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**MORRISS ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS TEAMS MAKE A COMMOTION**  
**DURING TCEA VIRTUAL ROBOTICS CONTEST**

***Texarkana, TX*** – During the recent Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Virtual Robotics Contest, teams from the Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School had an opportunity to spark their creativity and outside of the box thinking. Students became creators, videographers and promoters while still using the Engineering Design Process as they worked through the competition experience for Whirl-bots Motion Commotion.

Participants designed, built and coded their own unique whirling mechanism powered by a robot, recorded all the action, uploaded their video to the TCEA virtual platform and then promoted their video to get people to vote.

Winning Teams were:

- \*Team Tiger Sharks – Most Votes Award - Olivia Catamin, Haatib Fayyaz, Maddox Gomez & Lizzy LaGrone;
- \*Team Tornado – Great Teamwork Award – Rylie Bixler, Garrett Fite, Micah Hammonds & Carley Whatley;
- \*Team Twirl – Enthusiastic Award – Mary Ellen Andrus, Tyllie Cain, Cash Durham & Dawson Shaw.

Other participating teams were:

- \*Team Dynamite – Caroline Andrus, Jacob Killian, Tobias Paez & Charlie Pitman;
- \*Team Ocean Breeze – Kate Keller, Gabriel Mills-Hardy, Jeremiah Pitts & Zoey Wilson;
- \*Team Thunderstruck Machines – Tim Bickham, Natalie Debenport, Josh Powell & Sage Stussy.

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**Team Tiger Sharks**



**Team Tornado**



**Team Twirl**



**Team Dynamite**



**Team Ocean Breeze**



**Team Thunderstruck Machines**

### **PICTURE IDENTIFICATION**

#### **Team Tiger Sharks (Left to Right):**

Maddox Gomez, Haatib Fayyaz, Olivia Catamin, Lizzy Lagrone

#### **Team Tornado (Left to Right):**

Micah Hammonds, Garrett Fite, Carley Whatley, Rylie Bixler

#### **Team Twirl (Left to Right):**

Tyllie Cain, Mary Ellen Andrus, Cash Durham, Dawson Shaw

#### **Team Dynamite (Left to Right):**

Jacob Killian, Caroline Andrus, Charlie Pitman, Tobias Paez

#### **Team Ocean Breeze (Left to Right):**

Jeremiah Pitts, Gabriel Mills-Hardy, Zoey Wilson, Kate Keller

#### **Team Thunderstruck Machines (Left to Right):**

Sage Stussy, Natalie Debenport, Josh Powell, Tim Bickham