

Code no secret for FMS students

Coventry middle
school among
those participating
in Hour of Code

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COVENTRY — Students in Mrs. Maria Boulmetis's science class at Coventry's Feinstein Middle School were silent and busy Friday as they took part in the Hour of Code, an international initiative for students everywhere to take an hour this week to create their own computer programming code.

They could choose from a Minecraft or a Star Wars program.

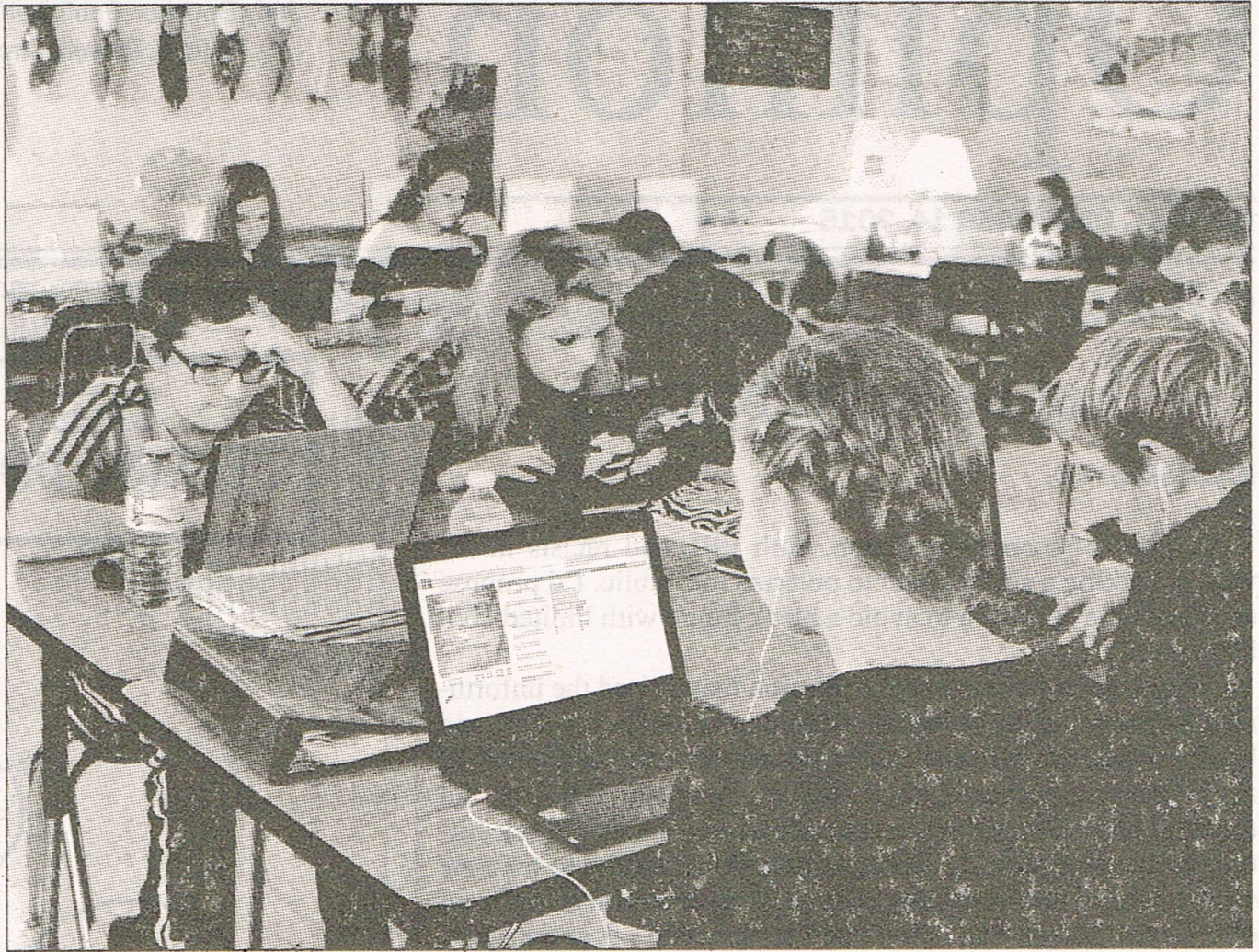
"The goal is to get 10 million kids to experience the Hour of Code this week," Boulmetis explained. "If you consider how all careers will be mostly made up of technology when these kids graduate and grow up, they have to know this."

"This entire initiative is so important as students normally do not get exposed to computer code until much later, if they ever do, said Dr. Arthur Lisi, principal at the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School.

Anybody can host an Hour of Code anytime, but the grassroots campaign goal was for tens of millions of students to try an Hour of Code during December 7-13, in celebration of Computer Science Education Week.

Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

The Hour of Code is organized by Code.org, a public 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to expanding



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participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented stu-

dents of color. An unprecedented coalition of partners have come together to support the Hour of Code, too — including Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the College Board.