



# Hour of Code comes to North Central Washington

This year, millions of schools, including dozens in North Central Washington, will take part in activities to raise awareness about opportunities for Computer Science Education, by participating in activities and events like Hour of Code during Computer Science Awareness week, December 3-7.

As dozens of schools in North Central Washington are taking part in the Hour of Code during the school day, 11 local schools (in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Quincy) are opening their doors to the community to join their students and take a part in Computer Science Education week and show support by spending an hour writing computer code. Principals, teachers, staff, parent-teacher organizations, and even student volunteers are working together to bring these events to life.

We live in a world surrounded by technology. Computer science and technological developments have changed practice and shaped every industry in our region from energy to agriculture. The economic opportunity for all computing occupations are the fastest-growing, best paying, and now the largest sector of all new wages in the US.

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. We are fortunate to have visionary schools and educators who believe that every 21st-century student should have the opportunity to learn how to create with technology. Computer science concepts also help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills to prepare students for any future career.

Microsoft Tech Spark has generously provided resources and raffle prizes to help make the event a great experience for participants and is also helping to outreach to volunteers.

North Central Washington Hour of Code events include:

## WENATCHEE

DEC 5, 6-7:30 PM  
Pioneer Middle School  
1620 Russell St, Wenatchee

DEC 6, 6-7:30 PM  
Abraham Lincoln Elementary  
1224 Methow Street, Wenatchee

DEC 4, 6-7:30 PM  
Newbery Elementary  
850 North Western Avenue, Wenatchee

DEC 4, 6-7:30 PM  
Washington Elementary  
1401 Washington Street, Wenatchee

DEC 3-6, DURING THE SCHOOL DAY  
Wenatchee High School  
1101 Millerdale Ave, Wenatchee

## EASTMONT

DEC 4, 6-7:30 PM  
Rock Island Elementary  
5645 Rock Island Rd, Rock Island

DEC 4, 6-7:30 PM  
Lee Elementary  
1455 N Baker Ave, East Wenatchee

DEC 5, 6-7:30 PM  
Grant Elementary  
1430 1st St SE, East Wenatchee

## QUINCY

DEC 6, 6-7:30 PM  
George Elementary  
401 Washington Way, George

DEC 6, 6-7:30 PM  
Monument Elementary  
1400 13th Ave SW, Quincy

DEC 3, 4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Quincy Innovation Academy  
404 1st Ave SW, Quincy

# 91%

of Washington State voters are

supportive  
of computer  
science  
education

according to a 2017 poll

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# Welcome to the Team!

## Meet the new Superintendents



### Ashley Goetz, Okanogan School District

Ashley has served as a teacher and as the principal at Virginia Grainger Elementary School in Okanogan.



### Sunshine Pray, Soap Lake School District

Sunshine has worked in the Soap Lake School District as principal since 2014, and as a teacher in the Moses Lake School District for seven years.



### Dan Martell, Ephrata School District

Prior to leading the district, Dan served as the principal of Ephrata High School.



### Tabatha Mires, Waterville School District

A life-long Shocker, Tabatha returned to teach English and History at Waterville prior to leading the district.



### Greg Goodnight, Pateros School District

Previously, Greg served as principal of Selkirk Middle and High School in Lone, Washington and as a teacher and Superintendent at the Kettle Falls School District.

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## Coming Up

DEC

5

### SCIENCE IN OUR VALLEY

Drilling on a Superfund site,  
Direct sensing technology

DEC

13

Superintendent's Advisory  
Council meeting

DEC

19

NCESD Board meeting

DEC

24-26

Office closed for holiday

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