wscsfamily.org/live-broadcast.html](http://www.wscsfamily.org/live-broadcast.html)  
For more info go to: [www.wscsfamily.org/board.html](http://www.wscsfamily.org/board.html)

# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YouTube Content

If you are using a school-provided device, there is limited access to YouTube. Our IT Department gets about 100 requests each month to open YouTube. Please do not click Ask for permission when you are blocked from accessing YouTube content. Each request results in an email to our IT personnel.

Instead, please ask your Advising Teacher for access to specific content. They will then consult with the IT Department to determine if such links are educational in nature and helpful for our entire student community.



## ONLINE ONLY

Scholastic Book Club is available for all Endeavor Charter School families!

### How to Order:

- Go to: [clubs.scholastic.com](https://clubs.scholastic.com)
- Click on CONNECT TO TEACHER >
- Enter Zip Code 93704
- Choose Endeavor Charter School
- Select TEACHER'S NAME: Carrasco, Rosanna
- Click CREATE AN ACCOUNT
- Type in your information and click CONTINUE
- You are now linked to Endeavor Charter School and can start shopping!

### Shipping Info:

- Free shipping to our school

"As the largest children's book publisher in the world, Scholastic is entrusted with the promotion of literacy through books for millions of kids of all ages and reading levels. Our mission is built on helping children learn to read and love to read."

*Scholastic Mission Statement*

If you have questions, contact Rosanna Carrasco at [rcarrasco@wscsfamily.org](mailto:rcarrasco@wscsfamily.org) or (559) 248-0471.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

# SPIRIT DAYS

JANUARY 22ND TO JANUARY 26TH

**MONDAY - ENDEAVOR SWAG DAY**  
Show off your student pride. Wear your spirit wear!

**TUESDAY - PAY IT FORWARD DAY**  
Complete a random act of kindness toward another student, staff member, or family member.

**WEDNESDAY - EDUCATION IS ABOUT CHOICES**  
Dress up in your favorite College or Career Path gear.

**THURSDAY - EDUCATION CAN TAKE YOU MANY PLACES**  
Career Day! Dress up as the future you.

**FRIDAY - WE ARE A UNIQUE AND DIVERSE FAMILY**  
Celebrate by wearing crazy socks.

# \$35

6 DELICIOUS  
CINNAMON ROLLS  
& FROSTING

## Country Fair Cinnamon Rolls

READY TO BAKE

On Sale NOW until 12/8/23

- Pay by cash or check to Rosanna
- Credit Card payments are accepted on ParentSquare only

For more information contact, Delisa Kuhtz

30% OF SALES GO TOWARDS THE  
ASB FUND



# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Elementary Student Community Day *at the Central Valley Community Food Bank*

### Where:

4010 E. Amendola, Fresno

**When:** Last Wednesday of each month, beginning 9/27

**Time:** 11:00am - 1:30pm

**Deadline to RSVP:** Please RSVP five business days prior to the event.

- Open to parents and students ages 5-18 (open to HS students who do not have class at this time)
  - Parents must accompany students
  - Volunteers must arrive on time and commit to the whole session.
  - The organization is unable to allow families with babies/toddlers/strollers to participate at this time
- Please [complete waiver](#) prior to coming (see more on endeavor website or ParentSquare)



For more information contact Sandra Hammond at [shammond@wscsfamily.org](mailto:shammond@wscsfamily.org)

COMING  
MAY 2024...

*Art Exhibit  
at Endeavor*

**Theme:  
Endeavor to Grow**

Coordinators:  
Mrs. Turner & Mrs. King

**PIEOLOGY PIZZERIA**

**PIZZA FOR PURPOSE**

HELP US RAISE FUNDS!

Wednesday, January 24th  
PIEOLOGY FIG GARDEN 5068 N Palm Ave

*Come and help support!*  
Endeavor Charter School

ORDER IN-STORE, ONLINE, OR VIA THE PEE LIFE APP\*  
ENTER PROMO CODE RAISEFUNDS AT CHECKOUT.

# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to announce that our Student Store (apparel and merchandise) is open again for a limited time! A small portion of each purchase supports our Associated Student Body (ASB).

Thank you for your support!

Use the link below to purchase some fantastic apparel or other merchandise!

<https://shopendeavorcharter.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



## STUDENT STORE

Open until April 4





# TECH ZONE

## Digital Citizenship

**What Are Some Basic Gaming and Social Media Rules for Elementary Schoolers?**



[Click here to see an article on this topic.](#)

## How to Help Kids Balance Phones and Screens with Sleep

Tips for managing TV, tablets, phones, and tech so your kids can get a good night's sleep.



[Click here to see an article on this topic.](#)

# EXPLORER TRAITS

## GENEROSITY

### FREEDOM FROM MATERIALISM

When we are willing and practice giving away our material possessions generously, we gain freedom from materialism.



### IMPROVES RELATIONSHIPS

Generosity encourages us to perceive others in a more positive light. It fosters a sense of community and interconnectedness with others.



### SUPPORTS ONE'S HEALTH

It's evident that those who practice generosity tend to be healthier physically and mentally.



### FEEL BETTER ABOUT YOURSELF

When we witness someone else benefiting from our kind actions, our inner voice has a harder time arguing that we're worthless.



### GENERATES MOMENTUM

Once you start, you'll find yourself wanting to give again and again.



By Delisa Kuhtz

We are excited to introduce the Endeavor Schoolwide Recognition Plan, a 10-month initiative focused on celebrating character and achievement among our students. Each month we will highlight a different character trait and award deserving students who embody these qualities.

For the month of November, we will be focusing on Generosity.

## Explorers Recognized for Showing Gratitude

Sasha Shkaruba - 2nd Grade

Odie Lugo - 7th Grade

I'Zaya Jones - 7th Grade

Love McFadden - 10th Grade



Character Recognitions for the school year:

### September: Respect

Criteria: Recognize students who consistently demonstrate respect for others, show kindness, and maintain a positive attitude.

### October: Responsibility

Criteria: Acknowledge students who take initiative, fulfill their duties, and contribute positively to the school and community.

### November: Gratitude

Criteria: Celebrate students who express gratitude, show appreciation for others, and contribute to a culture of thankfulness.

### December: Generosity

Criteria: Highlight students who actively engage in acts of generosity, volunteerism, and making a positive impact on others' lives.

### January: Perseverance

Criteria: Recognize students who overcome challenges, demonstrate resilience, and maintain a strong work ethic.

### February: Courage

Criteria: Applaud students who show empathy, understanding, and compassion towards their peers, fostering a supportive environment.

### March: Leadership

Criteria: Highlight students who display leadership qualities, encourage teamwork, and inspire others to excel.

### April: Integrity

Criteria: Acknowledge students who consistently act with honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior in all aspects of school life.

### May: Teamwork

Criteria: Celebrate students who excel in teamwork, collaboration, and helping others succeed through joint efforts.



# THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

Meet one of our new staff, Andrea King!

## Title/Role

K-8 Advising Teacher/ Middle School Art

## What is your background/education?

I have a Liberal Arts degree from San Diego State University. I taught elementary in southern California, stayed home, then went back to work part-time at an independent high school, went back to the classroom again teaching 5-6 grade at Hume Lake Charter, then I moved to Fresno and started here

## What is the most challenging part of your position?

Knowing all the curriculum to guide the parents successfully.

## What do you like best about your career choice?

Working with kids is so fun. They love to learn new things and laugh.

## Family Make-Up

I am married with three children - oldest son is 22 - Senior at Fresno State and works at the Clovis In-and Out, my daughter is 20 and was adopted from China She lives in Clovis My youngest son is 19 and is working on his AA through Reedley Community College.

## What are some of your favorite things outside of work?

Gardenig, reading and crocheting.

If you could snap your fingers and be better at one thing, what would it be?

Have an adventurous spirit.



# CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Want to know what other classes are available at Endeavor? From Leadership to Computer Science, we offer a wide variety of classes for all interests. Each month, we will highlight different middle and high school classes to help expand your horizons and see what's out available!

## TECHNIQUES FOR THE CREATIVES

by Trinity Vasquez and Olivia Kriehn

*"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." - Edgar Degas*

Artists hardly ever see themselves as artists, it is others who see their artistic work that define them as great artists. Did you love coloring in your kindergarten class? Or get joy from scribbling a mural on your bedroom wall when you were two? Well then, art class is just for you. Here at Endeavor we have four art classes, taught by Mrs. Turner: Art 1, Art 2, Art 3, and Art 4 (all take place in room D at Endeavor Charter School, on Monday's).

In Art 1 students learn the fundamentals of art. Through classes, drills, and drawing assignments they are taught how to draw what they see by using line, shape, color, value, texture, space, and form. They begin to experiment and learn how to use different mediums. Art 1a is from 9:45am to 11:00am, while Art 1b goes from 1:30pm to 2:45pm.

In Art 2 students begin reinforcing the building blocks learned in Art 1 as well as starting to build on these concepts. They learn harder techniques and how to utilize more complicated mediums. They also create art pieces utilizing a variety of different skills. Art 2 is scheduled from 8:30am to 9:45am.

Art 3 and 4 focus on more detailed work. Students are allowed to choose their assignment, media and technique with guidance from their teacher. Using all that they have learned in art 1 and 2 they apply it to their own idea and put it on paper. Art 3 is currently unavailable to students but will be next year. Art 4 takes place from 11:00am to 12:15pm.

Taking an art class is more than just filling up an elective space on your transcript. It's about learning techniques to become a great artist. Art transfers over into every career and as artists of the world, we are called to be the creatives.

If you would like to take one of the art classes here at Endeavor, ask your advising teacher to sign you up for either the start of the next semester or next school year.

COMPUTER  
SCIENCE 1

ROV  
by Matthias  
Cochran & Tobias  
Rodríguez



Art 3 example; "Governor of Night" by Trinity Vasquez



Art 1a example by Olivia Kriehn



Art 2 example by Olivia Kriehn

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# TK - 8TH GRADE

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

### November Field Trips & Outings

(following the TK-8 Enrichment Schedule)

<b>1/10</b>   No Outing	<b>1/24</b>   Fig Garden Library Guest Speaker: Nurse Practitioner
<b>1/17</b>   United Skates Clovis 12:30-2:30	<b>1/31</b>   Community Food Bank



## STEM and Skate

**Where:** United Skates Clovis  
2881 Peach Ave, Clovis, CA 93612

**When:** January 17, 2024

**Time:** 12:30 - 1:30 STEM Lesson  
1:30-2:30 Free Skating

**Cost:** \$13 per student

**Deadline to RSVP/Pay:** January 10th, 4:00 p.m. Look for upcoming ParentSquare messages to pay online OR pay Rosanna at the front desk in the West Building (no card please).

Adults and siblings not enrolled may skate from 1:30-2:30 for \$11 (admission/skate rental) with the wider public (not part of the school event). You will pay at the venue; no RSVP is needed.



## GUEST SPEAKER: NURSE PRACTITIONER

**WHERE:** The Conference Room  
The Fig Garden Library  
3071 W. Bullard, Fresno

**WHEN:** January 24, 2024

**TIME:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

**COST:** Free of charge

### RSVP EXPECTATIONS:

Please RSVP 4:00 p m 1/23/24

- All ages welcome, but geared toward 1st-3rd Grade Students
- Parents/Guardians must be present
- Please complete waiver prior to coming or bring to library.

You can find the link here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12ewH7PGVHNNjVBqq-1zIRWVSaLj49ZFqn/view?usp=sharing>

For more information contact Sandra Hammond at [sammond@wscsfamily.org](mailto:sammond@wscsfamily.org)



Students in grades 3rd-8th can join us for an "Hour of Code"! This world-wide event is held during Computer Science Education Week to introduce millions of students around the world to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

**Where:** Endeavor Charter School

**When:** Monday, December 11th

**Time:** 1:00-2:30pm

**Deadline to sign up:** December 4th

Use this form to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/4z9PRL3KdReSETxa6>

If you are signing up more than one child, please fill out one form for each child.

For more information contact Renee Johnson at [rjohnson@wscsfamily.org](mailto:rjohnson@wscsfamily.org)



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

## All High School Students - "Counseling Connection"

I am hosting a weekly "College & Career Counseling Connection" for students. It is an informational meeting for high school students every Tuesday morning from 10AM-10:15AM via Zoom. A zoom link was sent out through ParentSquare with information about the topics I will be covering. The topics will include College/Career and postgraduate information. Here are the topics for the months of December and January:

- 12/5 - Alternatives to College
- 12/12 - What to expect in first year of college
- 1/9 - Scholarships / Resources / Financial ABCs
- 1/16 - ASVAB - Military information
- 1/23 - Guest Speaker from Local Business
- 1/30 - Top 5 things you should know before graduating

## PSAT Scores:

Test score reports are available now if you took the PSAT. If you need help accessing the report please let me know.

## Grad Nite Fundraiser Ideas:

If any senior has fundraiser ideas to offset Grad Nite costs please contact me.

## Local Community College Applications:

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges should apply with priority registration through the "Registration To Go" Program:  
SCCDD (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Center, Clovis Community, Reedley College)

## Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps

1. Application: October
2. Online Orientation: November
3. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: Feb/March
4. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed

## FAFSA and Money Matters

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school:

The FAFSA application opens October 1st. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## Seniors : Local Community Award Scholarships

Look for a ParentSquare coming soon with information about how to apply for our local Community Award Scholarships.

## ASVAB Test

10-12th graders. Look for a ParentsSquare with more information about taking the ASVAB test on campus.

## GE - Reagan Foundation Scholarship Opportunity:

We're helping to send the next generation of leaders to college. Will you be next?

The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship offers college scholarships of up to \$40,000 for high school seniors nationwide who showcase leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship.

Deadline: January 4, 2024.

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan/>

## College & Career Spotlight : Nursing

Nursing offers a wide range of career opportunities—from entry-level practitioner to doctoral-level researcher. Nurses are hands-on health professionals who provide focused and highly personalized care. They are also in demand—employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 16% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nurses provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members. Although an entry-level nurse can find a job with a 2 or 3-year RN degree, there is a growing national movement to require all nurses to hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Once you are a nurse, you might choose to focus on a particular specialty. There are numerous specialty options to choose from!

## Types of Nurses

Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN): LVNs typically have a certificate or two-year degree and provide basic bedside care to the patients. They are directed by the physicians or RNs and have to work accordingly.

Registered Nurse (RN): RNs have, at the minimum, a two-year or four year degree. RNs have an expanded set of duties and are more frequently employed in hospital settings. They are generally expected to do more critical thinking on the job.

Nurse Practitioner (NP): An NP is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse who has additional responsibilities for administering patient care than RNs. NPs can prescribe medication, examine patients, diagnose illnesses, and provide treatment, much like physicians do.

Please email me at [ghill@wscsfamily.org](mailto:ghill@wscsfamily.org) if you have any questions!



# STAFF DIRECTORY

## *Endeavor Charter School*

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NAME	EXTENSION	PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT
Nancy Garcia	202	Principal/504 Coordinator
Grace Reeve	201	Assistant Principal/HS Chemistry
Rosanna Carrasco	222	Receptionist
Marianne Lord	200	Admin Secretary
Shawna Adams	228	TK-8 Advising Teacher/TK-K Enrichment Classes
Katelyn Carter	210	Student Support Director/H.S. Earth Science
Christine Chugg	230	H.S. Math Teacher
Melissa Culver	218	Technology Coordinator
Margaret Den Hartog	207	TK-8 Advising Teacher/5th Grade Enrichment Classes
Sandra Hammond	215	TK-8 Advising Teacher/3rd-4th Grade Enrichment Classes
Brook Hirata	204	TK-8 Advising Teacher/H.S. Biology/H.S. Earth Science
Nancy Flynn	211	Adjunct Teacher - 6th-8th Grade Math/H.S. Pre-Algebra
Michelle Garrett	209	TK-8 Advising Teacher/6th Grade Enrichment Classes
Greg Hill	220	Guidance Counselor
Renee Johnson	225	TK-8 Advising Teacher/7th-12th Computer Science and ROV
Aaron Kiang	218	IT Specialist
Andrea King	229	TK-8 Advising Teacher/7th-8th Grade Art
Delisa Kultz	205	H.S. Advising Teacher/4th-7th Grade Math Skills
Julie Schiro	224	TK-8 Advising Teacher/6th Grade Enrichment Classes
Susie Shaw	226	H.S. Advising Teacher/9th & 11th H.S. English
Dave Smith	216	TK-8 Advising Teacher/RSP Teacher/8th Grade Constitution
Marcia Souza	208	H.S. Advising Teacher
Nick Teddleton	221	5th Grade Math/Safety and Supervision Specialist
Nancy Turner	217	H.S. Advising Teacher/E.L. Coordinator/H.S. Art
Diane Vaccaro	206	H.S. Advising Teacher/H.S. Leadership/H.S. C.T.E.

Michael Cox	(559) 642-1422 ext. 102	WSCS Director
Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer

Email addresses for all staff are: first initial and last name @wscsfamily.org (no spaces)

### SUPPORT STAFF

Stephanie Ganzenhuber - Cross Country/TK-8 Synchronous PE • Martha Gaviria - Spanish • Katie Kaundart - School Psychologist • Brooke Llanos - 1st-2nd Teacher/7th-8th Grade Science/Climbing Team Coach • Bee Lor - Custodian • Brandon Mallard - Drama/H.S. U.S. and World History • Jacob Mulick - English/Graphic Design/Lego Robotics • Ray Pacio - Music