READ TO THE FINAL FOUR

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited to announce that your child's school is participating in Read to the Final Four, a fun and engaging reading challenge celebrating the 2027 NCAA Women's Final Four coming to Columbus next April!

The Read to the Final Four encourages third-grade students across Central Ohio to develop a love of reading while participating in a friendly reading competition. Through this program, students will track their reading minutes, work together as a school, and have the opportunity to earn exciting prizes and experiences along the way.

How It Works

Preseason Challenge (November 9 –December 6): Third-grade students will begin tracking their reading minutes as schools try to qualify to be the Top 76 for the Bracket Challenge.

Bracket Challenge (January 11 –March 7): The Top 76 schools will advance to a bracket-style competition, where they will compete to see which school can read the most minutes (average minutes per student).

Final Four Celebration (April 2): The top four schools will have the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with a special Final Four Celebration at Tourney Town, the free fan fest at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

How Parents /Guardians Can Help

Now is the chance to cheer on your readers throughout the challenge while they are at home! Help them explore the different reading materials they enjoy and encourage them to read those to the best of their abilities. Assist your third grader accurately tracking minutes and verify by providing a guardian initial on their reading log. On Mondays, reading minute logs are due to their teacher.

We are excited to you and your third grader to participate in the 2027 Read to the Final Four!

Visit columbusfinalfour.com/read or email your child's third grade teacher for more information

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