



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

Personalized Learning Public Charter School

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NEWSLETTER

May/June 2023



IMPORTANT DATES

TK-8

MAY

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

JUNE

- 6/1 • Last day of school
LP 11 Attendance due
- 6/13 • WSCS Board mtg.

H.S.

MAY

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| 5/5 | • Island Waterpark entry fee due | 5/19 | • Seniors Grad. Night |
| 5/8 | • Pieology Fundraiser | | • Grades due from parents |
| 5/9 | • Cal Poly Trip | 5/23 | • Yearbook Signing |
| 5/8-12 | • Last week of classes | | • H.S. NWEA Testing |
| 5/12 | • LP 10 Attendance due | 5/24 | • H.S. Graduation |
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"Every new beginning comes from other beginnings end." -Seneca

PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING

May Board Meeting: 5/16

June Board Meeting: 6/13

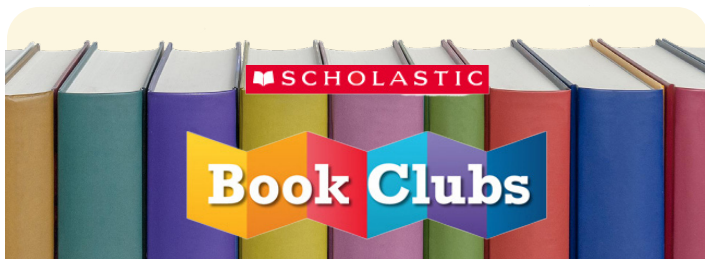
This meeting will be held at Endeavor Charter School.

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: MAY 15

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: R DYRJ
- 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

PIEOLGY PIZZERIA
PIZZA FOR A PURPOSE
HELP US RAISE FUNDS!

Monday, May 8th, 10am - 11pm
 PIEOLGY FIG GARDEN 5068 N Palm Ave

Come and help support Endeavor's Food for Funds

ORDER IN-STORE, ONLINE, OR VIA THE PIE LIFE APP*
 ENTER PROMO CODE **RAISEFUNDS** AT CHECKOUT.

Island Waterpark

Both TK-8 and High School students are invited to attend.
 All students must be accompanied by an adult!

WHERE: 6099 W. Barstow, Fresno
 WHEN: Wednesday, May 31
 TIME: 9:00 - 3:00
 COST: \$15.00 per person, age two and under free
 DEADLINE TO RSVP/PAY: May 5th
[Link to Parent Square post to pay](#)
 WAIVER LINK: [Waiver](#)

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

YEARBOOK SALE!

Limited quantities available
ORDER NOW!

Pre-Sale cost (4/25 - 5/12) is **\$20.00**
 After pre-sale, cost is **\$25.00**

Book may be purchased online for an additional fee:
 Yearbook @ \$20.00 w/ fee will be \$21.18
 Yearbook @ \$25.00 w/ fee will be \$26.39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROV 2023

By Renee Johnson

In April, students from our Fresno and Oakhurst campuses competed at the local level at Yosemite High School. The qualifying teams, from this round, then prepared for the MATE ROV Competition held at Watsonville High School on Saturday, April 21. Our team, Metal Shark, competed at the beginning Scout Level. We had 2 teams, PANEK and ECO-Tech, who competed at the next level, Navigator. Our Navigator team, PANEK, won 2nd place overall! We are so very proud of each of our teams. Their hard work, creativity, and dedication are unparalleled. Shout-out to all the parents and extended family members who made this possible. Shout-out to all of the teachers, volunteers, and staff who made these events possible. Thank you to all of the local businesses who contributed expertise, counsel, supplies, or monetary donations. We are so very grateful for all that you did. Such a phenomenal experience for all involved. Nicely done!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/@endeavorchartertalks1342/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** - Integrating the Arts (join four instructors who teach or integrate the arts to learn why and how they do what they do)

Playlist 2: 2021-2022 Live Zoom Talks

- **Episode 1** - Proactive Strategies for Challenging (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 platforms via our website, endeavorcharter.org

FEATURED FAMILY

Meet the Abbott Family!

Article by Grace Reeve

The Abbott Family is a seasoned homeschool family currently in their 14th year of teaching. They are a family of six: Shawn and Brandi are the parents of Lizzie (19), Paige (17), Stanley (14) and Luke (13). They love to watch movies together, camp and head to the beach.

The Abbotts love spending so much time with their kids. They love that they get to encourage their children to pursue their own unique interests. They have also found that they love the flexibility that comes with homeschooling. This is a great benefit as they are self employed and able to adapt schedules according to what works best for the whole family.

Stanley participated in ROV with Endeavor last year, and this year is taking Math and Creative Writing. Paige is taking Math, Leadership,

English, Choir and Science on campus and has loved being on the climbing team. Beyond classes at Endeavor, Paige takes multiple aerial classes at Break the Barriers and was in their Nutcracker production last Christmas.

Brandi's advice to anyone new to homeschooling is to "take it slow and don't overwhelm yourself or your kids. What works for others may not work for you and it will take trial

and error (sometimes a lot of trial and error) to find what works best for each individual child and family."



RESOURCE SHOWCASE

SUMMER RESOURCES

Summer means taking a break from the daily routine of homeschooling. Here are a few ideas that might keep your children engaged in worthwhile activities and prove enjoyable for the whole family.

Summer Memory Books

Have your child create a notebook of memories and/or travels this summer. Children can write down experiences and add photos or illustrations. Not only is this a great educational tool, it is a great memory keeper.

Reciprocal Journaling

Get a notebook and write back and forth with your child. Write out questions and have them respond and ask you questions. This is a fun way to share stories with your child. You could get the entire family involved! If you are stuck on what to ask your child, there are plenty of free writing prompts that can be found online. For example, check out www.journalbuddies.com or <http://thinkwritten.com/writing-prompts-for-kids/>

Travel Fun

Going out of town? Have your child research the destination, natural habitat, history, weather patterns, etc. before you travel. This list goes on! (this may aid in knowing what to pack as well!) Have your child help with the packing. Create a list of what needs to be packed and have them check off items that are packed. Older children can find a point of interest and then research. Let them be your tour guide.



Spend Time in the Kitchen Together

Have kids help with cooking and baking. They can help with meal planning and preparation. Have them write out the grocery list of items needed and help in getting those items at the store. Learn about various cultures through recipes.



Start a Summer Book Club

Create a book club, with family or friends! Let members take turns choosing books and then after completing a book, have a special snack or craft activity to go with the story. There are many ideas online! Parents may want to rotate in choosing too! Share one of your favorite books from your childhood! Many libraries and bookstores also have book clubs and incentives for summer reading.

Play Games

Engaging in board and card games is a great way to develop social skills beyond taking turns. Play existing games or have your child create their own game with a piece of poster board. Have them create rules as well as a clear object of the game. Kiddos can create both indoor and outdoor games with various writing tools such as markers, sidewalk chalk and dice or other items from store-bought games.



TK - 8TH GRADE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

April Field Trips & Outings

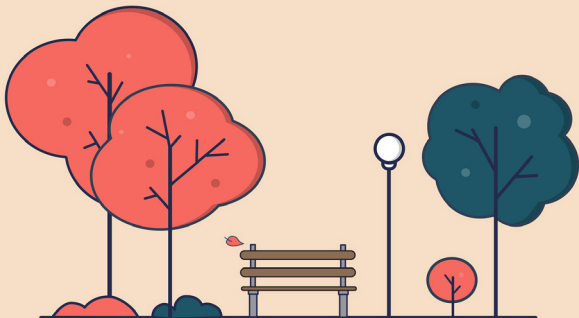
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5/10 | Oso De Oro Park Day

5/17 | No Outing

5/24 | No Outing

5/31 | Island Waterpark

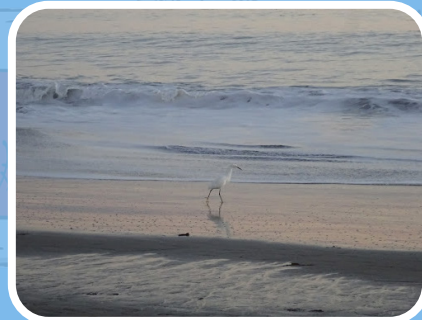


Congratulations to 8th Grader Ciera Velasquez!

who received Honorable Mention in the 2023 CaliforniaStreamin.org Digital Photography Contest!

The theme this year was innovation.

We are so proud of Ciera!



Snowy Egret

This snowy egret caught my attention because it was looking for food. So if you think about it, this bird had to use innovative methods to find food. For example he used his long beak to be able to dig deep into the sand for crustaceans. Each time he goes out looking for food he has to find which method works best. He has to find the best time of day, when there is no competition, low tide, and the right angle. My Egret helped me realize that I can use innovative methods in dealing with problems, don't give up.

-Ciera Velasquez

TK-8 FAMILIES!

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Field Trip

WHERE: Fresno Chaffee Zoo
894 W Belmont Ave, Fresno

WHEN: Wednesday, May 3rd

TIME: 9:00-3:00

COST: The deadline to purchase tickets at the discounted rate has passed, but feel free to join us if you have a season pass or choose to pay the regular price at the gate. Please see itinerary.

Note: Entrance fee to Roeding Park is \$5.00 per vehicle at the front gate.

No deadline or RSVP necessary prior to trip.

ITINERARY:

This will be a self-guided tour. Attending Advising Teachers will be following the Keeper Chats that occur every half hour beginning at 10:00. Lunch is optional. At 11:00, we will gather together for a picnic on the large grass area near the Winged Wonders Bird Show.

Please complete the attached Field Trip Waiver prior to tour and submit to Michelle Garrett.

WAIVER

For more information contact Michelle at mgarrett@wscsfamily.org



TK - 8TH GRADE

Kindergarten Graduation

Where:

Westminster Presbyterian Church
50 E. Santa Ana, Fresno CA 93704

When: Friday, May 12th

Time: 9:30 - 11:00

Deadline to RSVP: May 5th

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

Please share some information that will help your Advising Teacher say a few words about your child via this form

<https://forms.gle/QkZfEPA3aJ7kXgHG9>

Please also email 3 photographs of your child if they will be participating:

1. Baby picture
2. Recent favorite
3. Family photo

Photos can be emailed to bllanos@wscsfamily.org.



Congratulations to our students who participated in the Fresno County

Spell Off!

We are so very proud of you! They represented Endeavor Charter School very well!

Elliot Cross 4th Grade



Adam Chugg 6th Grade



Kennington Leota 8th Grade



Jack Sarquis 7th Grade





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:

5/4 - Questions to ask when on a college tour

5/11 - Basics of Income Taxes

5/18 - Productive things students can do in the summer

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

All of the steps should be completed now. Please contact me at gghill@wscsfamily.org if you have any questions.

Are you interested in taking a community college class in the High School Enrichment Program?

Who is eligible? Current 10th and 11th graders. (9th graders with special admittance).

What is High School Enrichment? High School Enrichment means students are taking community college classes that count for both high school and college credit. It is a great way to earn college credit while still in High School.

- Tuition costs are waived.

When: Fall Semester of 2023-24 school year. HSE packets are due to the college asap (by mid May at the latest) to ensure the best chance to get in the class.

How? High school students must begin the process with their high school counselor, Mr. Hill or their advising teacher.

To qualify for HSE a student must fulfill the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative high school GPA of at least a 2.5
- Obtain approval from the high school principal, a high school counselor, and a parent.

Step 1 : Apply online

Step 2 : Fill out HSE packet and give to Mr. Hill or advising teacher.

Step 3 : We will get principal signature and attach a transcript.

Step 4: We will return the packet back to you so you can email it to the college.

Things to consider: Community College courses are different in that they are taught to the rigor of a college course. Students will be using the same textbooks and syllabi as they would if they were taking a class at City College. As such, please be aware that discussion topics and course materials are generally designed for adult students and may not be appropriate for younger students. Assignments will be graded using college rubrics and standards. The final grade the student receives in their class will be recorded on an official City College transcript.

- If a student fails one of these classes it will negatively affect them on their high school transcripts and college transcripts.
- If a student needs additional support and is struggling in English, Math and has a low GPA, then college class may not be the best choice.

Class lists are available on-line at each of the campuses. (Fresno, Clovis, Reedley, Madera, Oakhurst Center)

Here is the link for the HSE packet : <https://www.maderacollege.edu/documents/admissions-and-aid/hse-registration-form-final-acc-040822.pdf>

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



HIGH SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS ENDEAVOR CLIMBING TEAM!

Achievements:

1st place overall as a team.

Boys Placement:

Ethan Brant 1st place
Aiden Cox 2nd place
Sean Fosse 3rd place

Girls Placement:

Edie Wilkins 1st Place
Ava Fosse 2nd Place
Naomi Micu 3rd Place



Students have bonded with each other, been challenged as individuals and also learned to encourage each other as part of a team!

The team has one final competition on April 29th (following the newsletter publication).

Senior Grad Night

WHERE: Magic Mountain

DEADLINE TO RSVP/PAY:
4/11/23

WHEN: May 19th

TIME: 9:00 pm - 4:00 am

Permission slips are due to
the front office by 5/12/23

COST: \$309.67

For more information, contact: ghill@wscsfamily.org

STAFF DIRECTORY

Endeavor Charter School

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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	218	Technology Coordinator
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