## MIND THE GAP FINDING \& FILLING SCHOOL NEEDS WITH LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

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## AGENDA

- Finding the Gap and Building Partnerships
- Determining a need
- Finding our 'in'
- Filling the Gap
- Benefits of Coding
- Plugged \& Unplugged Activities
- Pilot program
- Impact
- Where do we go from here?
- Play Time


## WHAT DOES YOUR LIBRARY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM LOOK LIKE?

## FINDING THE GAP, BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS



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## FINDING OUR IN:

coding

1. City of Suffolk Vision for Public Education
2. Large number of Title I Schools
3. Goal: Expose students to accessible technology
4. Answer: Coding
5. Availability of Resources

## FIILLING THE GAP

## WHAT ARE THE <br> BENEFITS OF "CODING?"



SUFFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY

## YOU CAN CODE ANYWHERE

## PLUGGED-IN ACTIVITIES

## UNPLUGGED ACTIVITIES

## BOOKS

 PUBLIC LIBRARY

## GETTING STARTED

## HAVE A COMPLETE IDEA

FIND YOUR ALLY

MEETINGS


## TIMELINE

## THE SCHOOLS

## OAKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Free/Reduced Lunch: 44.5\% | Fully Accredited Proficiency in: Reading - 86\%, Math - 87\%, Science - 83\%

## Constraints?

- Time commitment



## SUFFOLK

Program Specifics:

- $1^{\text {st }}$ grade -1 specific class
- Met in homeroom
- School provided laptops
- Weekly visit
- November - March
- Course 1



## THE SCHOOLS

## MACK BENN, JR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Free/Reduced Lunch: 87.35\% | Accreditation Denied
Proficiency in: Reading - 65\%, Math - 69\%, Science - 68\%

## Constraints?

- Different T.A. for each class
- Students had a difficult time
 transitioning
- Variety of learning abilities inclusion classes
- Too long between visits



## Program Specifics:

- $4^{\text {th }}$ grade - entire grade
- Met during scheduled computer resource time
- Utilized school computer lab
- Monthly visit (every day for an entire week to reach each $4^{\text {th }}$ grade class)
- November - March
- Course 2


## MEASURING IMPACT

## OAKLAND ELEMENTARY

## MACK BENN, JR ELEM.

- Four students
completed Course 1
- Two students moved onto Course 2
- Final "Quiz" - Average score: 92\%
- Impact on SOL testing
- Many students unable to finish
- Course evaluation results



## LESSONS LEARNED

## OAKLAND ELEMENTARY

Time is valuable.
$1^{\text {st }}$ graders are flexible and creative thinkers.

Being treated as a "reward" is meaningful.

## MACK BENN, JR ELEM.

Consistency is key.

Not all students are ready or willing to learn.

Know the school \& meet them where they're at.

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? CURRENT LIMITATIONS <br> SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS




## PLAY TIME

Help the bee collect nectar to make honey. What is the condition?


## PLAY TIME



Because there are TWO flowers to collect nectar from, you need to make honey twice.

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## QUESTIONS?

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