Office of Curriculum & Instruction

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Verona Public Schools, the center of an engaged and supportive community, is to empower students to achieve their potential as active learners and productive citizens through rigorous curricula and meaningful, enriching experiences."

"The Hour of Code" Kicks off Computer Science Education Week

During the summer months, Mr. Hadi Partovi came up with a simple idea, which was to get ten million students to try one hour of computer science - he coined it "the Hour of Code." Mr. Hadi Partovi is the CEO and Founder of Code.org. "Code.org was still just a few people, and they thought I was crazy. If you told me our movement would grow so powerful that it'd get a Google Doodle, that every Apple retail store in America would host an Hour of Code workshop and that the President himself would call on every student to learn to program (matched by officials on the other side of the aisle), I would've thought you were crazy too."

Well, the Hour of Code is here. This week, millions students in thousands of classrooms across one hundred and sixty seven countries will be the first to experience the Hour of Code. The goal is to encourage students to try computer science, because in Mr. Partovi's own words, "I know one hour can be enough to change a student's life, as it did mine."

At Verona High School, AP Computer Science teacher, Mr. Richard Wertz is having all of his students, about eighty of them, spend at least one hour with three other students (of any age) do an "Hour of Code"; additionally all ninth grade students will do an "Hour of Code" in Freshman Seminar. Adds Wertz, "Computing is part of everything we do, part of every industry and career, it develops your problem-solving skills, and can ultimately lead to many careers that are among the fastest growing in the global economy."