

Dear Parents,

Hello! My name is Jacki Schwankert and I am the new STEAM teacher at Valley Road and Hehnly schools. From time to time, I will be providing information for families that may be interested in STEAM enrichment activities outside of school. Some of these activities may be for your children only and others may be for the whole family.

I am sending this letter to the parents of children in grades 3-6 who may have an interest in participating in a coding event. **The College of New Jersey** in Ewing will be hosting a program through Code the Future™ called **“Coding Musicians of the Future”** on **Saturday, September 29th** and **Saturday, October 6th**. Each day hosts two sessions: **9:00am-12:00pm** and **1:30pm-4:30pm**. Please be aware that this event is run by Code the Future™ staff rather than VRS staff, therefore I will not be in attendance.

This 3-hour program allows students to learn the fundamentals of coding while creating their own musical masterpieces! Students will learn the basic techniques through a modified coding software.

The cost of attendance is \$110/child including most materials. The only material that you must supply yourself is a laptop.

If you would like to know more information, you can check out their website and sign your child up at <https://www.codethefuture.io>.

Thank you and happy coding!

Jacki Schwankert
STEAM Teacher



