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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

Fairfax County Public Schools strives to provide opportunities that will develop 21st Century Skills and FCPS Portrait of a Graduate attributes. This week, your student will have access to the Code.org website, a free, web-based application and educational content service that introduces students to computer science. It is designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Learning computer science nurtures problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

Haycock students will use the website without an account during the week of December 4–10 for the Hour of Code. To use the games, courses and tools all year long, students will need to set up a Code.org account. No personal information is needed to create this account.

1. Students go to <http://code.org/learn>.
2. Click on the **Log In** link in the top right corner of the window.
3. Select **Sign in with Google Account**, and use their fcpschools.net account.

While Code.org's website is approved for use in FCPS, your permission is still required in order for students under the age of 13 to create an account to use this website. We will not be creating accounts at school, but I wanted to make you aware of the resource. To read more about the disclosure of information, visit <http://code.org/learn>. Scroll to the bottom right corner to access Terms and Privacy Policy.

If you have any questions, please email me at [bbjames@fcps.edu](mailto:bbjames@fcps.edu). Thank you!

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