ENCORE SPOTLIGHT: MRS. HALSEY
COMPUTER SKILLS, COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCOVERIES, EXPLORING BUSINESS

What class do you teach, and how does it help students?

Hello, I am Mrs. Halsey and I teach Computer Skills, Computer Science Discoveries I (Year II), Computer Science Discoveries II (Year III), and Exploring Business. The Computer Skills Class, which is open to Year I students helps the students learn how to type with speed, helps them learn all the symbols, short cut keys and function keys on the keyboard. We also learn about coding and how fun it is. We also use typing games to help you learn about typing. Computer Science Discoveries I is a beginning coding/programming class. We work together to develop our own webpage. Computer Science Dis. II, we work on animations and games. Exploring Business, give you knowledge on the business world and you have the opportunity to think about a business you would like to start; products to sell and services to offer.

What is one of the coolest or most memorable projects that your class has done?

In my computer skills class we learn about Emoticons, which today are called Emojis. We learn how to make Emoticons using the many symbols on the keyboard. They can be as fancy or as simple as you like for them to be. :) :(:/ :- | @:-)

We also use code.org for the hour of code and make our own dance party. There are also lots of other code.org projects that we make.

Are there any pre-requisites for this class?

For the Computer Skills class there are no pre-requisites. Just sign up and come on to class! I would love to have you learn all there is to know about computers. For Computer Science Discoveries I you must take Computer Skills before you take this class. For Computer Science Discoveries II you must take Computer Science Discoveries I. Exploring Business has no pre-requisites and it is available to Year III students only.

What do students need to do in order to be successful in this class?

All you have to do to be successful in Computer Skills is come to class, listen, participate and show that you have learned typing skills. In Exploring Business, Computer Science Dis. I and Computer Science Dis. II success lies in you. If you participate in class, show understanding of concepts and how to apply them you will be successful. You are able to use your creativity and your mind to bring to life your ideas.

What life lessons do you hope your students will gain from taking this class?

The life lessons you will learn are:

1. How to communicate and express yourself with typing
2. How to express yourself with graphics
3. Learning the computer is not hard
4. Typing skills will take you a long way