



ATTENTION STUDENTS, March is just around the corner which means it's time for March Madness...Lakota Elementary style! March Madness is a charity basketball tournament.

- This year's tournament will take place March 27–April 6.
- Any Lakota student in Grades 2–6 can participate.
- Everybody makes a team. Each team will play other Lakota Elementary Schools.
- There will be two divisions for boys and one division for girls, per grade level. One division is more competitive than the other.
- Coaches will hold an evaluation and place players in the appropriate division.
- The tournament is a single elimination tournament due to the number of teams participating and gym space availability.
- In 2022, 146 teams participated which totaled over 1,300 students.
- The tournament had to be cancelled in 2019 and 2020 due to pandemic-related safety concerns. It was brought back in 2022. Going into 2023, while some of the concerns are still present, we will do everything in our power to keep our students healthy and safe.
- Each participant is required to pay \$25, which includes uniform t-shirt and their tournament entry fee.
- Proceeds from the tournament support local charities in the area. Last year, we were able to donate over \$14,000!

If your son or daughter is interested in participating, please have them watch for dates and times of the player evaluation for their grade and school. We encourage all students interested to participate. No prior basketball experience is necessary.

PARENT HELP

As always, we are looking for parent volunteer coaches to help us with this event. Each volunteer coach will be asked to hold an evaluation, set-up practice(s), complete team forms and participate in the tournament. Please volunteer your time to help the kids and our community with this worthwhile cause.

For additional information or questions, contact Ken Yablonsky at ken_yab@yahoo.com or 513-519-6185. He will direct you to your school's March Madness coordinator.

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