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|  | Dear Parents,  Would you give up one hour if you knew it might change the direction of your child's education and maybe even their future? Well here is your chance!  We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago.  That is why our entire school district is joining in on the largest learning event in history: **The Hour of Code**, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 8-14). Last year, 15 million students tried computer science in one week. This year, we're joining students worldwide to reach 100 million students!  Tonight when you get home, [click on this link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC5FbmsH4fw) to watch a two-minute video, **The Hour of Code,** with your child.  Then, visit <http://learn.code.org/> on a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop, and give coding a try! There is no experience necessary and students as young as 4 years of age can participate.  Do you want to learn about possible careers in computer science? [Click this link](https://www.ocps.net/Documents/2014-15%20Documents/What_is_CS_and_Careers.pdf) for more information.  Remember, just one hour can open your student’s eyes to a world of possibility!  Happy Coding! |