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Classroom Antics Offering Free Coding Events

In support of Hour of Code[™], <u>Classroom Antics</u> is offering a number of free one-hour introductory coding events in video game design for kids in grades 1-3 and programming for kids in grades 4-8 on December 3 & 10. These events are intended to open kids minds up to what they can create with code. Participants will not need any prior experience or even a computer, but space is limited so they will need to register.

These programs are intended to be an introduction to computer science and help kids determine their interest in the subject area. Kids will be able to register for a free programming event where they will develop their own computer program using Scratch, or a free video game design event where they will develop their own video game using Kodu. All events will be held at the Classroom Antics Activity Center in North Royalton, OH.

Classroom Antics is offering these programs for free because we feel providing kids access to programming is so important because of the opportunities it creates for their future. According to Code.org, in 2015, 7 million openings in the U.S. were in occupations—including art and design—that value coding skills. And, no matter what kids do when they grow up, whether they go into medicine, business, education, or the arts, knowing how to create with technology will give them confidence and a competitive edge.

Classroom Antics is a leading provider of STEM learning programs for kids, located in Cleveland, Ohio. The organization is focused on giving students hands-on experiences that enhance learning, increase creativity, and encourage collaboration. They currently offer educational programs in over 30 locations throughout Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Northern Kentucky. For more information about Classroom Antics, visit www.ClassroomAntics.com or call 800-595-3776.

The Hour of Code[™] is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.