



## Hours and hours of code

Students at nearly every school in District 196 participated in some computer science learning activity during International Hour of Code week Dec. 8-12. Pictured are some of the more than 80 students and dozen volunteers who participated in an after-school celebration of computer coding at Apple Valley High School. The event was sponsored by Uponsor and included IT professionals from Delta, Lockheed Martin, Cray and Ergotron, as well as the State of Minnesota, Dakota County Technical College and parent volunteers. Sponsored by the nonprofit Code.org, the goal is to demystify computer coding and show that anybody can learn the basics of computer science. Hour of Code activities in District 196 were organized by **Paul Olson** of the Teaching and Learning Department.

## RHS' Budde named state AP of the Year

Rosemount High School Assistant Principal **Kim Budde** was selected Assistant Principal of the Year for 2014-15 by the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. She represented the Hennepin Division and was selected from a group of eight division finalists for the award.



Budde is in her eighth year at Rosemount, where she provides support to fine arts programs, student assessment and several academic departments. Strong relationships are at the heart of all good schools, she says. Principal **John Wollersheim** says Kim is always working hard to emphasize the importance of building positive relationships between teachers, students and the community.

Those relationship skills helped Budde establish a partnership with Inver Hills Community College that is targeted to serve students in the academic middle, who may not enroll in traditional Advanced Placement or college credit dual enrollment classes. The program encourages these students, who show college potential, to take college-preparatory courses in grade 10. This enables them to earn Inver Hills college credits as juniors and seniors in concurrent enrollment classes they can take at their high school, taught by Rosemount High teachers.

Budde has also built strong relationships with local businesses and works to make sure teachers understand the skills and expectations required of today's workforce. She arranges tours of local businesses for teachers and works with the Chamber of Commerce to invite members of the business community to the school to share their workplace needs with students and teachers.

Budde earned her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, received a master's in education from Saint Mary's University and has a specialist degree in educational leadership from the University of Saint Thomas. She started her career teaching instrumental music at Valley View Middle School in Edina for seven years, then moved into administration before joining the administrative team at Rosemount High in 2007.

## Did You Know?

*This year, there are 95 different primary home languages spoken in District 196 households and nearly 15 percent of district students have a primary home language other than English. The top five primary home languages in the district are English, Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese and Chinese.*