



# ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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# NEWSLETTER

February 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY

|                |   |         |   |
|----------------|---|---------|---|
| 2/1            | • High School Informational Meeting for 8th Graders | 2/14    | • Fig Garden Library Guest Speaker: Veteran Homeschoolers |
| 2/2            | • School Closed for Staff Meetings                  | 2/15    | • Orders Due for Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser            |
| 2/6, 8, 13, 15 | • PE testing 5th and 7th grade                      |         | • Intent to Return form sent out                          |
| 2/7            | • Kearney Mansion Field Trip                        | 2/19-23 | • February Break  |
| 2/8            | • Math Counts Competition                           | 2/23    | • Attendance due LP 7                                     |
|                |   | 2/28    | • Community Food Bank Work                                |

### MARCH

|         |                                    |          |                            |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 3/1     | • School closed for Staff Meetings | 3/13     | • The Planetarium          |
| 3/5     | • Steam Fair                       | 3/14-15  | • Peach Blossom Festival   |
| 3/6     | • PE Day                           | 3/19     | • FCSS County Spelling Bee |
| 3/7     | • Intent to return form due        | 3/22     | • Lp 8 Attendance due      |
| 3/7-8   | • Nothing Bundt Cake Delivery      | 3/25-4/1 | • Spring Break             |
| 3/11-22 | • Curriculum Fair                  |          |                            |

TK-8

### FEBRUARY

|         |                                       |         |   |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|---|
| 2/1     | • Science Classes Aquarium Field Trip | 2/15    | • Orders Due for Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser            |
| 2/2     | • School Closed for Staff Meetings    |         | • Intent to Return form sent out                          |
|         | • Progress Reports                    | 2/19-23 | • February Break  |
| 2/7, 14 | • PE testing 9th grade                | 2/23    | • Valley Children's Hospital Teen Health Care Career Fair |
| 2/6     | • Poetry Outloud Competition          |         | • Attendance due LP 7                                     |

### MARCH

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| 3/1 | • Progress Reports   | 3/7      | • Nothing Bundt Cake Delivery |
|     | • School closed for Staff Meetings                               |          | • Intent to return form due   |
| 3/5 | • Steam Fair   | 3/22     | • Lp 8 Attendance due         |
| 3/6 | • High School Enrichment Forms due for summer and fall semesters | 3/25-4/1 | • Spring Break                |

H.S.

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



*"It is not the strength of the body that counts, but the strength of the spirit."*

- J.R.R. Tolkien

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WSCS BOARD MEETING

March Board Meeting: March 12  
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

## LCAP / WASC Focus Group

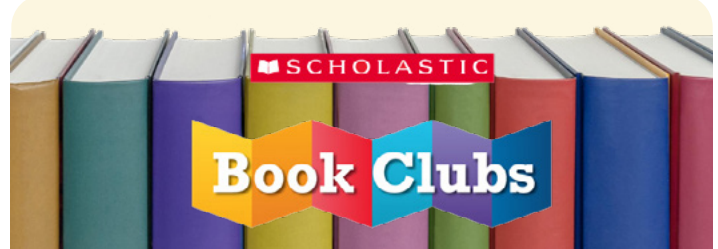
Now Forming

Every year we gather a group of parents, students, and staff to discuss our school goals, progress, areas of growth, and other constructive feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders who care about Endeavor's success. If you or your child (6th grade and up) would like to participate, please check below for the two meetings as they are both required to participate. Both are via Zoom and we are going to collaborate with our Oakhurst sister schools.

**February 29th, 1 pm-2 pm** (At this meeting we will give you an overview of what LCAP & WASC are and review our past goals and next steps).

**March 14th, 1 pm-2:30 pm** (At this meeting you will be able to give us feedback regarding our progress and also areas of growth for our school as well as highlight areas of growth. This meeting typically runs longer than an hour).

To get on the list please email Rosanna at [rcarrasco@wscsfamily.org](mailto:rcarrasco@wscsfamily.org) by **February 9th**



## 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."

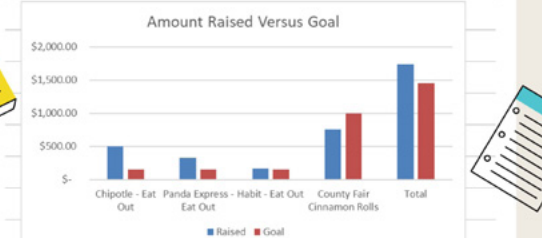
*Scholastic Mission Statement*

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

## Endeavor Charter School

### LOOK WHAT WE DID 2023-2024 Fall Semester!

We're thrilled to share the incredible results of our recent fundraising efforts for last semester. Thanks to YOUR support, we've come closer than ever to reaching our goals.



### Where are the funds going?

- Help reduce cost for Prom
- Help reduce cost for Senior Grad Trip
- Upcoming Elementary Field Trip
- Awards for National School Choice Week
- State Testing - Pizza Celebration



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## The Sweetest Way to Support Endeavor Charter School

Proceeds go to Student activities on and off campus

### Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:

Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry  
Lemon | Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Carrot  
Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream | Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookie

Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$6

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# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Volunteer Work at the Central Valley Community Food Bank



### Where:

4010 E. Amendola, Fresno

**When:** Wednesday, 2/28

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

**Deadline to RSVP:** RSVP appreciated by Monday, February 26th at 4:00

**You can volunteer with us once a year or each month!**

This work is in the distribution center. Endeavor families work together organizing bundles of food that will be picked up by others and delivered to families in need. For more information on this non-profit organization see <https://ccfoodbank.org/>

- Open to parents and students ages 5-18
- Parents must accompany students
- Volunteers asked to arrive on time and commit to the whole session for that day
- The organization is unable to allow families with babies/toddlers/strollers to participate at this time

Please [complete waiver](#) prior to coming or bring to the Community Food Bank on the day of service. (see link or on school site)

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

**Start creating for our Spring Art Exhibit!**

**Theme: Endeavor to Grow**

**Guidelines for grades TK-12th:**

- Create thoughtful and intentional art to be displayed at school in the month of May
- Showcase your student's artistic abilities with a focus on our theme
- Artwork examples: painting, drawing, photography, textile, needlework, floral design, sculpture, etc.
- 1 submission per student **on or before April 22**
- Drop off artwork and Artist Statement card (card available in school lobby) to Mrs. Turner in West Building or Mrs. King in East Building

## SAVE THE DATE 2024 CURRICULUM FAIR

By Brook Hirata

**WHEN:** March 11th-22nd

**WHERE:** Endeavor Charter School

This year parents will have two weeks to preview and look at all of our amazing curriculum options for next school year. This year parents can make an appointment with their advising teacher to get the most up to date information about curriculum, or our veteran families are welcome to browse on their own each day from 9:00-3:00. More information to come soon!



# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023/24

## Endeavor Yearbook

# COVER DESIGN COMPETITION

## Theme: Cultural Art

The theme for our yearbook this year is a celebration of art from all cultures.

We want you to design a piece of art representing a culture that inspires you. All types of art will be considered - the more creative, the better! You may create a drawing, painting, digital art, sculpture, photograph, etc. - if you can submit a photo of it, it's fair game.

**This competition is open to Endeavor students of all grades**, but entries must be created by the student (**no AI please!**).

Please submit all entries at the front desk or send submissions to Jacob Mulick at [jmulick@wscsfamily.org](mailto:jmulick@wscsfamily.org).

Deadline:

**MARCH 14**

## Endeavor's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual



## STEAM Fair



**Date: 3/5/24**

**Tuesday**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Where:**

**Endeavor  
Charter School  
West Building  
(777 W. Shaw Ave)**

**Science**

**Technology**

**Engineering**

**Art**

**Math**



## Announcing

# Graduation/Promotion Venue & Date!

**When:** Wednesday May 29, 2024

**Address:** Fresno State Concert Hall (inside music building)  
2380 E. Keats Ave & N. Maple Ave Fresno, CA 93740

**Time:** 10am Kinder Graduation  
1pm 8th Grade Promotion  
4pm High School Graduation

\*Parking & Other details will be sent out through Parent Square closer to the event date.



# EXPLORER TRAITS

IT TAKES  
COURAGE  
TO GROW UP  
AND BECOME  
WHO YOU  
REALLY ARE  
— e.e.cummings —

By Delisa Kuhtz

The Endeavor Schoolwide Recognition Plan is 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 February, we will be focusing on Courage.

## Explorers Recognized for Showing Generosity

Asher Bennett - 1st Grade  
John Shkaruba - 4th Grade  
Emery Yang - 5th Grade  
Kekai McVicker - 6th Grade  
Jordan Vildosola - 7th Grade  
Jeremiah Wilhite - 9th Grade  
Carson Pool - 10th Grade

## Explorers Recognized for Showing Perseverance

Vienna Pulido - 7th Grade  
Pandora Hensley - 10th Grade  
Hannah Llanos - 11th Grade  
Laila Rodriguez - 10th Grade  
Paige Abbott - 12th 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.

# RESOURCE SHOWCASE

## Lightning Lit

Curriculum Review by Sandra Hammond

Lightning Literature is a 1st through 8th grade English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum designed to “instill a love of literature in students, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts” (Hewitt Learning).

This curriculum integrates literature, grammar, mechanics, and composition. You will need to supplement spelling. It is a good fit for families seeking a literature approach to ELA (using whole books, rather than an anthology). Picture books and novels cover a wide range of genres and lessons are designed specifically for homeschooling families. Structured across 36 weeks, daily lessons in the conventions of writing use the text students are already reading and discussing.

Learn more at: <https://hewittlearning.org/curriculum-home/lightning-lit/>



# TK - 8TH GRADE

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

### February Field Trips & Outings

**2/7** | Kearney Mansion **2/21** | NO SCHOOL  
12:00-1:30

**2/14** | Fig Garden Library **2/28** | Community Food  
Guest Speakers: Vet- Bank  
eran Homeschoolers  
(Tips and Tricks)

## Kearney Mansion Guided Tour

**Where:** 7160 W Kearney Blvd, Fresno

**When:** Wednesday, February 7th

**Time:** 12:00-1:30

**Cost:** Enrolled students and parents: \$8.00 each

Please sign up ASAP to reserve your spot!

**Deadline to RSVP/Pay:**

**Monday, February 6th, 4:00 p.m.**

Please pay Rosanna at the front desk (cash or check only)

Please print and sign waiver prior to coming.

Due to the limited number allowed on tours, enrolled students have first priority. Email Sandra Hammond Feb. 7th for confirmation on space for public entrance of younger siblings (children 4 and under are free).



## Save the Date



## Monterey Bay Aquarium®

**Who:** Endeavor TK-8 students

**When:** May 15th

For more information contact Margaret Den Hartog at [mdenhartog@wscsfamily.org](mailto:mdenhartog@wscsfamily.org)

## GUEST SPEAKER: VETERAN HOMESCHOOLERS

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

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Feb 14th

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

**COST:** Free of charge

**RSVP:**

RSVP Appreciated, but not necessary on or before Monday, Feb. 12

Please print and sign waiver prior to coming.

Come hear how large families juggle homeschooling!

- Integrating daily life with academics (gardening, cooking, trips, board games, etc.).
- Teaching multiple children of various ages.
- Integrating family reading time.

*Children are welcome!*

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

## Save the Date High School Program Information Meeting

**Who:** Endeavor 8th graders and their parents/guardians

**When:** February 1, 2024

**Time:** 6pm via Zoom

All Endeavor 8th graders get priority enrollment into our Endeavor high school program as long as they submit their intent to return form by deadline.

To find out about our high school program please mark your calendars for February 1st at 6pm. Zoom link will be shared via Parent Square closer to date.



# TK - 8TH GRADE

## Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners!

Students competed in the 4th Annual Endeavor Spelling Bee on  
Tuesday, January 9th



### 7th-8th Grade Group

1st place - Anna Avent

2nd place - Adam Chugg

3rd place - Lucas Clark

Winning Word: nitrogen

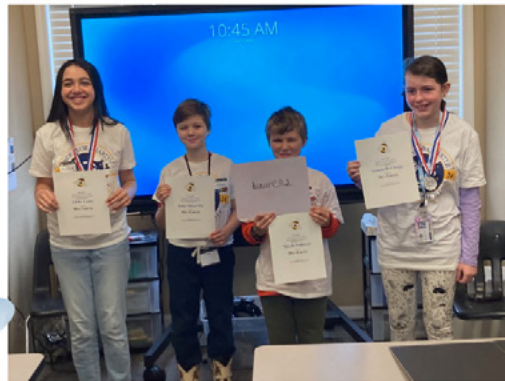
### 4th-6th Grade Group

1st place - Micah Vlahavas

2nd place - Annabelle Chugg

3rd place - Addie Leota

Winning Word: drawer



**Our 1st and 2nd place winners will be headed to  
the County Spell Off in March!  
Thank you to all who participated!**





# HIGH SCHOOL



Deadline:  
**March 31**  
@ 8:00pm

## Passion Project Writing Contest

by Corban Pusey

Hello, fellow students!

For my Leadership class Passion Project, I have chosen to host a short-story writing contest for the high school.

Even if you don't think you're good at writing, give it a try for the fun of it.

### Contest Information:

- Stories must be at most 3000 words.
- The theme of the story is "Pursuit." Whatever you want to do with that.
- Three impartial judges will judge stories on three categories: Creativity/Originality, Attention to detail/Adherence to the theme, and Pace/Flow of the story.
- No plagiarism of any kind is allowed. (We will be running stories through a plagiarism checker)
- To submit your story, share it from a Google document or send an email with the document attached to this email: pusey1002651@wscsfamily.org

If you want to join this friendly contest, fill out [this Google form](#) to register.

## Prom 2024

April 13, 2024  
6pm - 10pm

## Theme: Red Carpet

Fresno Elks Lodge  
Dinner will be served

Feb 6-16 Early bird: Seniors \$55  
9th-11th grade \$65  
Feb 26-Apr 3: Seniors \$60  
9th-11th grade \$70

Because of fundraisers, the ticket prices were lowered by \$10! Thank you, WSCS!



# 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 month of February:

- 2/6 - Top 5 things you should know before graduating
- 2/13 - Getting a job - Your Resume
- 2/27 - Career Readiness - Path to Your Dream Job

## 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:  
 SCCC (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)

## ASVAB Test : Wednesday, March 6th, 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM at Endeavor

For 10-12th graders. The ASVAB CEP is a complete career planning program. Students are given the opportunity to take the ASVAB at no cost and no commitment to military service. The ASVAB CEP also provides an interest assessment and planning tools to help young adults explore career field entry requirements and various career paths, both military and civilian.

High school students in grades 10, 11 and 12 and those enrolled at post-secondary institutions can participate in the

ASVAB CEP. Students in 11th grade and beyond receive valid scores for enlistment.

Please email me at [ghill@wscsfamily.org](mailto:ghill@wscsfamily.org) to sign up for the test. Look for a Parentsquare with more information.

## Community College High School Enrichment Program:

The High School Enrichment (HSE) is the name of the program that affords an opportunity for students to take up to 11 units of community college classes that count for both high school and college credit per semester. One semester college class is equivalent to 1 year of high school, so 10 credits will be awarded. And, it will count as an honors class with a GPA bump. Email me at [ghill@wscsfamily.com](mailto:ghill@wscsfamily.com) for more information. Also, look for an upcoming ParentSquare with complete details.



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.        |

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|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 • Robin Allen - 1st-2nd Teacher • Bee Lor - Custodian • Brandon Mallard - Drama/H.S. U.S. and World History • Jacob Mulick - English/Graphic Design/Lego Robotics/Climbing Team Coach • Ray Pacio - Music