



ENDEAVOR EXPLORERS

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NEWSLETTER

April 2021



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

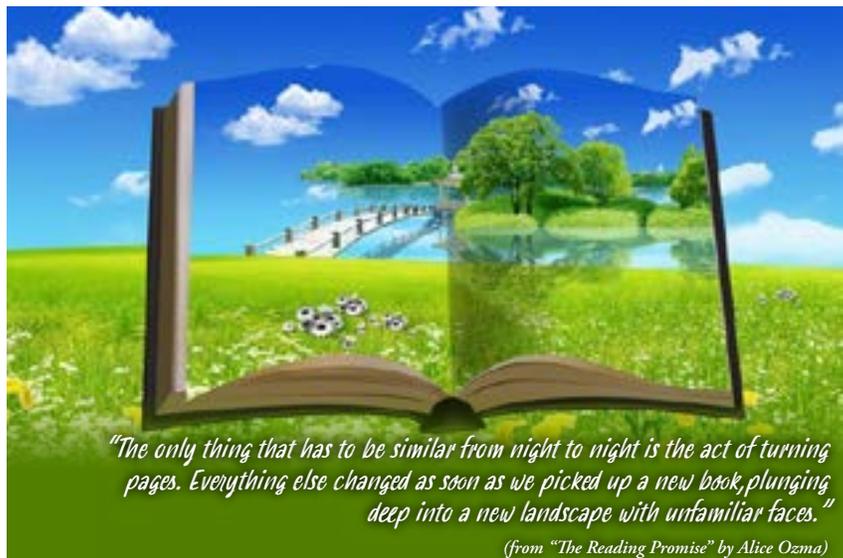
- April 1** • Last day to submit photos for the yearbook
- April 1 - 5** • Spring break continues
- April 6 - 20** • TK-8th NWEA Testing ELA and Math
- April 12 - 16** • TK-8th Curriculum Fair
- April 16** • LP 9 Attendance due
- April 26** • TK-8 Testing begins
• State Science testing for 5th and 8th graders
- April 30** • TK-8th Curriculum order forms due

MAY

- May 3 - 14** • State ELA and Math testing for 3rd - 8th graders
- May 14** • LP 10 Attendance due
• Last day of 5th-8th grade Math Classes
• Last day of High School Classes
- May 17 - 19** • State Testing for High School
- May 18** • WSCS Board Meeting
- May 25** • NWEA Testing for High School
- May 31** • Memorial Day: No school

JUNE

- June 2** • LP 11 Attendance due
• Last day of school
- June 15** • WSCS Board Meeting



"The only thing that has to be similar from night to night is the act of turning pages. Everything else changed as soon as we picked up a new book, plunging deep into a new landscape with unfamiliar faces."

(from "The Reading Promise" by Alice Ozma)

PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING May 18, 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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Hello everyone and welcome to the Tech Corner! Every once in a while, we come across a great service available to all of our families that needs a special highlight. Securly Home, available on your Apple or Android device, is one of those services. This is a wonderful tool available to all of our families at no cost and works in conjunction with a student's school issued Chromebook!

Do you want to know what sites your student is visiting while using their school issued Chromebook? Securly Home has your answer!

Do you need to check your student's activities when they are supposed to be doing homework with their school issued Chromebook? Securly Home can help with that!

Need to block additional websites and reduce distractions while your student is using their school issued Chromebook? Do it with Securly Home!

If you are interested, please review the YouTube video below and reach out to your advising teacher or school tech resource if you have any questions.

[CLICK HERE](#)
to watch the YouTube Video

Stay safe everyone!

RESOURCE SHOWCASE

Making the Most of Pinterest
Brooke Llanos

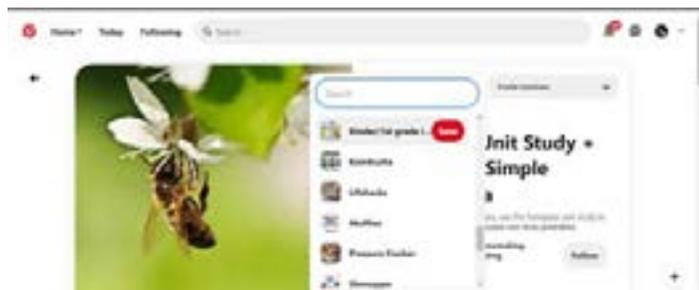
As a homeschooling parent and enrichment teacher I am SO grateful for Pinterest! If you haven't looked into it, I highly recommend it. It is a wealth of information and ideas for just about every subject imaginable!

If you are unfamiliar with Pinterest, it is a website that gives you visual results, as opposed to simple links to websites. If you see something you like, you can "pin" that item to a "board." You can then name that board and organize ideas this way. I especially like the organization piece! It helps me reduce the number of tabs open on my home computer and easily access items previously "pinned".

For example, in preparing a lesson on honey bees, I would type in "honey bee lessons for kids" and find this:

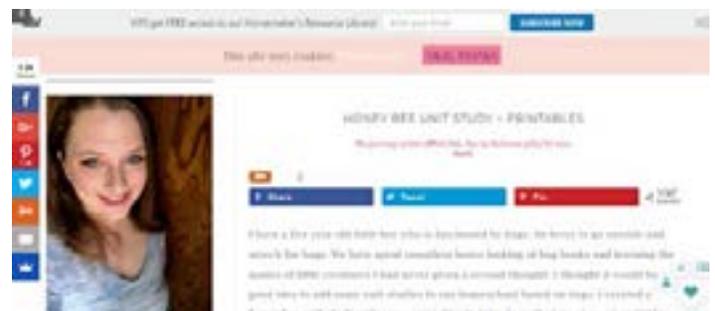


I would then click items I found most interesting and Pinterest would take me to those specific resource websites.



I could then save these websites to a board of my choice for later use.

Try it: If you click on this specific graphic, it takes you to a blog where you'll get the honey bee lesson and connect you to the blogger.



I'm currently teaching my two daughters how to cook. This platform has been a lot of fun. We can search for food items they like and get a plethora of ideas. It's made the idea of having to cook a lot more interesting.



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ENDEAVOR CHARTER SCHOOL

RESOURCE SHOWCASE CONTINUED

Making the Most of Pinterest

Here are a few other features: Users can make accounts completely private or share ideas with friends. Also, if I find something on my home computer, I can also pull it up easily on my phone later when I need it.

On Pinterest, you can find book ideas, art tutorials, recipes, lesson plans, workouts, gift ideas...you get the gist. You can search for virtually anything! I do have a warning:

Although Pinterest does filter what they allow, there are still things that can pop up that might be inappropriate. I don't recommend allowing children to search unsupervised. Each picture takes you to a website which may or may not be filtered for appropriate material. I highly recommend this tool, but for parents only. There are advertisements and promoted pins that come up as well, so be aware of that as you search for ideas to enhance learning.

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDER

Nancy Turner



4th grader Sienna Forest holding her favorite Scholastic book, "Smile"

Scholastic Book Club is now available through Endeavor! This is for all Endeavor Families, TK through 12th grade. We will submit one spring order this school year, and then complete monthly orders during our next school year!

Scholastic Mission Statement:

"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."

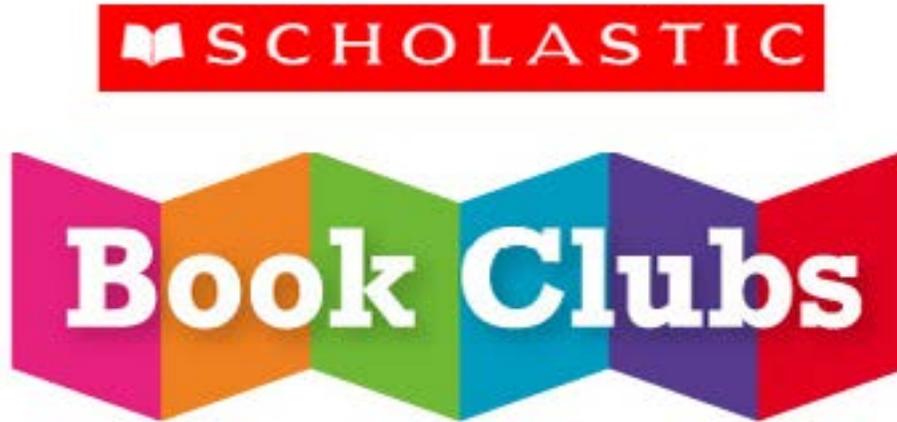
Scholastic books are a wonderful way to build your home library AND help our school library. Every book purchased earns "class rewards" for our school. Mrs. Turner will use these rewards to get more fiction books for our school library!

ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 23

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SCHOLASTIC *continued...*



At this time, only online orders will be accepted. These are the shipping options:

- If you spend \$1-\$24, it's free shipping to our school or \$6.50 shipping charge to your home
- If you spend \$25 and up, it's free shipping to your home

How to purchase Scholastic books:

- Website: 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 for great books!

How to find \$1-\$2 books for sale:

- 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 the \$1-\$2 books they have at the moment will come up

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Turner at nturner@wscsfamily.org or #248-0471 extension 217. Happy reading and thank you!



VIRTUAL STEM CONFERENCE 2021

PRESENTED BY REEDLEY COLLEGE STEM

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

8:45AM-12:45PM • FREE ONLINE EVENT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Amy Mainzer

*Astronomer and World Leading Scientist in
Asteroid Detection & Planetary Defense*



- **Join hundreds of Central Valley middle school, high school, and college students**
 - **Connect with STEM professionals**
 - **Various STEM workshops available**

REGISTER TODAY!

<https://virtualstemconference2021.eventbrite.com>

For more information contact Yuliana Martinez, STEM Coordinator
at yuliana.martinez@reedleycollege.edu or (559) 494-3000 ext. 3198

FEATURED FAMILY

The Haines Family

Brook Hirata



The Haines family (Logan-8th grade, Cooper-7th grade, Geneva-5th grade, Sierra-1st grade, and Isla-soon to be kinder) have been homeschooling their children for about 9 years. Parents Micah and Natalie began researching homeschooling when their oldest was around four years old. After meeting several homeschooling families and seeing that homeschooling provided an opportunity to learn alongside their children, they decided to make family learning part of their family culture. They were introduced to Mountain Home School (Oakhurst) by a dear friend. Now, 9 years later, the Haines family continues to love learning about the world and its history as a family. They also appreciate the freedom to incorporate their family beliefs and values into daily educational activities.

Homeschooling proved to be an excellent fit for the Haines family. Logan, the oldest son, exhibited signs of dysgraphia for several years. Homeschooling allowed his parents the freedom to easily tailor his environment and learning needs to help him accomplish his work. “Brain breaks” have become a regular part of the day when any of the children get frustrated with their work. Sierra, a first grader, often does gymnastics moves in between reading

pages in her reader to help ease frustration as she is learning to read. Isla, the youngest, has been wearing glasses since she was 14 months old for Accommodative Esotropia (i.e. Her left eye crosses inward) and poor vision. Her mom is anticipating that her learning needs will be individualized as they work with her doctor to improve her eyesight.

Natalie loves homeschooling! In the past 9 years, they have had many ups and downs. Homeschooling is not always easy (especially in January and February when the homeschool blues seem to always hit!), but she knows now that one bad day does not make a bad week. There have been so many good memories made over the years! Each lesson, each learning activity, each homeschool co-op activity, each book, has been like a thread woven into the fabric of their family culture. One thing Micah and Natalie both love is how homeschooling is all about relationships. Homeschooling has offered them the opportunity to learn what the talents and interests of their children are, and how to weave those into their daily lessons.

With all of their experience, the Haines family has some great advice to share. First and foremost, take it one day at a time! Natalie clearly remembers the first day she went up to the Oakhurst location (Mountain Home School) where she was given their first books for their son Logan (who was then age 5). Natalie said that “As our teacher handed each book to me, I felt so overwhelmed! I started with the basics (reading, writing and math) and added on from there.” Now they are homeschooling five children! She goes on to say that “Your abilities to homeschool will expand with practice. Be patient with yourself.” Another great tip she had was to take advantage of opportunities to “outsource” education. You can’t do it

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FEATURED FAMILY CONTINUED

The Haines

all. Let others help! She is so grateful this year to Mrs. Flynn for her wonderful math classes. Her kids also love Mr. Mena's guitar classes. They have enjoyed so many of the other enrichment classes and have come together with other homeschooling families for a weekly co-op in the park, where they cover science, history, art, math and more with fun, hands-on learning. She reports that reading good books together is also important. Reading aloud is one of their favorite things to do as a family. She encourages people to make a habit of reading together

every day. She said "Cuddle up on the couch and open a good book!" Finally, Natalie urges parents not to be afraid to change things up if needed. A few years ago, they put some of the children in the local traditional school for one year so she could finish her bachelor's degree in nursing. The kids made excellent progress that year while she was able to still homeschool Sierra (who was in kindergarten at Mountain Home School) and finish her own educational goal! Each year the family continues to reassess the children's needs as they plan for the next year.

YEARBOOK CLASS

**NEEDS YOUR
PHOTOS**

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



We need your at-home photos
**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

THE BREAKROOM

Staff Feature

NANCY FLYNN

Meet our Math Extraordinaire, Nancy Flynn!



What is your background/education? B.A. degree in Biology from U.C. Berkeley - favorite classes were the field biology classes... then worked for YMCA and 4-H... then worked in the Cytogenetics Lab at Valley Children's Hospital.....then was a stay at home mom for 14 years then..... taught junior high math intervention and reading intervention at Coarsegold School for many years.

What does a typical work-day for you look like? Teaching class, tutoring students, and lesson planning - best part is seeing all the happy student faces on Zoom and the math conversations that take place.

What is the most challenging part of your position? Addressing the individual needs of each student while zooming - it is so much easier in person in the classroom.

What do you like best about your career choice? Conversations with students are the best! Seeing a student's progress as they learn, practice, and then master a math concept is absolutely rewarding. Having supportive principals and fabulous co-workers also makes each day great.

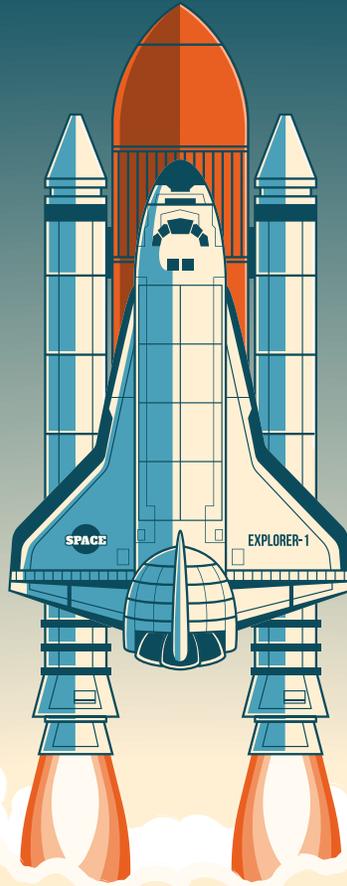
What is the first career goal you remember having as a young person? Being a naturalist in a National Park.

Did you follow any part of that original goal? Well... I stayed in the sciences! Besides all the amazing math moments that occur daily, one of my favorite memories of last year was when Mrs. Llanos invited one of my math classes to join her Kindergarten class for a snake talk. The students got to see and hold the snakes, including a two-headed snake - so thrilling for the kids!

Family Make-Up 2 amazing daughters - one works for the CDC and one is a high school Biology teacher, a husband, 2 rowdy dogs, and 2 hens.

Do you have any other interests/pursuits? Cycling and kayaking, gardening (garden fresh Anaheim chilies stuffed with mozzarella cheese and baked - oh my), I love reptiles, I also work at REI.

ENDEAVOR LIMITED EDITION T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



THANK YOU

to all of our Endeavor staff, parents and
students for a successful fundraiser!

Our total amount raised was

\$ 1,897.90

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 be registering for classes in the month of April.

SENIORS : FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school: FAFSA application should be completed by now.

[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.

Graduates: Graduation is quickly approaching!

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

[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.

Graduate slide show pictures are due now and the senior questionnaire is due **May 4th**. Please send pictures to grads@wscsfamily.org if you have not submitted.

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.

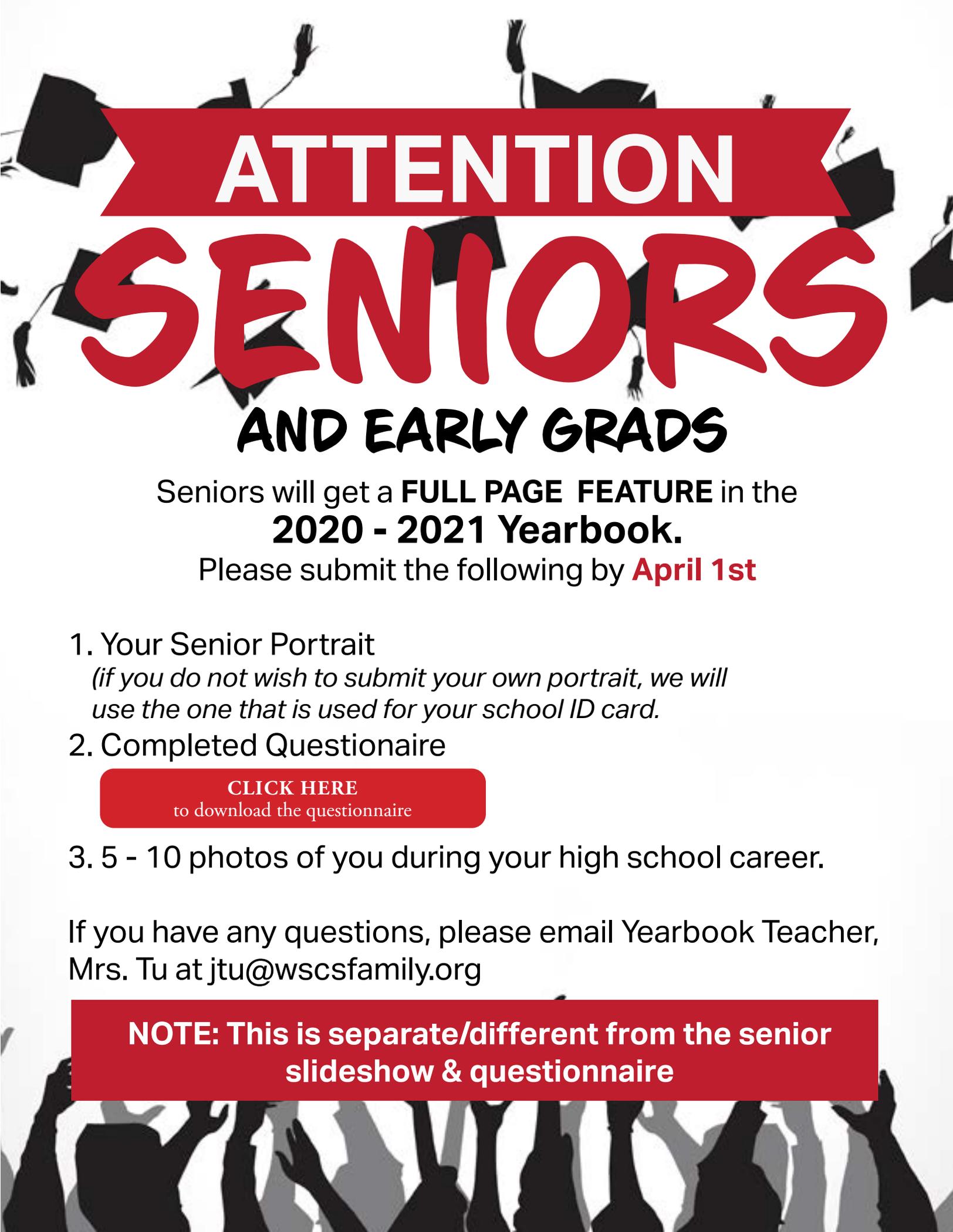
Benefits:

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.

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: Parent Resource Room,
East Building**

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 12th through April 16th*

***Hours:** Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 - 3:00*

Fri. 9:00 - 2:00

***WHERE:** Parent Resource Room, East Building*

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.

** Just a reminder to please return any curriculum, library books or other materials you are finished with as soon as possible for inventory purposes.*

The PEACH
BLOSSOM
Festival



SUMMER SUN

*By Robert Louis Stevenson
Performed by Gia Arreola*

“Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven
without repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers
his rays.”



THE TYGER

*By William Blake
Performed by Aden Blas*

“Tyger Tyger, burning bright,
In the forests of the night;
What immortal hand or eye,
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?”



THE FUN CLOUDY
WINDY DAY

*Written and Performed by
Kael Diniega*

“In windy days leaves move,
and flowers bloom,
Unlike on snowy days,
so cold outside my room.
In cool blowing breeze,
I can fly my kite,
Not on sunny days so hot and
bright.”

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The PEACH
BLOSSOM
Festival
continued



PAUL REVERE'S RIDE

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Performed by Adeline Fouch, Samuel Patterson, and Elie Mae Patterson

“Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.”



COAT OF MANY COLORS

By Dolly Parton

Performed by Violet Walden

“Mama sewed the rags together,
Sewin’ every piece with love.
She made my coat of many colors
That I was so proud of.”

This year's Peach Blossom Festival was an online gallery of performances published on March 25th and 26th. Endeavor Charter School had five entries including four solos and a trio. We are so proud of our students' hard work and excellent presentations! They all did an amazing job! Representing our school were Gia Arreola, Aden Blas, Kael Diniega, Adeline Fouch, Samuel Patterson, Elie Mae Patterson, and Violet Walden.

Click the link for the Peach Blossom website where you can see all the performances.

[CLICK HERE](#)
Peach Blossom

2021 FRESNO COUNTY SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE

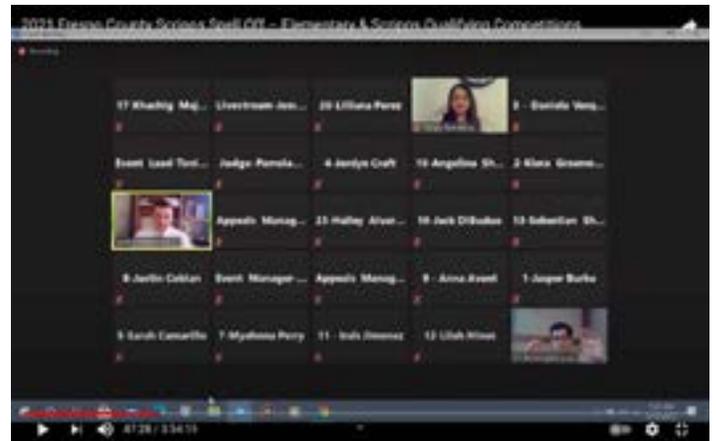
Nancy Turner



[CLICK HERE](#)
to Junior High Competition

[CLICK HERE](#)
to Elementary & Scripps Competition

Endeavor Charter School students participated in Fresno County's first ever virtual spelling bee competition on March 15 and March 16. The Office of Fresno County Superintendent of Schools has hosted the Fresno County Spell-Off for the last 27 years. Students win their school and district spelling bees in order to participate. This year's competition was a virtual format and students spelled from a home or school location. In prior years, the Fresno County Scripps Spelling Bee was held in-person at the Fresno State Satellite Student Union. Also new to this year, students held their hands up in view of the camera while spelling their given word during the virtual competition.



Endeavor 7th-grade students, Lydia Avent and Annie Garcia, and Endeavor 5th-grade students, Kenni Leota and Anna Avent, represented our school extremely well at the 2021 Fresno County Scripps Spelling Bee! They each studied and practiced over 800 spelling words in preparation for this event. We're very proud of their hard work, flexibility, and diligence to this rigorous spelling competition. They were all wonderful participants and spellers. Also, their parents were excellent coaches and facilitators for this year's virtual format. Congratulations to Lydia, Annie, Kenni, and Anna for completing their first Fresno County Scripps Spelling Bee!



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
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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
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