



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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NEWSLETTER

March 2023



"Nothing ever seems impossible in spring"
(L. M. Montgomery, Canadian author of *Anne of Green Gables*)



IMPORTANT DATES

TK-8

MARCH

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| 3/3 | • 2023-2024 Intent to Return form due | 3/17 | • Staff Training: Office Closed |
| | • Deadline to submit to Photo Contest | | • LP 8 Attendance due |
| | • Deadline to RSVP for Whole Foods Trip | | • Scholastic Book Orders due |
| | | 3/22 | • PE Testing Due |
| 3/7 | • WSCS Board Meeting | | • Whole Foods Field Trip |
| 3/9 | • Peach Blossom Festival | 3/23 | • STEAM Fair |
| 3/10 | • Deadline to RSVP for Fire Station | 3/27-3/31 | • TK-8 Curriculum Fair |
| 3/13-3/15 | • 8th grade to Catalina | 3/29 | • TK-8 Field trip to Clovis Botanical Garden |

APRIL

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| 4/3-4/10 | • Spring Break | 4/14 | • LP 9 Attendance due |
| 4/12 | • TK-8 Trip to CSUF | | |

H.S.

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| 3/17 | • Scholastic Book Orders due | 3/25 | • H.S. Prom |

APRIL

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| 4/3-4/10 | • Spring Break | 4/18 | • H.S. to Cal Poly |
| 4/14 | • LP 9 Attendance due | | |



PUBLIC NOTICE WSCS BOARD MEETING

March 7 at 2:00 p.m.

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

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

STUDENT STORE

Families, remember that our student store is only open for a limited time. Parents, there are adult sizes for some items. Click the item to see what sizes are available.

Feel free to share the link with family members. Maybe grandma and grandpa want a shirt, a tumbler, or a hat - Or they can donate using the donate button at the bottom of the store.

You'll be glad to note: these items are shipped directly to you!
[CLICK HERE](#)



STUDENT STORE

Check ParentSquare for details.

Store closes on April 1, 2023.

Join us at the Endeavor STEAM Fair!

STEAM FAIR

Let's celebrate science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics! The wonderful work of our STEAM Fair participants will be on display. All are welcome to view our students' STEAM Fair projects.

WHEN: Thursday, March 23

TIME: 5:30pm

WHERE: West Building, Endeavor Charter School

For more information, please contact Christine Chugg
 chugg@wscsfamily.org or Nancy Turner
 nturner@wscsfamily.org

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 17

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

ONLINE ONLY

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

Current Order Deadline: March 17

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

The Fresno County Science Fair

By Christine Chugg

The Fresno County Science Fair will be holding their annual Public Viewing of Projects. This is a great opportunity for our students to get ideas that might inspire future STEAM projects!

WHEN: Tuesday, March 14 (anytime between 11 am - 6 pm)
 Wednesday, March 15 (anytime between 11 am - 5 pm)

WHERE: Fresno Fairgrounds



SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

Digital Photography Contest 2023

Students and Teachers, are you a budding photographer?

The California County Educational Technology Consortium is hosting its annual photo contest. This year, the theme is INNOVATION. The deadline is Friday, March 3, 2023. This is open to students and teachers across K-12 in California.

To find out more about this opportunity, [click here](#). You will also find the link to submit your photo in that space as well.

Best of luck to you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our staff will have off-site training on **Friday, March 17.**

Our office will be closed. There will be *no classes* that day. It is a standard learning day; students should continue their studies.

Think you have what it takes to design the 2022-23 ENDEAVOR yearbook cover?

YOUR ART HERE!

This year's theme is: **City**

Much like a city, education is all about building connections. Connections between people, between thoughts and ideas, and connections between where you are and where you want to go.

To enter the cover contest, create an artwork using any medium, (photo, painting, drawing, digital art, etc.) as long as you can take a photo of it or scan it. Whatever you decided to do, it should represent the themes of connections and city. What that means specifically is up to you.

All submissions are **due by March 31** to be considered for the cover.

Email submissions to Mr. Mulick at: jmulick@wscsfamily.org or Carson Pool at: pool1001134@wscsfamil.org



Endeavor Charter Talks Podcasts

Access is easy!

1. Go to our website at endeavorcharter.org
2. Choose "More" (right top)
3. Choose "Resources" (in the drop-down menu)
4. Choose "Podcast"

or just Google "Endeavor Charter Talk Podcasts"

Available now!

Episode 1: Help protect your child online
 "Digital Citizenship: Part 1"
 with Eric Hagen, Melissa Culver and Sandra Hammond

Episode 2: Preparing your middle school student for high school
 "Help your child develop Executive Functioning skills"
 with Grace Reeve, Diane Vaccaro, Brook Hirata and Sandra Hammond

Episode 3: Proactive strategies/lessons/games on decision-making
 "Digital Citizenship Part 2"
 with Melissa Culver, Renee Johnson and Sandra Hammond



SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS



14th Annual

Oakhurst Woodcarvers Rendezvous

APRIL 16-22, 2023

Oakhurst Community Center— 39822 Rd 425B, Oakhurst, CA 93644



This special week of carving is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family and we would like to extend a special invitation for you to come and join us.

There will be carving classes, Demonstrations, and Seminars for all level of carvers, beginning, intermediate and advanced. We will also have crafts and programs for your tag-a-long. Or perhaps they would enjoy a week of rest and shopping in our wonderful town. Either way it will be a great week for everyone



We are doing a Special Project this year. A plaque of Yosemite. when completed it will hang in the Visitor Bur. Come by and watch the carvers working on the plaque



Carving Wood by

Buck and Sally

Oakhurst Woodcarvers Rendezvous week is open to the public to observe, if you want to participate in the classes, there is a fee.



Saturday, April 22, 2023; Woodcarving show and sell craft fair is 9AM to 1PM.

NO Charge for Entrance

For information contact

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Jack Parks - 562-425-0732 Email jackaparks@aol.com

Denis Ciccarelli - 209-402-3583 Email dckenpo69@gmail.com

FEATURED FAMILY

Meet the Wieland Family!

Article by Sandra Hammond

The Wieland family includes Joei (mom), Randy (dad) and Logan who will be 10 in April. They are an outgoing, active family and enjoy camping, fishing, riding motorcycles, exploring the national parks and traveling. Randy is an ARMY veteran and both parents are Fresno State alumni. Logan loves doing anything outside, LEGOS, and learning about space and dinosaurs. He also always has a book to recommend.

The Wielands have been homeschooling now for three years. The first year was at the onset of the pandemic, and Logan's second grade year. Joei says she was on her own with schooling at that time. After that first year, she felt she needed to have some help and direction. She had several friends whose children went to Endeavor, so she signed up for the lottery. She remembers that she was so excited to receive the call that Logan got in! Joei loves the flexibility and control over what Logan is learning and also the freedom to create her own schedule. They love being able to combine traditional education with real world experiences. Logan enjoys hands-on science and social studies projects. The Wielands believe his retention of information has increased because they are able to provide

these projects; and he is not just stuck behind a book. They love being able to create their own field trips, letting him experience being part of a story and have a hand in initiating his own education.

Logan attends his fourth grade enrichment class and Lego robotics. He is excited everyday he gets to go to Endeavor and LOVES all his teachers and his classmates.



Joei says Logan often tells her "how great his school is." Beyond Endeavor, Logan attends other classes in the community. He goes to Zoo camp every summer at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and he just completed a month-long pottery class at Good Dirt Studio. They are always looking for new things to add to supplement his education.

This is a family that is excited to dive into new explorations with Logan and not afraid to let him create, build (even when it is messy!), and pose new questions. They take reading, writing and math seriously, but integrate science and art with real-world experiences so that he has something authentic to report. It is always so much fun to hear what they have been up to! Joei's advice to families new to Endeavor is "be patient with yourself as parents and patient with your child/children as students. There is a learning curve when you begin homeschooling. Once everyone gets the hang of it, you won't ever want to go back!"

THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

Recognize this face? Yes! It's Marianne Lord!

Title/Role

Registrar

What is your background/education?

My most rewarding "job" was the 18 years I spent as a homeschooling mom! (Followed closely by my job here at Endeavor). I have also worked at a veterinary office, as a customer service rep, and as a billing and payroll coordinator.

What does a typical workday for you look like?

I assist parents, students, and other staff members with different questions and needs. I keep track of a lot of information and paperwork. I work on reports and projects. I am happiest when I am very busy!

What is the most challenging part of your position?

That's a tough question! I would say it's challenging when I run into tech issues, but luckily I have wonderful co-workers who can help me with these problems.

What do you like best about your career choice?

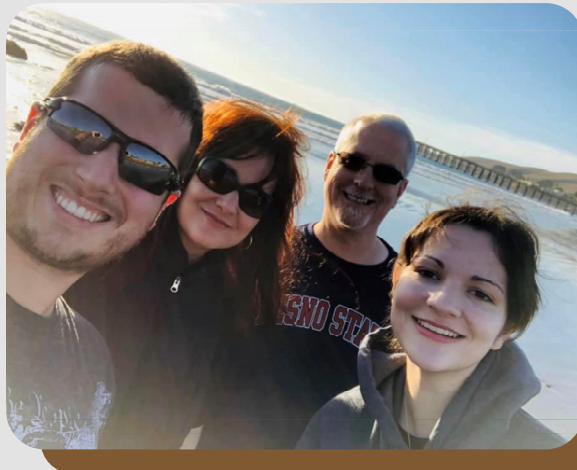
I love being able to support families who have chosen to homeschool and I love my awesome work family!

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

When I was young I wanted to be a veterinarian or an ASL interpreter.

Do you have any other interests/pursuits?

We love to go on family road trips. I also enjoy gardening, photography, solving word puzzles, watching documentaries, and spoiling my pets.



(Photo: Marianne featured here with her family: husband, Greg, son Austin (28) and daughter, Kelly. (23))



TECH CORNER

What is Digital Citizenship?

by Phil Blas

Digital Citizenship refers to the behavior of using technology in a responsible way. Digital Citizenship includes a few key concepts:

- **How the Internet Works** - The Internet is an incredible and rich compilation of computers, servers, wired and wireless networks that enable information to be shared across great distances in an instant!
- **Understanding User Data** - User data is your personal data and almost every website and internet service provider (including your cell service provider) collect this information for some purpose using a variety of tools. The most common purposes are marketing and tracking.
- **Understanding and Practicing Digital Literacy** - Digital Literacy is similar to reading literacy. You read articles on the internet, analyze the article to understand the information and determine if it is

fiction, fact-tion, opinion or fact. Asking questions is an important part of digital literacy to determine the truth and value of what you are reading.

- **Practicing Digital Wellness** - To put this simply, Digital Wellness is how you manage your time on digital devices such as a cell phone, a tablet, a computer or a video game console. All good things are great in moderation!
- **Securing Digital Devices** - Digital security is one of the most important jobs we have as a parent in today's world. Tools like GoGuardian, Lightspeed, Circle or Securly are vastly important to maintaining your student's digital safety as well as your own. We use Securely at Western Sierra Charter Schools and this tool is available to parents!

Thanks for reading! There will be more on this in the upcoming newsletters!

Family Tech Support

by Melissa Culver

Are you new to our community? Are you aware that we have a website to help you with tech questions? Head to our school website to find [that link](#). You'll find that item in the Resources tab. Or you can [CLICK HERE](#).

some of the conversation starters to help your children understand the importance of behaving wisely on the internet: financial safety, password safety, personal safety, search safety strategies, cyberbullying, false or misleading content, and the like.

Once there, we have several tabs [at the top] to help you locate content themes to save time. We have several PDF's that can walk you through various helpful resources: Clever, Securly, Fresno County Library, NitroType, etc.



Inside those tabs, we also have the theme of Digital Citizenship. If you are not actively talking about these themes with your children, consider

RESOURCE SHOWCASE

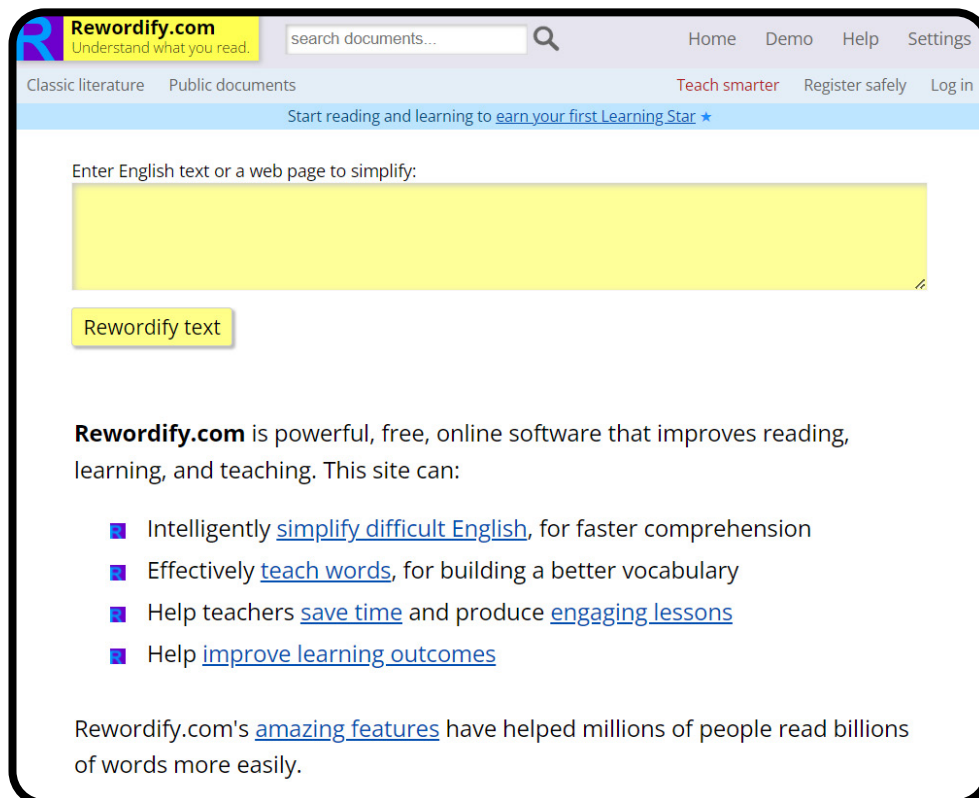
REWORDIFY

Article by Nancy Turner

Have you ever read something and, after reading it, you have no idea what it meant? I want to showcase a website that can help us understand. Students can now be undaunted by challenging vocabulary while reading. Check it out!

At Rewordify.com, you can access a powerful, free, online software that improves reading, learning, and teaching. This site can:

- Intelligently simplify difficult English, for faster comprehension
- Effectively teach words, for building a better vocabulary
- Help teachers save time and produce engaging lessons
- Help improve learning outcomes

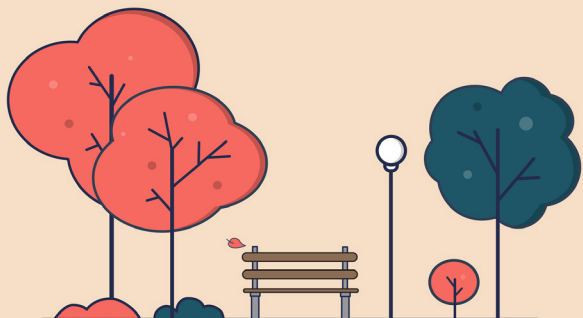


TK - 8TH GRADE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

March Field Trips & Outings

- 3/1 | Oso de Oro Park 12:00-1:30
- 3/8 | Oso de Oro Park 12:00-1:30
- 3/15 | Clovis Fire Station Tours at 10:00 and 11:00
- 3/22 | Whole Foods Market Tour 10:00-11:30
- 3/29 | Botanical Gardens/Dry Creek Park 12:00-1:30



ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM FAIR

Come preview all of the curriculum that we offer for our TK-8th grade students! You can browse at your own convenience or make an appointment with your Advising Teacher to look at the curriculum together. Don't miss this excellent opportunity before your curriculum order form is due at the end of April!

WHEN: Monday, March 27th through Friday, March 31st

TIME: 9:00-3:00 Daily

WHERE: East Building Parent Room

For more information contact your Advising Teacher



MATHCOUNTS 2022-2023

MATHCOUNTS provides engaging math programs to US middle school students of all ability levels to build confidence and improve attitudes about math and problem solving.

The chapter competition was February 9, 2023 at Fresno State University. Over 80 students from local schools participated. Eight Endeavor math stars have been meeting weekly to brainstorm problems, share knowledge, learn new concepts, and have fun! They did an outstanding job - congratulations to Avery Hall, Adam Chugg, Anna Avent, Andrew Kriehn, Adee Fouch, Kenni Leota, TJ Arreola, and John Pucheu. Well done!



TK - 8TH GRADE

Meet us at

DRY CREEK PARK AND CLOVIS BOTANICAL GARDEN!

WHEN: Wednesday, March 29

TIME: 12:00 - 1:30

DEADLINE TO RSVP: Not necessary for this field trip - just meet us there if you can!

Participating students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

For more information, please contact Nancy Turner at nturner@wscsfamily.org

SAVE THE DATE!

FRESNO STATE TRIP

TK-8th Field trip to Fresno State including a brief tour of the Music and Theater Dept.!

WHEN: Wednesday, April 12th

WHERE: Fresno State

Time and more info to follow in our April Newsletter!



Let's go to the Market!

Whole Foods Market

*Suggested for TK - 2nd grade, open to all Endeavor Families

Sign up no later than Friday, March 3rd by emailing Mrs. Kuhtz - dkuhtz@wscsfamily.org

When: Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Whole Foods Market, Fig Garden Village, Fresno

Cost: Free! ([Click here](#) for permission slip link!)

For more information or questions contact Delisa Kuhtz at dkuhtz@wscsfamily.org





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:

3/2 - Job Interview Tips (Guest Speaker Robert Kuhl)

3/9 - Interest Profile and Career matching

3/16 - What does it mean to be College / Career Ready?

3/23 - Military Guest Speaker

3/30 - Earn college credits while in high school

ASVAB Test:

A one-hour follow-up meeting to help students interpret scores will be held on 3/10/22 at 1 PM.

College Visit to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on April 18th, 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 Mr. Hill if you have not completed the above steps.

Scholarship Opportunity

Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarship
<http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship.asp>

Amount: \$500.00

Criteria: Portuguese descent, 3.50 GPA, participated in 3 extracurricular activities

Application Process:

Submit application with:

- Transcript
- Three letters of recommendation

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at ghill@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
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Marcia Souza	208	Advising Teacher 9-12
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