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“A snapshot of HPS good news”

Changing Times: STEM @ Longview = Technology, Critical Thinking & Girls’ Robotics!



Members of the Longview Girls' Robotics Club: Zi'Dajha Jones, Elham Nagy, Vanessa Ramirez-Soto, Elizabeth Lopez, Miranda Juarez Ferrer

This is the inaugural year for Longview's Robotics Club. The girls are using materials funded by the HPS Educational Foundation grant.

“It’s exciting to see these five fifth grade students engaging with STEM!” said Caroline Brown, club sponsor, media coordinator and communications liaison for Longview. The online competition provides apps to create codes. The students will complete five missions with the Dash and Dot robots, programming them to perform specific multi-step behaviors. The challenge has a conservation theme, so missions have included “visit four animal habitats and make a sound of greeting” and “remove the threat from the sea turtle’s nest.”

“Lots of critical thinking involved, and lots of fun,” said Brown.



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Students recognized/Board of Education meetings:
above, HPS artists selected for HPS Holiday Card;
left & below—Jenkins & Oakwood students lead the
Pledge of Allegiance.



(LEFT) The Hickory Playground Theatre Company
donates \$3,000 to the performing arts of Hickory High
(includes former student, Dylan Tashjian in the middle).

**Photos below: Jenkins students explore the Hour of
Code and the school's new Wonder Lab!**

