MEDIA ADVISORY

Students Teach Community Leaders Coding for Hour of Code

What: CoderGirlz club members teach community and district leaders about coding for Hour of Code

When: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Where: Leavenworth Elementary School
4420 E. Thomas Ave. (93702)

In celebration of Computer Science Education Week, students from Leavenworth Elementary School’s CoderGirlz club will assist community and district leaders in learning how to write several lines of computer code as Fresno Unified participates in the Hour of Code Week involving students in more than 180 countries. During the lesson, students will sit side-by-side with leaders and use simple tutorials to showcase and teach skills related to computer science and the art of developing computer code.

As part of Hour of Code Week, teachers from all grade levels across the district will teach coding lessons.

Leavenworth launched its CoderGirlz club last spring and has 19 members in grades four through six. The students meet every Monday for an hour after school, keeping track of their coding progress in notebooks. Leavenworth’s club is among the 14 CoderGirlz clubs and 33 CoderClubs created since 2015. Technology and coding have traditionally been a male
dominated industry, but Fresno Unified wants to change that by aggressively promoting computer science career opportunities to female students.

“Learning to code introduces our students to a vast array of career possibilities,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson. “This week-long celebration of coding supports the district’s goal to provide students with workplace competencies so that they are college and career ready.”

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