

# CETRONIA MEDIA CENTER NEWS

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## STICK TOGETHER

We are almost done with our colorful collaboration. Since September students were using square stickers, checking the color key and applying them to the color key coded grid to reveal an eye-popping image. Curious to see what we have created? Stop by at our Media Center at the end of December!

## HOUR OF CODE

The Hour of Code takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week. **The 2018 Computer Science Education Week will be December 3-9.** What started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate information technology. Coding helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.



## WHAT IS NEW?

Packed with teeny tiny tech, Sphero Mini has a little gyroscope, accelerometer, and LED lights. With almost an hour of play time, Sphero Mini is the next big thing and we have 30 of them! Donated by Parkland Education Foundation, this app-enabled robotic is a lot of learning and fun!

## DID YOU KNOW?

"Library hand" was a specific rounded style of cursive script that was developed to standardize handwriting, and was taught in schools for librarians from the 19th century into the mid-20th century. During the period when library catalogues were filed on index cards legibility was of extreme importance and it was thought useful for all librarians to share a standard handwriting. The rise of the typewriter in the early 20th century and the use of computerized cataloguing systems negated the need for a standard library hand and the practice died out.



Happy Birthday to our favorite children's authors! Every month we celebrate those amazing writers who create books that kids love.

December is dedicated to **Jan Brett**, an American illustrator and writer of children's picture books. She is known for colorful, detailed depictions of a wide variety of animals and cultures ranging from Scandinavia to Africa.

**All students are welcome to stop by to check our display and learn more!**

