



# P.S. 94

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**Laura Avakians** • Principal

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Dear Families,

Our students are getting ready to change the future with an Hour of Code.

We live in a world surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Only 35% of all high schools teach computer science and only 8% of graduates are in computer science.

That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: **The Hour of Code**, during **Computer Science Education Week** (December 3-9). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. Our Hour of Code is making a statement that PS 94 is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to our students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to talk about it at home, to learn more about Hour of Code and allow kids to explore the many activities offered on the website.

See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

During Computer Science Education Week, our students will engage in plugged and unplugged activities during the week, assemblies and speakers from the field.

Our anchor text for this week will be *Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science* by Diane Stanley. The story is about a young girl, the daughter of the famous poet Lord Byron and his mathematical wife, Annabella. Ada grows up to become the first computer programmer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Laura Avakians

Principal

*Every student can **LEARN**, just not on the same day, or the same way.*