



# ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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# NEWSLETTER

October 2023



## IMPORTANT DATES

### TK-8

#### OCTOBER

10/4 •	Field Trip - Shinzen Friendship Garden at Woodward Park	10/12 •	Steam Fair Parent Meeting - Zoom
10/6 •	Campus Closed LP 2 Attendance Due	10/13 •	Picture Day #2 9am-1pm Panda Express Fundraiser
10/11 •	Field Trip to Dry Creek Park	10/16-20 •	October Break
		10/25 •	Volunteer Work at Community Food Bank

#### NOVEMBER

11/3 •	Attendance for LP 3 School Closed	11/20-24 •	Thanksgiving Break
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NOTE: NO onsite classes 1st Friday of the month.

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Responsibility is doing the right thing and making good choices even when it's not easy. - Brook Hirata



## 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](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

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



## STEAM Fair



## Informational Meeting

**Date: 10/12/23**

**Thursday**

**Time: 11:45 am**

**Where: Zoom  
(link to follow  
in Parent  
Square)**

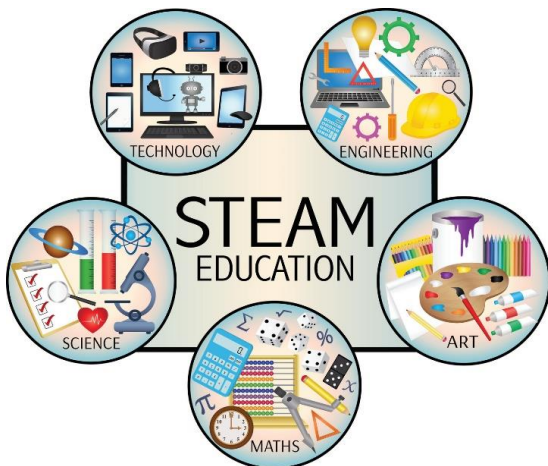
Science

Technology

Engineering

Art

Math



# TK-12 ANNOUNCEMENTS



FUNDRAISER FOR  
**Endeavor Charter School**

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Place your order for pickup  
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Endeavor Charter School is a TK-12th grade personalized learning PUBLIC charter school.



## 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)

# Fun with Shakespeare

~A Drama and Music Variety Show~

**WHERE:** TBD

**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](mailto:bmallard@wscsfamily.org)



# EXPLORER TRAITS

## 10 WAYS TO BE A SUPER HERO

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1. BE ON TIME
  2. BE PREPARED
  3. BE COACHABLE
  4. DO EXTRA
  5. HAVE PASSION
  6. STRONG WORK ETHIC
  7. PROPER BODY LANGUAGE
  8. 100% EFFORT
  9. POSITIVE ENERGY
  10. SUPER ATTITUDE

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 October, we will be focusing on responsibility.

## Explorers Recognized for being Respectful

In line with our theme of Respect during the month of September, these students have consistently been respectful of others, shown kindness and maintained a positive attitude. Well done!

Leo Perez - Kindergarten

Evelyn Cross - 2nd Grade

Declan Spencer - 6th Grade

Kenzie Gleason - 8th Grade

Miles McFadden - 10th Grade

Aiden Cox - 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, Aaron Kiang!

## Title/Role

IT Specialist

## What is your background/education?

I worked IT support at Fresno Police Dept. I was looking for a change which led me here.

## Family Make-Up

I am married with two kids - My son is 21 and is working and performing in the Color Guard with the Fresno State Marching Band. My daughter is 17 and just graduated from Hoover. She is now attending Clovis City College. But really, I work to support the cat.

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

The most challenging part has been learning all the new educational technology.

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

I feel like I am in the right place at the right time.

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

I was raised to be a doctor.

## Did you follow any part of that original goal?

I did study to be a doctor through high school a little of college before changing to IT.

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

I would love to be able to communicate better.



# CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Have you ever wondered what classes are available at Endeavor? Have you wondered what Leadership is like, or what you learn in Computer Science? We have a new section of the newsletter that will highlight different middle and high school classes each month!

## 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.

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# TK - 8TH GRADE

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

### October Field Trips & Outings

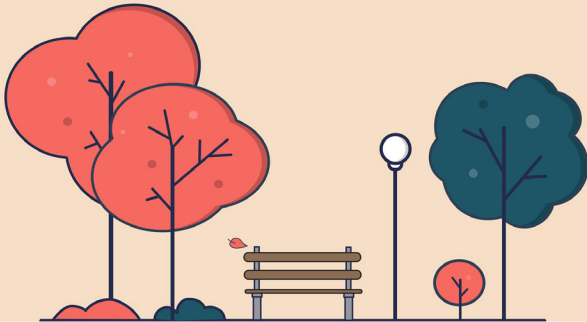
(following the TK-8 Enrichment Schedule)

**10/4** | Shinzen Friendship Gardens (Woodward Park)  
SEE FLYER FOR MORE

**10/11** | Dry Creek Park (Clovis)

**10/18** | No School This Week

**10/25** | Volunteer Work Community Food Bank  
SEE FLYER FOR MORE



## Dry Creek Park Day

**Where:** Dry Creek Park  
885 N. Clovis Ave.

**When:** - Wednesday, October 11th  
- 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](mailto:shammond@wscsfamily.org)



## Shinzen Friendship Gardens

### AT WOODWARD PARK

**WHERE:** 114 W. Audubon Dr., Fresno

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

**TIME:** 12:00pm-2:00pm

**COST:** \$4.00 per person (this includes Koi fish food and cost is for students enrolled with Endeavor as well as their parents/guardians)

Families with younger children or other TK-8 siblings are welcome to attend, however they will pay the regular public entrance fee as park guests. Children 4 years of age and under are free.

Please pay using Parent Square Link posted this week (a .48 cent charge will be added for a total of 4.48 per person) or with cash to Rosanna at the front desk in the West uilding (please bring exact cash, as we do not keep change on hand) by Tuesday, September 26th at 4:00 P.M.

Please also complete the waiver using [this link](#) or onsite with payment by Monday, October 2nd at 4:00 P.M.

### DEADLINE TO RSVP/PAY AND COMPLETE WAIVER:

Monday, October 2nd at 4:00 P.M.

*We look forward to seeing you all in this beautiful landscape! This is a docent led tour of the gardens.*

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



## TK - 8TH GRADE

# Attention Parents and Guardians of TK-8 Students!

Are you seeking more guidance in helping your child become a more confident writer?

Our writing curriculum team recently created a Google Classroom for parents designed to help fill in the gaps that might exist in your understanding of writing development. Our presentations and tutorials will answer the following questions:

- What does typical writing look like at the various grade levels?
- What are the current goals, skills and standards for each grade level?
- How does the writing process differ according to various genres of writing?
- Where can I find the appropriate graphic organizers for each type of writing?
- How can I help my child revise and edit their own writing without using the dreaded red pen?
- How can I inspire and motivate my child to write?

Access our new Google Classroom for Parents for brief, concise presentations and a multitude of ready to print prompts, graphic organizers and rubrics. Choose a grade level, writing topic and build your confidence in facilitating the writing process.

See your Advising Teacher for access to these Parent Google Classrooms



# 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 September:

- 10/3 - Understanding the PSAT and SAT test
- 10/10 - Why attend a community college & How to apply
- 10/24 - Cal Fire - Guest speaker
- 10/31 - Earn college credits while in high school

## The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

### PSAT test for 8th - 11th graders: October 25th at 12PM

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is structured similarly to the SAT®, has the same sections and timing, and measures the same Reading and Writing and Math skills students learn in the classroom—the knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career. The PSAT is a great way to see where the student is at academically, see what academic areas of improvement are, and is designed to help students prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The SAT is taken in the Spring of a student's junior year. The SAT is used primarily for scholarships and subject validation for college admissions.

## We are offering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 25th at 12PM.

Please register at the front office by October 3rd. The test fee is: \$20 - payable to the front office. Exact cash or check is acceptable. The PSAT tests students in reading, writing and math skills. This test is designed to help students prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

## Grad Nite Deposit at Magic Mountain: \$25 FIRM

**\$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.

**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).**

## 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](http://www2.calstate.edu)

UC: [www.ucop.edu/pathways](http://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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## Scholarship Opportunity:

The California Jaycee Foundation (CAJCF) annually gives scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating California high school seniors. This year the selection was from twenty candidates whose applications were very good. The CAJCF nominates two of the academic awardees and one vocational awardee to the USJCI Senate for consideration in the awarding its 35 scholarships of \$1,500 across 50 states.

Go to this link for more information:

<https://www.cajcfoundation.org/scholarship-grants-2023>

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



# STAFF DIRECTORY

## *Endeavor Charter School*

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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
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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
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Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer

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