



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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NEWSLETTER

April 2023



"Not everything that counts can be counted; and not everything that is counted, counts" -Albert Einstein



IMPORTANT DATES

TK-8

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| 4/3-10 | Spring Break | 4/21 | Scholastic Book Order due |
| 4/12 | Fresno State Tour | 4/26 | Oso de Oro Park |
| 4/14 | LP 9 Attendance due | 4/28 | Peter and the Wolf Ballet |
| 4/19 | Oso de Oro Park | 4/29 | Drama Production: Cinderella |

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| 5/3 | Zoo Field Trip | 5/24 | 8th Grade Promotion |
| 5/12 | LP10 Attendance due | 5/29 | Memorial Day: No School |
| 5/5 | Island Waterpark entry fee due | 5/31 | Island Waterpark field trip |
| 5/10 | Oso de Oro Park | | |
| 5/16 | WSCS Board Mtg. | | |

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| 5/9 | Cal Poly Trip | 5/23 | Yearbook Signing |
| 5/12 | LP 10 Attendance due | 5/24 | H.S. Graduation |
| 5/16 | WSCS Board Mtg. | 5/29 | Memorial Day: No School |
| 5/19 | Seniors Grad. Night | | |

PUBLIC NOTICE

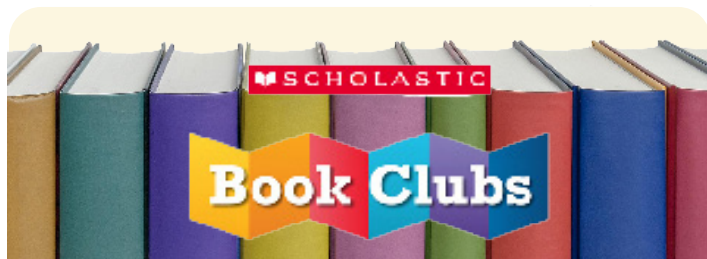
WSCS BOARD MEETING

Next Board Meeting: 5/16 @ 2pm

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONLINE ONLY

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

Current Order Deadline: APRIL 21

Find books for less than \$2.00!

- Type in "book" in the search bar at the top of the page
- A filter will appear on the left-hand side bar
- Click the drop-down menu for "Price" and click the box with \$1 to \$2
- All books less than \$2.00 will appear!

Shipping Info:

- Free shipping to our school (direct to home shipping is no longer offered by Scholastic)

How to Order:

- Go to: clubs.scholastic.com
- Click on CONNECT TO TEACHER >
- Enter 5-Digit Class Code: RDYRJ
- You should now see TEACHER'S NAME: Nancy Turner and NAME OF SCHOOL: ENDEAVOR CHARTER SCHOOL
- Click CREATE AN ACCOUNT
- Type in your information and click CONTINUE
- You are now linked to Endeavor Charter School and you can start shopping!

If you have questions, contact Nancy Turner at nturner@wscsfamily.org or #248-0471 extension 217.

"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

Middle School Drama Class presents...
Rodgers and Hammerstein's

Cinderella

Free and open to all ages!

When: Saturday, April 29th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30

No RSVP Necessary - Open seating

Where: Sunnyside High
School Theatre

1019 S Peach Ave, Fresno

For more information, please contact
Brandon Mallard at bmallard@wscsfamily.org or on ParentSquare



PEACH BLOSSOM



Congratulations to all Peach Blossom Festival Participants who shared poetry at Fresno State this spring. The following recitations were performed:

"The Poison Tree" (William Blake) was performed by Aspen Brazell

"Two Revolutionary Men" (created and performed by Annabelle and Adam Chugg)

"The Star Spangled Banner" (Francis Scott Key) performed by Samuel, Elie and Isabelle Patterson

"The Four Leaf Clover" (Shel Silverstein) performed by Addi Leota

FEATURED FAMILY

Meet the Thomas/McFadden Family!

Article by Julie Schiro

The Thomas/McFadden Family consists of Sanford and La Shonte and their adult children, Cherie and Da Mon, 3 nephews/sons, Kahlil, Miles and Love, along with their grandson, O'rion. While Sanford is busy as a Social Worker with the county of Fresno, La Shonte keeps busy providing the homeschooling foundation for the family while running two businesses. Currently O'rion (7), Love (14), and Miles (14) are all part of the Endeavor Charter School family. While traditional school has been the main form of education in years past, they excitedly joined the homeschooling community in 2020.

This family of 8 is fun, loving, adventurous, comical, and resilient. They love spending time together, traveling, eating, camping, fishing and cooking. Homeschooling is a good fit for their family because it allows them to be flexible which is vital for the care of Khalil who suffers with epilepsy and is frequently admitted to the hospital for his treatment. It also allows them a great opportunity for parent/child bonding time and takes learning beyond the classroom.

Miles and Love have both participated in cross country this year and currently compete with the rock climbing team. They are equally

excited to join Mr. Mallard in this year's school drama performance. Love has continued to show a love for the arts by participating in this year's Poetry Out Loud Festival where he placed 6th out of 18.

Outside of school, both Miles and Love participate in the community weekly with their ministry. They are also ambassadors for the Stand Taller Than a Bully Campaign and both are young entrepreneurs. Each is responsible for their own personal business. Love works

during the week in tending to his vending business, while Miles spends his time managing the social media pages for the family run party rentals.

LaShonte's advice for new families is simply to be flexible and be patient with yourself and your family. Set your own pace and trust your style and ability. She also added to remember the journey can look different for each individual family, however, the end result is the same; the rewarding satisfaction of polishing to an undeniable shine, our most precious gems....our children.



RESOURCE SHOWCASE

Seeking more information on topics that directly affect your child's educational journey?

Access our
Endeavor Charter Talks
(now a Podcast)
a parent education project



Easy Access via our YouTube Channel!

Our Youtube channel houses both our current Endeavor Charter Talk (Podcasts) and last year's Charter Talks that were live Zoom meetings. <https://www.youtube.com/@endeavorcharterschools1342/playlists>

Playlist 1: 2022-2023 Podcasts

- **Episode 1** - Digital Citizenship Part 1 (join our tech team and learn more about protecting your child online)
- **Episode 2** - Preparing for High School at Endeavor (our high school teachers talk about challenges - if you have a 7th or 8th grader, don't miss this one!)
- **Episode 3** - Digital Citizenship Part 2 (more from our tech team on practicing digital decision-making through games/activities)
- **Episode 4** - COMING SOON - Integrating the Arts

Playlist 2: 2021-2022 Live Zoom Talks

- **Episode 1** - Proactive Strategies for Challenging Times (Mental health resources K-12 with a Fresno County School Psychologist)
- **Episode 2** - Developing a Balanced Literacy Program (Sandra Hammond helps K-3 parents better understand the components needed to teach reading and writing)
- **Episode 3** - Making Math Relevant (our math instructors share ways to make math meaningful and fun for families K-12)
- **Episode 4** - Preparing for High School (Diane Vaccaro describes ways to equip your middle schooler for the next chapter of their educational journey)
- **Episode 5** - A Brief Overview of the Charter School Movement (with WSCS Executive Director, Mike Cox)

To access an additional episode, "Homeschooling with Toddlers in Tow" please ask your advising teacher (limited access)

* Also available via Spotify and other links via our website

TK - 8TH GRADE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

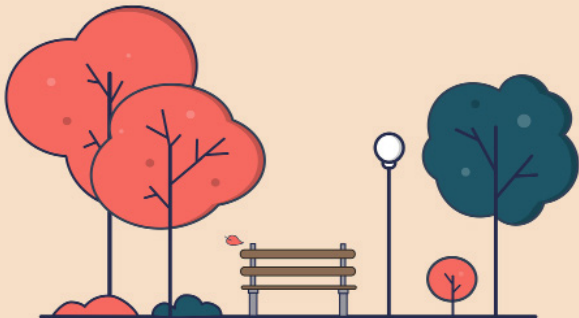
April Field Trips & Outings

4/5 | Spring Break: No School

4/12 | Fresno State Tour 12:00 - 2:30

4/19 | Oso de Oro Park 12:00-1:30

4/26 | Oso de Oro Park 12:00-1:30



TK-8 Families Save the Date!

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Field Trip Planned

When: May 3rd

Where: Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Details to follow!

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



TK-8 FAMILIES!

TOUR OF FRESNO STATE CAMPUS!

With a focus on the Music and Theater Depts.
as well as the Campus Library, this field trip is
designed with 5th through 8th grade students in
mind, but all are welcome!

WHERE: 5254 Maple Fresno

WHEN: Wednesday, April 12th

TIME: 12:00 - 2:30

COST: FREE, however you will
need to pay for parking.

DEADLINE TO RSVP & COMPLETE WAIVER:

Wednesday, April 11th

[WAIVER LINK](#)

Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food on campus!

ITINERARY:

**know that you may have to walk a great distance depending on
where you are able to park, so plan to arrive at 11:45 or sooner.*

12:00 - 12:45 Picnic lunch near the fountain
in the center of campus (if you plan to
purchase your lunch be prepared for a line! -
you may want to arrive 30 minutes early)

12:45 - 1:00 Walk over to Outreach/Special
Programs/Tour Building

1:00 - 1:50 Informational Mtg. & Guided
Tour of Music/Theater Dept.

1:50 - 2:30 Self-Guided tour of
Campus Library

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



TK - 8TH GRADE

TK-8 Families, please join us for our end-of-the-year trip to

Island Waterpark

WHERE: 6099 W. Barstow, Fresno

WHEN: Wednesday, May 31

TIME: 9:00 - 3:00

COST: \$15.00 per person, 2 and under free

DEADLINE TO RSVP/PAY: May 5th

Please watch for more information to follow via Parent Square

For more information contact: Renee Johnson at rjohnson@wscsfamily.org or 248-0471, x225



TK-8 Families,

California Arts Academy presents: Peter and the Wolf Ballet

WHERE: 1401 N Wishon Ave, Fresno, CA 93728

WHEN: Friday, April 28

TIME: 10:00am-11:00am

COST: \$8.00 per person (we have 40 tickets available for purchase)

DEADLINE TO RSVP/PAY: April 20

Please watch for more information to follow via Parent Square. Curriculum to use at home will be available for download on the Parent Square post after spring break.



For more information contact: Diane Vaccaro, dvaccaro@wscsfamily.org, or call the school, ext 206

8th Grade Trip to the CATALINA ISLAND

Marine Institute (CIMI)

Some of our 8th-grade students participated in a 3-day field trip to Catalina Island! CIMI is an outdoor science camp where students have an amazing educational experience. Activities included snorkeling and kayaking. Students also engaged in squid dissection, oceanography activities, plankton lab, invertebrates discovery, and learned more about the deep sea. Endeavor Charter School's 8th graders joined Mountain Home School Charter's 8th graders and all had an incredible trip full of learning, discovery, and friendship!





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

Important Announcements

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 Thursday morning from 10AM-10:15AM via Zoom**. Here is the zoom link: <https://wscsfamily-org.zoom.us/j/93141943128?pwd=b1VSRC91RXg0RjZkN3RvMG8yUHlJQT09>. Here are the topics for the month of March:

4/13 - What does it mean to be College / Career Ready?

4/20 - The Path to Intentionality

4/27 - Exploring Career Options: "The Why"

College Visit to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (Revised date): May 9th, 2023:

Look for a ParentSquare coming soon with all of the details! This will be an all day event.

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

Please contact me at ghill@wscsfamily.org if you need any assistance.



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

ENDEAVOR'S HIGH SCHOOL CLIMBING TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE!

Ethan Brant came in 1st for boys, and Aiden Cox took 3rd place at MetalMark this spring! The team won by a small margin, competing against 4 other Fresno high schools!

All participants did an amazing job!

Come support our students during the next round on Saturday, April 1st from 8:30 at MetalMark!

For more information contact Brook Llanos at bllanos@wscsfamily.org



STAFF DIRECTORY

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NAME	EXTENSION	PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT
Eric Hagen	203	Co-Principal/Tech Admin
Nancy Garcia	202	Co-Principal/504 Coordinator
Marianne Lord	200	Admin Secretary
Rosanna Carrasco	222	Receptionist
Julie Schiro	224	TK-8 Advising Teacher/4th Grade Enrichment Classes
Brandon Mallard	229	Adjunct Teacher/Drama/HS U.S. and World History
Brook Hirata	204	TK-8 Advising Teacher/HS Biology/HS Earth Science
Katelyn Carter	210	Student Support Director/HS Earth Science
Diane Vaccaro	206	Advising Teacher/9-12 Leadership/HS T.A.
Grace Reeve	201	9-12 Advising Teacher/HS Biology/HS Chemistry
Greg Hill	220	Guidance Counselor
Delisa Kutzt	205	TK-8 Advising Teacher/2nd Grade Enrichment Classes
Renee Johnson	225	TK-8 Advising Teacher/ROV Coordinator & Teacher
Margaret Den Hartog	207	TK-8 Advising Teacher/5th Grade Enrichment Classes
Nancy Flynn	211	5th-8th Grade Math Adjunct Teacher/HS Pre-Algebra
Nancy Turner	217	TK-8 Advising Teacher/E.L. Coordinator/7th-8th Science
Melissa Culver/ Phil Blas	218	Technology Coordinators
Sandra Hammond	215	TK-8 Advising Teacher/3rd Grade Enrichment Classes
Christine Chugg	230	H.S. Math Teacher
Michelle Garrett	209	TK-8 Advising Teacher/6th Grade Enrichment Classes
Susie Shaw	226	Advising Teacher 9-12/HS English
David Smith	216	Advising Teacher K-8/RSP Teacher
Marcia Souza	208	Advising Teacher 9-12
Michael Cox	(559) 642-1422 ext. 102	WSCS Director
Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Jacob Mulick - English/Graphic Design • Mrs. Gaviria - Spanish • Katie Kaundart - School Psychologist
 Mrs. Llanos - K Teacher/7th-8th Grade Art • Mr. McGough - HS Art • Bee Lor - Custodian