



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

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NEWSLETTER

May/June 2021



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- May 5 • Graduate Questionnaire Due
- May 14 • LP 10 Attendance Due
• Last Day of All Classes
• Last day of classes for High School + Elementary Math
- May 18 • WSCS Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- May 17 - 21 • H.S. CAST testing week
- May 19 • High School Grades Due from Parents 2nd semester
- May 21 • High School Report Cards finalized
- May 24 • 9th grade & New student Advising Day
- May 26 • Senior lunch at 12:00 p.m.
- May 25 • Endeavor 8th Grade Promotion
- May 27 • Endeavor 12th grade Graduation at 4:00 p.m.
- May 31 • Memorial Day: No School

JUNE

- June 1 • High School Grades Mailed
- June 2 • LP 11 Attendance due
• Last day of school
- June 15 • Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

"Grit. Curiosity. Self-Control. Social Intelligence. Zest. Optimism. Gratitude"
(from "How do Children Succeed?" by Paul Tough)

CONGRATULATIONS ENDEAVOR GRADUATES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2021 & June 15, 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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ATTENDANCE FORMS



Elementary



High School



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YEARBOOKS

are now on

SALE

while supplies last!

Endeavor

Charter School



"First Launch"

2020-2021 Yearbook

Purchase the first
Endeavor Charter School Yearbook!

How to Order: Stop by Rosanna's desk in the east building and purchase using check, cash, credit card, or online through ParentSquare!

Price: Sale price is \$20 (or \$21.08 by credit) through May 7th

**Please, note that after May 7th the price will be: \$25.*

Yearbooks will be delivered to the school before the last day of this school year.

RESOURCE SHOWCASE

Exploring Various Approaches to Early Childhood/Transitional Kindergarten Education

Sandra Hammond

Transitional Kindergarten is a fairly new offering for Endeavor families and with that comes a multitude of questions about expectations, curriculum and about the various approaches to teaching our very youngest students.

One theory that I like best, describes “The Reggio Emilia” approach. Central to this philosophy is the idea that there are three teachers: The parent, the teacher and the environment; with an emphasis on how aesthetics in the environment affect motivation to learn.

Click below to view one homeschooling family that utilizes many of these practices. Note that the mother feature here, has also created curriculum for purchase; BUT, there are a lot of ideas and freebies to simply print up!

“A Day in our Reggio Inspired Kindergarten Homeschool”

Alana Chernecki M.ED.

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to read full article



FEATURED FAMILY

—The Ganzenhuber Family—

Kathy Specht



The Ganzenhuber family has been part of Western Sierra Charter Schools for six years. Parents Stephanie and Steve are both credentialed teachers and their gang includes Gannon (12th), Zachary (9th), Julia (6th) and Isabella (3rd). Many parents and families have a real passion for homeschooling before they begin their journey. However, sometimes families fall in love with homeschooling after their journey begins.

Stephanie was teaching second grade in a traditional public school when their oldest son, Gannon, was attending their neighborhood school as a first grader. He asked her several times if she would homeschool him during that year, but she was happy with her job and role as his

mom. That summer Stephanie attended a homeschool encouragement day at a local church and heard the testimony of a homeschool family. After hearing them speak she says, “I knew immediately that I was being called to homeschool as well. I was NOT excited!”

Because Gannon was going into the second grade Stephanie was confident that she could get through at least one year. Of course, the rest is history! The Ganzenhubers added each child to their homeschool roster as they began school and now Gannon is a high school senior.

The Ganzenhubers say that the joys and challenges of homeschooling have grown each of their family members in various ways. Because each child learns differently, homeschooling has opened the doors for them to explore their interests. In addition, they are learning from curriculum that has been hand chosen just for them. Stephanie loves knowing exactly what her children are learning so that she can give them guidance as needed. Stephanie states, “Our school has been such a support in this freedom. I appreciate our school immensely!”

The Ganzenhubers would like to encourage each family that chooses to homeschool to hang in there when things get rough. Stephanie shares, “As I watch my once wiggly, unfocused little boy, Gannon, growing into such a well-rounded, kind, loving young man, I know that this journey has been SO worth the sacrifices made to stay the course. I still have three more children to launch. I’m still knee deep in this journey and I love my people!”

In conclusion, this veteran family would give the following advice to other families. First, don’t compare your children to each other. They are all created differently and will grow and learn at a different pace. Secondly, slow down and enjoy watching your children learn and grow because the time flies by so quickly.

THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

BEE LOR

Meet Our Wonderful Custodian, Bee Lor!



Pictured here are Bee with his wife, Kalia and children, Yuna, Tong Chi, Tenglee and Chan Ha

What is your background/education?

I have a high school diploma and in addition to experience as a custodian, I have experience in retail account management.

What does a typical work-day for you look like?

Each Monday through Friday I clean the school morning and night.

What is the most challenging part of your position?

The most challenging part of my position is making sure all safety precautions are in place due to Covid.

What do you like best about your career choice?

I like the flexible hours, great communication, and friendly work environment.

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

My first career goal was to be a car mechanic.

Did you follow any part of that original goal?

No.

Family Make-Up

I have a wife and 4 kids.

Do you have any other interests/pursuits?

I have an interest in construction, electrical engineering, and just spending time with my family creating various crafts and singing Karaoke.

HIGH SCHOOL



COUNSELOR'S CORNER with Greg Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges after high school: (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Community College, Clovis Community, Reedley College) Contact me at ghill@wscsfamily.org if you have any questions. You should have registered for classes and have your class schedule by now.

SENIORS : MONEY MATTERS

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

Graduates: Time Sensitive Graduation Information

Detailed Graduation Information can be found at our website. Please refer to this link:

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more Graduation Information

- Graduate Questionnaire. Please submit to your advising teacher by the first week of May.

9th, 10th, and 11th graders: Community College High School Enrichment (HSE) Program

Students have the opportunity to take community college classes while in high school. Classes can be taken from Clovis Community College, Fresno City College, Reedley College, Madera Community College & Oakhurst Center.

Benefits:

1. Earn college credit and high school credit at the same time.
2. Each college semester class earns one year of high school credit. (must be CSU/UC transferable course).
3. Earn weighted grades for A, B, or C if the course is UC Honors approved.
4. Free Tuition.

Steps to apply:

1. Go to: <https://www.cccapply.org/en/> to apply.
2. Fill out the HSE enrichment packet (can be found on the community college website).
3. Get appropriate signatures on the forms in the packet.
4. Email the packet to the community college.
5. HSE Packet should be completed and submitted as soon as classes are listed. Typically classes are listed on the Community College website in early April (For summer and fall). The earlier you submit your HSE packet, the better.

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for to Apply for Silicon Valley Internship

In-Person | August 2021



After a year of tough restrictions, high school students are craving genuine, in-person work experience. We have the solution. Students can register now for our Silicon Valley Summer Internship: an immersive 10-day experience that offers students aged 15-18 the chance to work with some of the biggest names in Silicon Valley.

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

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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/ E.L. Coordinator
Phil Blas	218	CTE Teacher/IT Coordinator
Sandra Hammond	215	TK-8 Advising Teacher
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 Bee Lor - Custodian