



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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NEWSLETTER

November 2023



IMPORTANT DATES

TK-8

NOVEMBER

11/1 • Dry Creek Park Day 12-2	11/10 • No School - Veteran's Day
11/3 • Attendance Due - LP 3	11/13-17 • Spirit Week
• Spelling Bee sign ups due	11/15 • Dry Creek Park Day 12-2
• School Closed for Staff Meeting	11/17 • STEAM Fair Interest Due
11/4 • Drama/Music Production	11/20-24 • Thanksgiving Break
11/8 • Fig Garden Library - Community Helper Talk	11/29 • Volunteer at the Food Bank 11-1

DECEMBER

12/1 • Attendance Due - LP 4	12/12-13 • Kid's Gift Workshop
12/4-8 • Last week of onsite classes	12/15 • Attendance Due - LP 5
12/11 • Hour of Code 1:00-2:30	• End of 1st Semester
	12/18-1/3 • Winter Break

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

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NOVEMBER

11/3 • Attendance Due - LP 3	11/7 • Rock Climbing Interest Meeting - In Person
• RSVP for UC Merced Field Trip due	11/10 • No School - Veteran's Day
• Progress Reports	11/16 • UC Merced Field Trip
• Grad Night Deposit Due - \$25.00 - Firm Deadline	10/13-17 • Spirit Week
• Reagan Library Field Trip - Leadership Class	11/17 • STEAM Fair Interest Due
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Gratitude is...

"Thankfulness with no strings attached" - Nancy Flynn

"Appreciating what you have despite what you want" - Christine Chugg



PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING

November Board Meeting: 11/14
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

Endeavor's 4th Annual



STEAM Fair



March 5th

Please let

Mrs. S. Adams
sadams@wscsfamily.org

or Mrs. C. Chugg
cchugg@wscsfamily.org

know by Friday
November 17th
that you want to

be part of the
STEAM Fair.

Science

Technology

Engineering

Art

Math



TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAPTOR UPDATE

Dear Families,

All parents and visitors will need to sign in and sign out of the visitor management system if they intend to be on our campus for a period of time. **This will take effect January 4, 2024.**

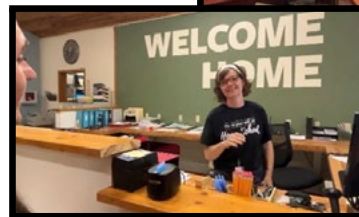
We encourage you to create your parent user profile during the months of November and December. This will greatly reduce the front desk traffic for our office staff come January. No extra trip is needed. Feel free to stop by during your next PLP Meeting.

We have a newly released parent tutorial for our Raptor Visitor Management. This [video tutorial](#) will answer all essential questions you have about creating a profile, signing in, and signing out of our visitor kiosks.

You can find this link at <https://www.wscsfamily.org/raptor>

If you have any questions, please let your site administrator know.

Parent & Visitor Introduction Video



SKI TRIP!

Where: China Peak

When: Monday, January 8th 2024

Time: 8:00am

TBA - Look for upcoming ParentSquares

For more information, please contact Christine Chugg at cchugg@wscsfamily.org or on ParentSquare

\$35

6 DELICIOUS
CINNAMON ROLLS
& FROSTING

Country Fair Cinnamon Rolls

READY TO BAKE

- Pre-order form due by 11/27
- Pay by cash or check to Rosanna
- Pick up onsite 11/28 to 12/8
- contact Delisa Kuhtz for more information

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

Fun with Shakespeare

~A Drama and Music Variety Show~

WHERE: Aspen Valley Prep
4221 N. Hughes Ave.
Fresno, CA 93705

WHEN: November 4th, 2023

TIME: 6-8pm



COME SUPPORT OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AND GUITAR STUDENTS!

For more information Brandon Mallard at bmallard@wscsfamily.org

TECH ZONE

This month, in the Technology Corner, we are directing your attention to Digital Citizenship. Digital Citizenship represents the ethical decisions that we make on all pieces of technology. As our children navigate a tech-rich learning environment, what resources are available for us as parents/caregivers? How can we help our children/students make wise, helpful, good decisions across screens?

Here are a few questions to consider:

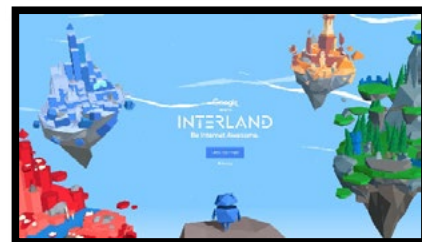
- 1) If your child has a cellphone, do you [parent] know how to block mature content on that device before you give it to them?
- 2) If your child has a cellphone, do your children know what to do if a stranger sends them a text message? Do they know how to block callers or texters?
- 3) If someone starts to harass your child in an online chat forum, do they know how to respond to that situation?
- 4) Do your children have wise password strategies? Do they use diverse characters when they build those passwords?
- 5) As a family, do you talk about technology choices on a routine basis?

Resources:

As you explore this topic more, here are four resources to consider: teaching content, one game, and two podcasts. Click on the links below to access those resources.



[Teach Digital Citizenship](#)



[Interland – Learn about internet safety & play a game.](#)



[Digital Citizenship – Part 01](#)



[Digital Citizenship – Part 02](#)

EXPLORER TRAITS

Explorer Trait of the Month:

Gratitude

[gra-ti-tude] noun

the positive state of being grateful; an overwhelming feeling of appreciation and thankfulness, and the desire to return kindness to others

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 Gratitude.

Explorers Recognized for being Responsible

Ryleigh Reynolds - 1st Grade

Lily Nunez - 5th Grade

John Pucheu - 7th Grade

Drake Walker - 10th Grade

Matthias Cockrum - 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

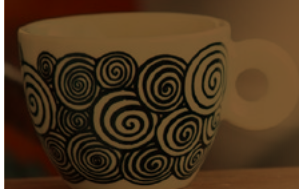
Criteria: Highlight students who display leadership qualities, encourage teamwork, and inspire others to excel.

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.



THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

Meet one of our new staff, Shawna Adams!

Title/Role

K-8 Advising Teacher - TK/K Enrichment

What is your background/education?

I taught 6th and 3rd grade in Lemoore and later stayed home to raise family. Eventually, I went back to work in Kerman teaching 1-3 grade at a small Christian school.

What do you like best about your career choice?

That you get to work closely with families and you get to see them succeed.

What is the first career goal you remember having as a young person?

Veterinarian.

Family Make-Up

I am married with two kids - my son is 19 and my daughter is 15, a sophomore at Clovis North. We have 4 cats, 1 dog and several fish.

What are some of your favorite things outside of work?

I love camping, hiking, volunteering at Poverello House and sporting events. My favorite teams include the 49ers and the San Jose Sharks.

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

I would love to be able to play an instrument!



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!

ROV

For the past ten years, Endeavor Charter has offered students the opportunity to take part in the robotics program offered by Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE). The ROV, or remotely operated vehicle, program offers a fun educational experience, while also providing a simulation of what life in the workplace is like, promoting collaboration and communication amongst students for the good of their team. From personal experience, our team, ECO-Tech, has benefited greatly from the technical skills taught in class, and we have grown in friendship with one another as a result of working and competing together.

So what exactly is the MATE ROV program? MATE II ROV is a STEM program that offers students the opportunity to find solutions to real world problems; such as climate change, coral bleaching, and sustainable energy. It is the desire of those at MATE to use STEM applications to inspire future generations of marine scientists and engineers. And the program accomplishes just that. Students collaborate with one another to design and market an ROV, and simulate real world tasks. Students are also taught technical skills such as soldering, waterproofing, mathematics, and researching that help them design and build their ROV.

The MATE ROV program often takes place in a classroom, where students can all participate in hands-on activities in constructing a ROV. However, work also continues outside the class. Students form a team with a minimum of 3 members and frequently meet outside of the class time. Before building an ROV, students may meet on a video conference to brainstorm ideas and designs on what their ROV could look like. In-person meetings are sometimes held at one of the individual's houses who may have a pool, so that students can practice driving the ROV underwater.

A Regional competition is held once a year in the Monterey Bay area, where teams from various parts of the state demonstrate their ROV completing real life underwater tasks. Teams also hold a marketing presentation where they show a panel of judges, who are scientists, engineers, and former MATE ROV participants.

COMPUTER SCIENCE 1

WHAT IS COMPUTER SCIENCE?
The Computer Science class is all about computer programming. In Junior High, the students learn to code using "block programming", where they use blocks of code to help create the programs. In high school, the students will learn how to code from scratch and create apps. Both classes focus on problem-solving and dealing with data.

HOW CAN THIS CLASS HELP ME IN THE FUTURE?

The class is very creative and fun. The skills learned in the class can be used in the workforce regardless of whether they go into computers or not.

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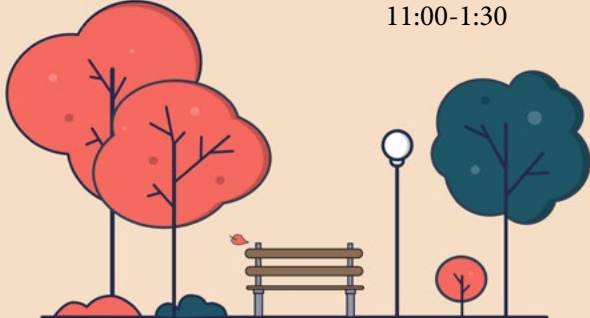
TK - 8TH GRADE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

November Field Trips & Outings

(following the TK-8 Enrichment Schedule)

11/1 Dry Creek Park (Clovis) 12:00-1:30	11/15 Dry Creek Park (Clovis) 12:00-1:30
11/8 Guest Speaker: Focus on Community Helpers Officer Marily Rendon 12:00-1:30	11/22 Thanksgiving Break 11/29 Volunteer Work Community Food Bank 11:00-1:30



Dry Creek Park Day

Where: Dry Creek Park
885 N. Clovis Ave.

When: - Wednesday, November 1st
- Wednesday, November 15th

Time: 12:00-2:00

RSVP expectations:

OK to submit waiver prior or bring to park day. Please submit this waiver if you are coming to any or all of these park days. Use [this link](#) or pick up onsite.

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



GUEST SPEAKER: "Community Helpers" Focus

OFFICER MARILY RENDON

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

WHEN: November 8th, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm-1:30pm

COST: Free of charge

RSVP EXPECTATIONS:
RSVP Helpful, but not necessary

All ages welcome, but geared toward TK-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/18das-91v6EoZ1zBMbjHaEXM468y6UpLyT/view?usp=sharing>

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

TK - 8TH GRADE



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

Save the date!



STEM and Skate

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

When: January 17th

Time: 12:30-3:30



Kids' Gift Workshop

Kids' Gift Workshops are coming up in December! Please select ONE session below and sign up with your advising teacher by November 30th if you are interested in having your child participate. This is open to all TK-8th grade Endeavor students

Session A - Dec. 12th, 9:30-11:00

Session B - Dec. 12th, 1:00-2:30

Session C - Dec 13th, 9:30-11:00

Session D - Dec 13th, 1:00-2:30

Students will be making 2 surprise gifts to take home. Please contact your advising teacher if you have any questions.

ENDEAVOR SPELLING BEE

If you have a 4th - 8th grader who is interested in participating in our Endeavor Spelling Bee...please go to Parent Square for the sign up link. Sign ups are due by Friday, November 3rd.



Sign up by:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD



Endeavor Spelling Bee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH



Questions :

Julie Schiro
jschiro@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 month of November:

- 11/7 - Nuts and bolts of 9th and 10th grade year
- 11/14 - Guest Speaker CHP
- 11/28 - Financial Aid - How to fill out the FAFSA

Grad Nite Deposit at Magic Mountain: \$25

\$25 is due by November 3rd, 2023 to secure your spot.

Please submit payment at the front desk.

Grad Nite will be Thursday, May 23rd, 2024. Total ticket price to be determined. Look for more details to come on ParentSquare.

Grad night registration includes a Six Flags Magic Mountain Grad Pass (a season pass that allows students to come back to the park for the rest of 2024 with only black out dates during Fright Fest).

All High School Students! UC Merced College Visit

Tour Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Admissions Presentation: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Campus Tour: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Dining on Campus: 1:30pm

Must RSVP to the Parentsquare post to attend. Limited spots available.

College Application Information:

California State University & University of California applications open on October 1st! They are both due on November 30. Apply online.

CSU: www2.calstate.edu

UC: www.ucop.edu/pathways

Private University: Deadline varies

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

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/>



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

SUPPORT STAFF

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