



MEDIA ALERT: Dec. 11, 2024

Superintendent Critchfield to code with Monroe Elementary students at CS Ed Week event Wednesday

WHO Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield, new Idaho STEM Action Center administrator Dee Mooney, formerly of the Micron Technology Foundation, and members of her team, Idaho Senator Carrie Semmelroth, industry volunteers, and Monroe Elementary teachers and students.

WHAT Superintendent Critchfield will take part in an Hour of Code event with students at Monroe Elementary. More than 60,000 Hour of Code events are planned worldwide this year during its 12th anniversary, including over 14,000 around the world. and at least 95 in Idaho. Hour of Code is a global movement Code.org founded in 2013 that coincides with Computer Science Education Week internationally. Considered the largest learning event in history, Hour of Code has reached more than 1.8 billion learners ages 4 to 104 in over 180 countries.

WHERE Monroe Elementary School, 3615 W Cassia St, Boise, ID 83705.

WHEN Wednesday Dec. 12, 2024:

- 9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. — Volunteers arrive for training
- 9:50 a.m. — Supt. Critchfield arrives
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. — Hour of Code session for elementary students w/ Supt. Critchfield
- 11:00 a.m. — Supt. Critchfield departs

WHY Computer science is one of the most in-demand college degrees, computing is used throughout many careers, and CS careers are a major source of new wages in the country. According to a [Code.org report](#), “Computing occupations are the #1 source of new wages in America — that’s 16% of all new wages — and computer science accounts for the majority of new STEM jobs.” And according to the Idaho Dept. of Labor, 19 of Idaho’s top-20 hot jobs through 2030 require STEM skills.

HOW Idaho STEM Action Center is a point of connection for educators, businesses, families, and communities to prepare the workforce of tomorrow. The agency provides resources and support that sparks innovation and works to offer paths to prosperity based on Idahoans’ shared values of hard work, collaboration, self-determination, family, and community stability. Learn more at stem.idaho.gov and visit stem.idaho.gov/support-us/foundation to make a tax-deductible donation



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