# **ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS**

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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# NEWSLETTER

March 2024



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

# MARCH

3/1

School Closed for Staff Meetings

Steam Fair 3/5

PE Day at the park 3/6

Intent to Return 3/7 form due

Nothing Bundt Cake Delivery 3/8

3/13 Field Trip to the Planetarium

Peach Blossom 3/15

FCSS County 3/19 Spelling Bee

Community Food 3/20

LP 8 Attendance 3/22 Due

Spring Break 3/25-

#### APRIL

CAASPP Testing all month during onsite class days CAST Testing for 5th and 8th Grade

• PE Day at the Park 4/3 4/4

High School Advising Day for current 8th Graders

CAST testing for 5th and 8th Grade School Closed for 4/5

Staff Meetings

Chaffee Zoo Field Trip 4/10 • 4/17

Courthouse Tour (8th Graders Only) 4/19 Attendance LP 9

8th Grade Catalina Island

# MARCH

School Closed for Staff Meetings Progress Reports

3/5 Steam Fair

High School Enrichment Forms due for summer and fall semesters

Intent to Return forms due 3/7

Nothing Bundt Cake Delivery

Climbing Competition #2

LP 8 Attendance Due

· Spring Break

# APRIL

Progress Reports School Closed for Staff Meetings

Climbing Competition #3 Drama, Muisc &

Vaiety Show

· Tentative Campus

Tour to Monterey

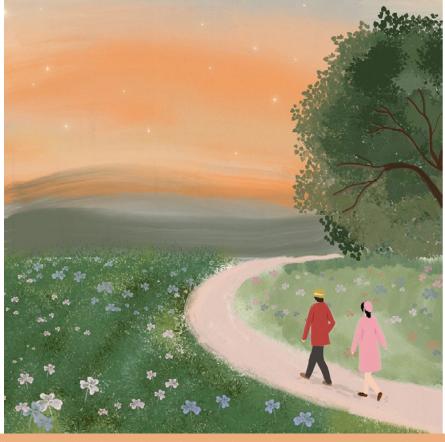
Prom 4/19 Attendance LP 9

Earth Science Field Trip to Planetarium

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

4/23

3/9 3/22



"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Howard Thurman



# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

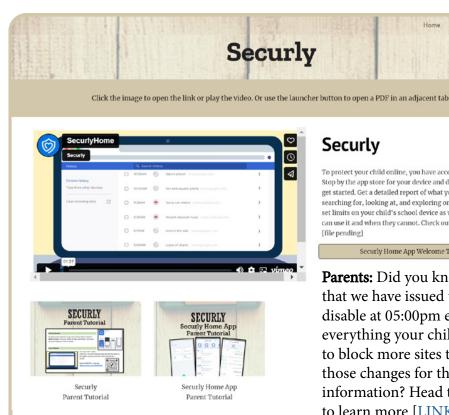
# WSCS BOARD MEETING

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 For more info go to: www.wscsfamily.org/board.html



# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS



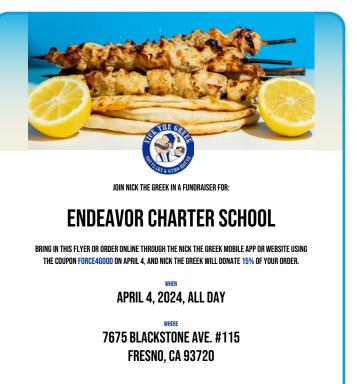
# Securly

To protect your child online, you have access to a parent app. Stop by the app store for your device and download the app to get started. Get a detailed report of what your child is searching for, looking at, and exploring online. Also, you can set limits on your child's school device as well--when they can use it and when they cannot. Check out more HERE. [file pending]

Securly Home App Welcome Tutorial

**Parents:** Did you know that you can co-manage the devices that we have issued to your learner? Do you want access to disable at 05:00pm each evening? Do you want a report of everything your child searched for on Google? Do you want to block more sites than we do? You have access to make those changes for the device your child uses. Need more information? Head to the Securly tab of our Parent Website to learn more [LINK HERE].





# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Volunteer Work

at the Central Valley Community Food Bank

# Help make a difference in our community!



4010 E. Amendola, Fresno

When: Wednesday, March 20

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

Deadline to RSVP: RSVP appreciated by Monday, March 18th 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 this time

Please <u>complete waiver</u> prior to coming or bring to the Community Food Bank on the day of service. (see link or on school site)

Endeavor

# DRAMA, MUSIC & **VARIETY SHOW!**

Where: TBD

When: April 6

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Audtions Open!** March 5 Room E, from 2:30 pm to 4 pm

Endeavor students, come perform a song, poem or dance number. Solo, duet or group acts all accepted.

For more information contact Brandon Mallard at bmallard@wscsfamily.org



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

#### How to Order:

- · Go to: 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 or (559) 248-0471.

# **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 <u>culture that</u> <u>inspires you.</u> 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 <a href="mailto:jmulick@wscsfamily.org">jmulick@wscsfamily.org</a>.



# Endeavor's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual STEAM Fair Date: 3/5/24 Tuesday Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Endeavor Charter School West Building (717 W. Shaw Ave)



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# 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

# LEADERS

ALWAYS CHOOSE THE HARDER RIGHT RATHER THAN THE EASIER WRONG.

**ORRIN WOODWARD** 



#### 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 March, we will be focusing on Leadership.

# Explorers Recognized for being Courageous

Ezra Cross - Kindergarten

Elliana Spain - 6th Grade

Adeline Fouch - 9th 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.

# **CLASS SPOTLIGHT**

Want to know what other classes are availabe 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!

# One Way Guide To Being A Teacher's Assistant

by Jaavin Vildosola & Aden Rodriguez

""A gifted teacher is not only prepared to meet the needs of today's child, but is also prepared to foresee the hopes and dreams in every child's future."

- Robert John Meehan

This quote comes from a famous author named Robert John Meehan, who is known for his teaching profession as well as being a leading voice for the American teacher. Knowing that student growth is vital, it is easy to conclude that the teacher's way of teaching is vital as well. That being said, it is also vital for the teacher to not only do their job right, but great.

Here at Endeavor Charter, the opportunity to help assist with teaching children presents itself in our CTE Education Pathway class. The benefits and experience that come along with it are bountiful. Imagine, for a moment, the feeling of helping a child to achieve success. Every paper, every drawing, every word of encouragement will inspire the child to make their efforts a winning success. The CTE Education program is two years, and there are plenty of areas in which to help assist in. For example, elementary teachers need a lot of assistance in their classes, especially their classes consisting of younger students. Different tasks, projects, and activities all require lots of attention and hands on care. With the help of a teacher assistant in the classroom, these tasks will be finished in a timely and fashionable manner. In high school classes, TAs are able to help with homework questions and questions in class.

A CTE pathway is a great option for an a-g elective, and completing the 2 year program is a great step to becoming college and career ready!



ART 1, 2, 3 & 4

COMPUTER

SCIENCE 1

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# TK - 8TH GRADE

# **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

# March Field Trips & Outings

**3/6** | P.E. Game Day #1 Holman Park

Fresno

3/20 | Community Food Bank

11:00-1:30 Fresno

3/13 | Downing Planetarium 3/27 | No School

Fresno State Fresno

# DOWNING PLANETARIUM

When: Wednesday, March 13th

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm **Cost**: No cost to families

Deadline to RSVP/submit waiver.

Monday, March 11th at 4:00pm (WAIVER LINK)

Additional Details:

Waivers for each student must be completed and submitted by Monday, March 11th for planning purposes. Limited space; Your waivers are your RSVP

or more information contact Sandra Hammond at



Where: 894 W. Belmont Ave Fresno, Ca. 93728

When: Wednesday, April 10

**Time:** 9:00am-2:30pm

Cost and How to Pay. Special discounted field trip entrance fee is \$4.00 per enrolled Endeavor student and \$8.00 for Adults. Entrance fee to Roeding Park \$5.00 per car. Non-enrolled students will have to pay for a ticket at the gate.

# Deadline to RSVP/submit waiver

Thursday, April 4th 4:00pm (WAIVER LINK)

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

For more information contact Michelle Garrett at mgarrett@wscsfamily.org

# P.E. Day 1

Where: Holman Park

6522 N West Avenue, Fresno

When: Wednesday, March 6th

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Cost: No cost

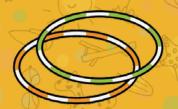
# Deadline to RSVP/submit waiver.

Monday, March 4th at 4:00m

(WAIVER LINK)

# **Additional Details:**

Waivers for each student must be completed and submitted by Monday, March 4th for planning purposes.



For more information contact Sandra Hammond at shammond@wscsfamily.org

# **Monterey Bay**

**Who:** Endeavor TK-8 students

Where: 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940

When: Wednesday, May 15th

**Time:** 11:15am-5:00pm

IMPORTANT: We will be gathering at the front entrance at 11:15 and must enter as a group.

Cost and How to Pay. TK-8 students are free. Siblings 4 and under are free. Adults are \$20 each. Cash or check payment must be made to Rosanna at time of sign-up.

# Deadline to RSVP/submit waiver.

Friday, May 3, 2024 3:00pm (WAIVER LINK)

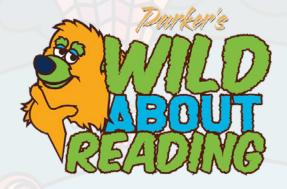
Also, please note: This trip is limited to the first 140 students.

# Additional Details

The aquarium does not have parking but suggests several parking lots and garages nearby priced at \$10 to \$20 per day. Please see aquarium website for details.

For more information contact Margaret Den Hartog at mdenhartog@wscsfamily.org

# TK - 8TH GRADE





Pick up your "Wild About Reading With the Grizzlies" Bookmark-Vouchers from your Advising Teacher and earn tickets to see a Grizzly Game!

# **Voucher Redemption Process**

Students who participate and read 10 books in 5 weeks receive 2 free tickets to a select "Wild About Reading" Grizzlies game in 2024 (dates listed below).

Students log their reading progress by using the bookmark found on the backside of the youcher.

# **Redemption Location:**

Students and parents can redeem their completed bookmarks/vouchers at Chukchansi Park's ticket office located at 1800 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721

# **Voucher Details:**

Each redeemed voucher is valid for 2 tickets. It is important to present the completed bookmark/voucher during the redemption process. The voucher will be handed to our ticket office attendant and they will give you 2 tickets to a valid date of your choice below.

# **Redemption Dates:**

While each school was assigned a specific date, please note that the following dates are universally valid for voucher redemption (you can use these on any of the dates below!):

- Friday, April 12
- Friday, April 26
- Saturday, April 27
- Saturday, May 11
- Friday, May 24
- Friday, June 14
- Saturday, June 15
- Friday, June 21
- Any Sunday Home Game

Also, check out the digital magazine at FresnoGrizzlies.com/WildAboutReading. There are a lot of fun activities and a story about "Going Green with the Grizzlies"!



# **HIGH SCHOOL**



# 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!

#### Additional Details:

- Guest passes are available on the school's website for high school-age students who attend other schools and must be turned in no later than April 3. (LINK)
- By purchasing tickets to a WSCS prom, attendees agree to have their picture taken at the event and acknowledge that these pictures may appear on a website that all attendees have access to when the photos are ready and that the pictures may be used for various school purposes such as the yearbook, social media, promotional materials, etc.

  Students who have a current Letter of Non Compliance should discuss promotional materials.
  - Students who have a current Letter of Non-Compliance should discuss prom attendance with their Advising Teacher and school administrator since this may affect their eligibility for prom.
- For more information contact: Mrs. Friesen kfriesen@wscsfamily.org

**ENDEAVOR CHARTER SCHOOL** 



# TEAM ENDEAVOR

Congratulations to our Climbing Team for **WINNING** their first competition of the season at MetalMark! They worked hard and earned it!

Special congratulations to Aiden Cox for scoring in the top 3 boys and to Naomi Micu and Jael Micu for scoring in the top 3 girls. Great work!

We look forward to having you support us for our next competition on March 9th at MetalMark Climbing Gym!

Go team!



# POETRY OUT LOUD

Congratualtions to our four Poetry Out Loud participants, Adeline Fouch, Carson Pool, Love McFadden, Miles McFadden, for their outstanding work presenting poetry at City Hall.

Thank you for representing Endeavor with skill and courage!



Left to right: Adeline Fouch, Carson Pool, Love McFadden, Miles McFadden

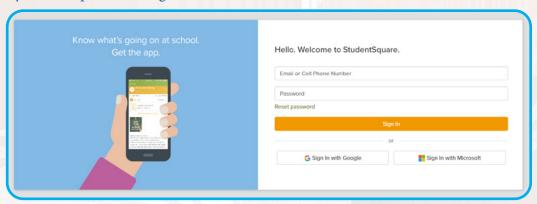
# TECH ZONE

# StudentSquare

Our high school students have access to StudentSquare. You may periodically receive an email from ParentSquare letting you know that you have a pending invitation. This is a legitimate invitation. You may click on that to set up your account.

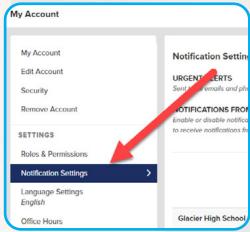
Various staff members will share with you details associated with events that apply to you: graduation, prom, fundraisers, field trips, college tours, Counseling Connections, and the like. Feel free to bookmark the link if you wish.

https://www.mystudentsquare.com/signin



Once your account has been created, use these buttons to determine when you would like to receive those notifications. There is an app. With parent permission, you may download and use that. You can also allow text messages if you wish.







#### 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 March:

- 3/5 How to find the right College?
- 3/12 Guest Speaker Job Interview Tips
- 3/19 Military Guest Speaker

#### 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:

SCCCD (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 opened December 1st. <a href="https://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>

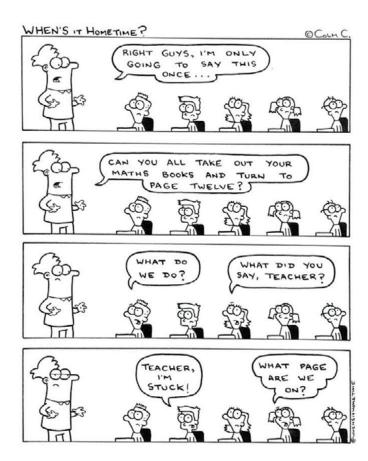
# ASVAB Test: Wednesday, March 6th, 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM at Endeavor

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 <a href="mailto:ghill@wscsfamily.org">ghill@wscsfamily.org</a> to sign up for the test. Look for a Parentsquare with more information.



Please email me at 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 Prin	ncipal/HS Chemistry	
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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 Kuhtz	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		
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### **SUPPORT STAFF**

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