





*The "Hour of Code" Is Coming to West Side School
December 9th and 10th*

We live in a world surrounded by technology and we know that whatever field our children choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of students are learning computer science, and fewer are studying it than a decade ago.

Our school has partnered with The CSH Educational Foundation (CSHEF) to become part of the largest education event in history: The **Hour of Code**. During *Computer Science Education Week* (Dec. 9-15), our students will have the opportunity to join over 2 million people worldwide spending one hour learning the basics of computer programming.

Our participation and support of the **Hour of Code** event is a statement that we are ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. Students will have the opportunity to engage in programming activities through fun hands-on tutorials.

Sessions will be held from **3:15p.m.** to **4:15p.m.** in the **West Side School computer lab on:**

-  Monday, December 9th for 2nd and 3rd grade students
-  Tuesday, December 10th for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students

If you would like your child to participate, please register with the CSHEF by using this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA5A822A6FE3-hour>. Space is limited so your child must be registered prior to the event in order to participate. Once your registration is confirmed, please be sure to send a Change in Dismissal form, alerting your child's teacher that your son/daughter will be attending this program. Please also indicate who will be responsible for picking up your child at 4:15p.m. Pick up will be at the entrance to the airplane wing.

This is a chance to pique your child's interest in computer programming –which is a highly desirable skill for his/her future! Please click on this video link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYZF6oIZtfc> or visit <http://hourofcode.org> for additional information, and please help us spread the word about this wonderful opportunity!