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NEWS ADVISORY

Cerritos Elementary Hosts First “Epic Build” Coding Showcase

Glendale, CA – More than 100 families and community members attended Cerritos Elementary School’s first “Epic Build” Coding Showcase on Thursday, January 25. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade demonstrated computer coding and robotics projects that they have been working on since the fall.

Students as young as kindergarten developed online computer games using a computer-coding program called Scratch. Other projects included interactive animated stories and Lego robots designed to follow commands coded by Cerritos students.

Cerritos partnered this year with Code to the Future, a leading Computer Science program for magnet and theme-based schools. Through this partnership, Cerritos students learn fundamentals of computer coding as part of their daily curriculum.

“Computers and coding are the future,” said Cerritos Principal Perla Chavez-Fritz, “I am extremely proud of the program we are building at Cerritos that prepares our students for successful careers in today’s digital world.”

The GUSD Board of Education voted last November to make Cerritos Elementary the next GUSD magnet school, Cerritos Computer Science Magnet, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Lottery applications for Cerritos, and all other GUSD Magnet and Foreign Language Academy of Glendale (FLAG) dual immersion programs, are due January 31.

Interested families should complete an online application at www.gusdmagnetandflag.com. Applications submitted by the deadline will be included in the lottery, those submitted after the deadline will go on a waiting list.

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Students demonstrate online games they developed using Scratch.



Students show off their computer coding projects as parents look on.

