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Before this week comes to an end....

Computer Science Education Week A Call to Action

This week Altoona Elementary students have been celebrating Computer Science Education Week. *Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) is an annual call to action to inspire K-12 students to learn computer science, advocate for equity in computer science education, and celebrate the contributions of students, teachers, and partners to the field. This week is held in recognition of the birthday of [Admiral Grace Murray Hopper](#) (December 9, 1906), who invented the first compiler and coined the term "bug" (an error in a program) after removing an actual moth from a computer in 1947.*
Source: csedweek.org/about



One of the more common ways that this week is celebrated in schools is through the Hour of Code. IN STEAM Specials Class and in their classrooms, students have been using computational thinking to solve problems, persevere through challenges, and be creative! The theme this year is CS for Social Justice, which shines a light on providing computer science education to underrepresented groups.

Our Technology Training Coordinator at AES, Brittany David, said "We're delighted that this is something we are able to provide for all of our students." We couldn't agree more!

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