



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

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NEWSLETTER

March 2021



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- Mar. 2
 - Seniors: Deadline for Cal Grant
 - Due Senior Slide Show pictures and Senior Questionnaire
- Mar. 9
 - WSCS Board Meeting
- Mar. 15 & 16
 - Fresno County Spelling Bee
- Mar. 19
 - Attendance 8 Due
 - Seniors: Application for Community Awards and Scholarships Due
- Mar. 22
 - T-Shirt Fundraiser order due
- Mar. 29 - April 5
 - Spring Break

APRIL

- April 1
 - Last day to submit photos for Yearbook
- April 12 - 16
 - TK-8th Curriculum Fair
- April 19 - 23
 - Last week of TK Enrichment Classes
- April 26
 - TK-8 Testing Begins
- April 30
 - TK-8th Curriculum Order Forms Due



PUBLIC NOTICE
WSCS BOARD MEETING
 March 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

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for more information



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ATTENDANCE FORMS



Elementary



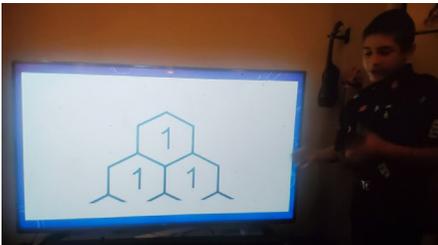
High School



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Aidan Desutter describing Fibonacci's sequence and math phenomena



Logan Haines Model Airplanes



Aidan DeSutter and his brother



Andrew Valdez describing the robot he built



Matthew Valdez describing Volcanoes

THE STEAM FAIR

for the 2021-2022 school year

Endeavor Charter School's annual STEAM Fair was a success! Student projects included robots, volcanoes, Fibonacci's sequence, and model airplanes. The following Endeavor Charter students participated:

- Logan Haines
- Matthew Valdez
- Andrew Valdez
- Aidan DeSutter

[CLICK HERE](#)
to watch a recording of this years Steam Fair

RESOURCE SHOWCASE

Junior Authors Program

Jacqueline Pucheu

As we move closer to Spring and the year-mark in our COVID experience, we may all be looking for something new to encourage our children’s creativity, writing skills, and self-expression. Created by a Tollhouse-native, Susie Harder, M.A., CCC-SLP, to help the mountain community affected by the Creek Fire, the *Junior Author Program* gives children the ability to participate in the creation of a book, *Where’s My House*, through interaction with the author and illustrator. To inspire a forever bond with literacy, the program gives students the ability to cast their votes on everything from characters to housing design and help in the publishing process. As our children continue to endure this uncertain season of pandemic, closures, and post-wildfire recovery, this innovative voting platform empowers children to feel a sense of control in a fun and relatable way.

This educational program is available to you at no cost. The storyline of the book includes conversational prompts and classroom activities designed to develop strong leaders and philanthropists. This in-depth experience with the book-making process promotes a powerful and ongoing connection to literacy, even for nonreaders. The ready-made classroom activities are guided by Common Core State Standards. As proceeds from the book will go to help families affected by the Creek Fire, your child can be a part of helping others and learn something new about writing, illustrating, or publishing along the way.

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more information



ATTENTION

ALL ENDEAVOR PLANK OWNERS...

LIMITED EDITION T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

From now until March 22nd, you will have a chance to buy Limited Edition Plank Owner T-Shirts to support our school. A portion of the cost of each T-Shirt will be donated back to Endeavor Charter School so that we can purchase Endeavor's much needed street sign and other ASB needs.

HELP US REACH OUR \$1000 GOAL



A "plank owner" is an individual who is a member of the crew of a ship when that ship is placed in commission (all of YOU). Originally, this term applied only to crew members present at the ship's first commissioning.

WHAT MAKES THIS T-SHIRT LIMITED EDITION



1

The front logo has the words "**Plank Owner**" in gold lettering. We will never add these words again on a T-Shirt.



2

Since this is the first year of Endeavor, the back logo has the words "**First Launch**". This will never be included in our T-Shirt designs again. There is only ONE first year.

How can you help us achieve our fundraising goal?

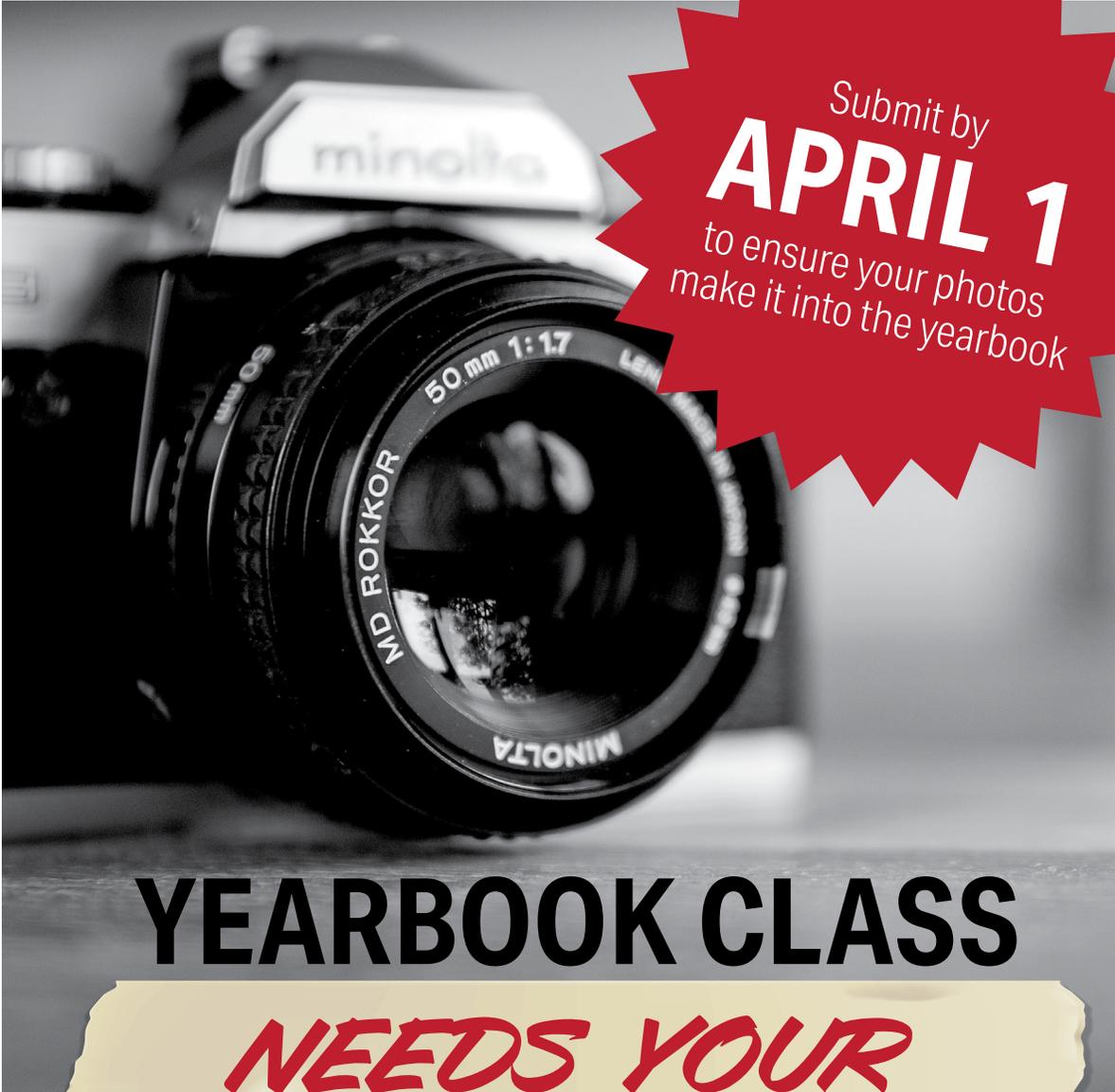
1. You can buy as many T-Shirts as your family would like. We have adult and youth sizes. We also have Endeavor face masks for sale in 16 different colors!
2. You can add a donation to your order.
3. You can add a donation without an order.

How to order our Limited Edition T-Shirts or donate to our school?

1. Go directly to this website: <https://endeavorplankowner.itemorder.com>
2. Order shirts for anybody in your family (parents, students, grandparents), you are all part of Endeavor's first crew!
3. If you are able to, you can also add an additional donation to your order before checkout. Or you can add a donation without any orders.
4. Also, don't forget to add Endeavor face masks to your order! We have kid, youth and adult sizes available 16 colors.

DEADLINE: PLEASE ORDER BY MARCH 22ND

all items will be shipped to our school
and we will call you when they are available for pick-up.



Submit by
APRIL 1
to ensure your photos
make it into the yearbook

YEARBOOK CLASS

***NEEDS YOUR
PHOTOS***

Due to Covid-19, we need your at-home photos for
2020 - 2021 YEARBOOK!

Document your student's daily school activities.
Include your student's full name, grade and caption.

Email to Graphic Design/Yearbook teacher,
Mrs. Tu at jtu@wscsfamily.org

FEATURED FAMILY

The Arce Family

Sonny Yang



Meet the Arce family! Angelina joined our Endeavor family in the Spring 2020 semester. Currently a Sophomore, she is excelling in all of her classes and exemplifies the excellence in our student body. As Angelina's Integrated Math 1 teacher last school year and current Integrated Math 2 teacher, I see first-hand the effort and diligence she puts in all her school work. This work ethic is a reflection of the strong family bond instilled by Angelina's parents, Daniel and Julie.

Daniel and Julie chose homeschooling because it offers benefits that their family is looking for. "This schooling format allows us, as parents, to teach our children not just the needed subjects but we can inculcate in them morals and values that are important to us. Having close contact with the school staff and teachers also helps us to create the best environment for Angelina to learn and grow."

Ministry plays a central part in the Arce family. This takes time and energy that a traditional school environment does not allow. The hybrid quality of homeschool/independent study has allowed them to spend more time in their preaching and teaching efforts. From 2016 to the end of 2019, the Arce family lived in Medellin, Colombia. "The primary reason for our trip was to support a small English-speaking congregation and to preach to English speaking visitors to Colombia. This work was very rewarding to us as a family. Although we feel that our ministry is an essential part of Angelina's education we know that we also have a responsibility to make sure that she receives the best secular education possible. Homeschooling in her mother tongue was a central part to that education. Although we were not with Endeavor at that time we know that this model truly helped us as parents to educate Angelina."

THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

ROSANNA CARRASCO

A few words with the west building sentinel

Interview by Sandra Hammond



Title/Role: Receptionist/West Building

Background/Education: Fowler High Graduate 2002

What does a typical work-day for you look like? My days are never the same, but there is always something to do; answering phones, working on documents, assisting families, and helping coworkers when needed.

What is the most challenging part of your position? Remembering student/family names (I was doing good before COVID).

What do you like best about your career choice? No day is the same. There is always something different to do or something new to learn.

What is the first career goal you remember having as a young person? Wanting to get into computer graphics/animations. I have always loved working with computers and making/creating things.

Did you follow any part of that original goal? No, my plans changed as I got older, but even though plans have changed, they are for the better. I love what I am doing and the career path that I have chosen.

Family Make-Up I have two beautiful daughters and a dog. My oldest, Destinee, is 18 and a freshman at Fresno State. My youngest Dominique is in the 4th grade, and Dominique has a dog named Rocky (named after Rocky Road ice Cream).

Do you have any other interests/pursuits? I am a big sports fan; Go 49ers!

HIGH SCHOOL



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Local Community College “Registration To Go” Steps

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

SENIORS: FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school: FAFSA application should be completed by now. www.fafsa.ed.gov. March 2 is the deadline for Cal Grant.

[CLICK HERE](#)
to Apply to FAFSA

Look for college/trade school scholarships for wherever you apply. Both community colleges and universities have opened their scholarship application window.

Seniors: Community Awards / Scholarship information

The General Application for Community Awards and Scholarships is March 19, 2021. Click this link for more information:

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more Information on Community Awards/
Scholarship

Seniors: Graduation is quickly approaching!

Please visit the Endeavor website and click on Forms / Other Forms / Graduation Packet. Or click below:

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more Graduation Information

Here you will find General Graduation Information, Cap & Gown Information, Senior Slide Show Picture Information, and the Senior Questionnaire. Please go to the Endeavor website or click on the link above.

- If you have not sent me your Cap and Gown info, please do so at ghll@wscsfamily.org.
- Senior Slide Show pictures and Senior Questionnaire is due to your advising teacher by March 2nd, 2021

Due March 2nd - The Senior Questionnaire

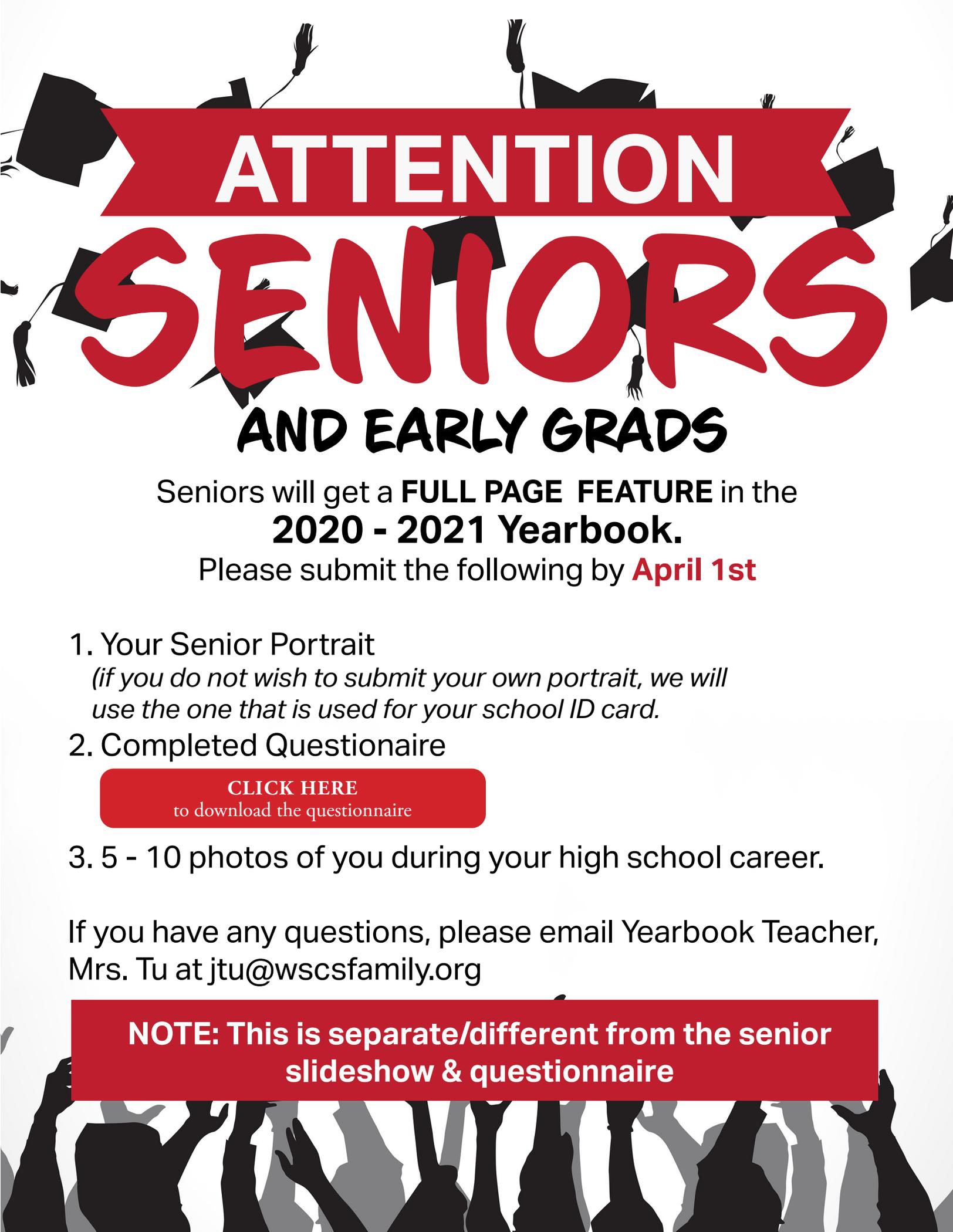
[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD](#)

is due to their advising teacher.

Due March 2nd - SLIDE SHOW: During the graduation ceremony, we will have a slideshow presentation of all seniors. Please scan 3-10 pictures of the graduating student and save to a CD. Make sure you label the CD with the Graduate's Name and Teacher. CD must be turned into your Advising Teacher or email scanned pictures to grads@wscsfamily.org by March 2nd. If you email pictures, please include Student's Name and Advising Teacher.

Pictures should be of graduate through different stages of his/her life and, if applicable, of any interests or activities the student has been part of during all 13 years of schooling (K-12). Pictures should be scanned at the highest quality possible and in the jpg format.

Please email me at ghill@wscsfamily.org if you have any questions about anything!



ATTENTION SENIORS AND EARLY GRADS

Seniors will get a **FULL PAGE FEATURE** in the
2020 - 2021 Yearbook.

Please submit the following by **April 1st**

1. Your Senior Portrait

(if you do not wish to submit your own portrait, we will use the one that is used for your school ID card.)

2. Completed Questionnaire

[CLICK HERE](#)
to download the questionnaire

3. 5 - 10 photos of you during your high school career.

If you have any questions, please email Yearbook Teacher, Mrs. Tu at jtu@wscsfamily.org

NOTE: This is separate/different from the senior slideshow & questionnaire

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EVENTS



Curriculum Fair **April 12 - April 16, 2021** **Location: On-site**

It is time to start thinking about what curriculum you'd like to use next year! We will be holding an on-site curriculum fair so you have the opportunity to flip through things and check out some of our great options.

WHEN: April 12-April 16
(Time: TBD)

WHERE: On-site

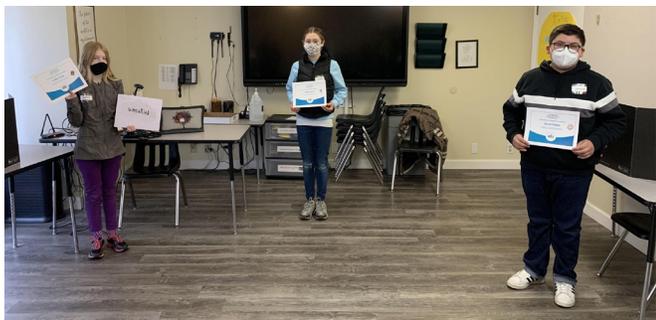
Please feel free to browse the fair at your leisure or arrange a time with your Advising Teacher to meet with you and discuss your curriculum options.

All curriculum order forms are due to your advising teacher by April 30th.

SPELLING BEE NEWS

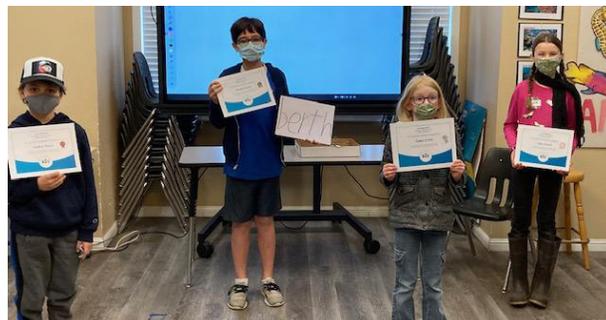


Congratulations to these students for their commitment to studying, learning, and spelling some very challenging words! 1st and 2nd place winners will represent our school in the Fresno County Spell-Off competition on March 15th and 16th.



7th-8th Grade Spellers:

- 1st place - Lydia Avent
- 2nd place - Annie Garcia
- 3rd place - Jovani Pulido



4th-6th Grade Spellers:

- 1st place - Kenni Leota
- 2nd place - Anna Avent
- 3rd place - Adee Fouch
- 4th place - Andrei Buca

STAFF DIRECTORY

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NAME	EXTENSION	PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT
Eric Hagen	203	Co-Principal/Tech Admin
Nancy Garcia	202	Co-Principal Fresno
Marianne Lord	200	Admin Secretary
Rosanna Carrasco	222	Receptionist
Amanda Patterson	216	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Brandon Mallard	229	Adjunct Teacher
Brook Hirata	204	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Katelyn Carter	210	RSP Special Ed
Diane Vaccaro	206	TK-8 Advising Teacher and 9-12 Leadership
Grace Reeve	201	9-12 Advising Teacher
Greg Hill	220	Guidance Counselor
Irina Buca	205	9-12 Advising Teacher
Kathy Specht	225	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Margaret Den Hartog	207	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Nancy Flynn	228	Math Adjunct Teacher/Tutor
Nancy Turner	217	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Phil Blas	218	CTE Teacher/IT Coordinator
Sandra Hammond	215	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Sonny Yang	208	9-12 Advising Teacher
Stephanie Ganzenhuber	209	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Susan Huey	226	TK-8 Advising Teacher
Michael Cox	(559) 642-1422 ext. 102	WSCS Director
Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer
Cheryl Wilhite	(559) 642-1422 ext 100	Administrative Secretary
Karen Fruth	(559) 642-1422 ext 110	WSCS SPED Coordinator

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs. Chugg - Math • Mrs. Friesen-English • Mrs. Gaviria - Spanish • Mrs. Kelly - Science • Mrs. Llanos - K Teacher
 Kelly Lord - Office and TA • Mr. Mena - Music • Ms. Mr. McGough - Integrated Drawing/Art • Mrs. Richards - English
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