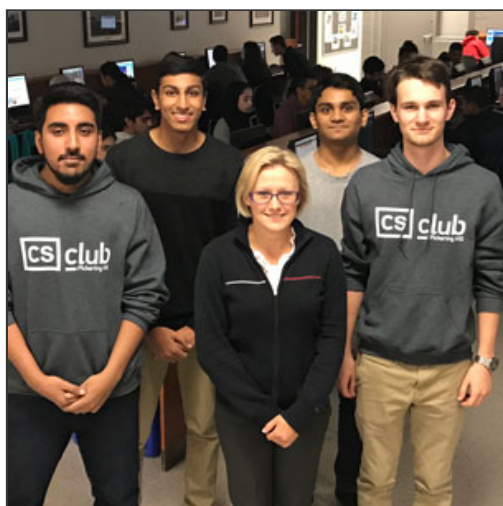Durham District School Board > Media Desk > School News Highlights

Hour of Code Comes to Pickering HS

As technology changes, computer science knowledge has become part of a well-rounded skill set. As a result, on Wednesday, October 11, Pickering High School was 1 of 60 locations across Canada and part of over 4,000 in the world that took part in this year's Hour of Code.

Pickering High School's Computer Science club organised the in-school event and joined the Hour of Code, a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in over 180 countries. A one-hour tutorial was organised by the schools Computer Science club to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics.

"The Hour of code is a worldwide initiative that started in 2013 as part of Computer Science Education Week," said Mufeez Amjad, a grade 12 student at Pickering HS.

"The Hour of Code is here to educate students and the world that computer science education is a big part of the future. Over the past four years, over 140 million students around the world have taken part in the initiative. Figures have shown there are more students going into the field after an event like the Hour of Code."

Mufeez, who also doubles as the club's President and Founder believes there are many jobs, but there are not enough students taking the opportunity to get the jobs.

"The hope is to have more students taking computer science courses at the school. We are hoping the Hour of Code will kick-start interest and hopefully pursue this as their field," said Mufeez.

This year, the Hour of Code reached people from ages 4 to 104 through 31,399 events registered for 2017.