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INNOVATIVE KIDS AT THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL BUILD ROBOTS IN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) is currently engaging young minds in a dynamic afterschool enrichment program. First through fifth grade students signed-up for the New Horizons' ***Snap, Bot, Robotics***, a nine-week afterschool enrichment program. The program is being taught by Chris Petersen, a CSS technology teacher and Nori Madrigal, a CSS art teacher.



The students step into the future through the school's computer lab where it is a snap to create a robot. They work in teams to design and build real robots and learn to program them to perform loads of different operations. Students are programming their robots to respond automatically to the environment by adding touch sensors. While working in teams, the students are assigned the role of programmer, assembler or operator. The team works together to accomplish the mission. The program uses Lego Mindstorms Robotics for hours of hands-on fun and learning. Who knows, these kids may even figure out how to create a robot to do homework!

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The New Horizons afterschool enrichment program offers a variety of programs each fall and has included a range of opportunities such as cooking classes, cultural and language explorations, and connections to science through nature. The program draws upon the innovative ideas of The Colorado Springs School's teaching faculty and embraces the school's educational philosophy of experiential learning through hands-on activities.

The program runs through December 10, 2009 on Thursday afternoon and media may make a request to come film, photograph or interview students of the program for a news story.

Additional photos from this program can be viewed on the school's Facebook fan page at www.Facebook.com/TheColoradoSpringsSchool

For more information on the Colorado Springs School, please contact Jessica L. James, Director of Communications at (719)434-3506 or visit www.css.org.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for prekindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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