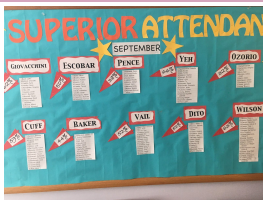




Dates to Remember:

- Holiday Toy Drive, ongoing through Friday, December 15
- **Wednesday, December 6, Special Board Meeting, 6:30pm at the District Office**
- **Thursday, December 7, Minimum Day - 1:20 dismissal**
- **Friday, December 8, Report Cards go out**
- **Tuesday December 12 - Thursday, December 14, Holiday Boutique**
- **Wednesday, December 13 - Board Meeting at Parkside, 7pm**

Attendance Matters
Come to School!



Comments? Questions?

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December 6, 2017

Hello El Crystal Families,

This week is Computer Sciences Education Week. Students in schools across the nation are partaking in Hour of Code. **Here at El Crystal, we celebrate a Week of Code!** Students will be engaged in coding, computational thinking, and collaborative problem solving. Students in every class have coding daily this week using Kodable, Code.org, Tynker, and more! During Tuesday's School Site Council meeting, we toured Ms. Vail's class to see block coding in action. It's very exciting to see STEM at work in every classroom.

Computer Science encompasses far more than coding. For younger students it includes becoming familiar with technology, using applications, and thinking about how phenomena is counted, compared, and examined. If this sounds a lot like math, it is! Mathematics and Computer Science Standards overlap a great deal. As students mature, the standards ask that students learn basic programming such as Scratch and other block coding. Even if your child does not become an engineer, his/her understanding will help access the world which is computer based.

Think about it. Currently, most jobs require the fundamentals of STEM and technical jobs are many, while jobs in the humanities and sports are few. It's never too early to start students in computer sciences!

Happy Coding!
Ms. Elliott

Ms. Pence's class on Kodable



