

**SIXIES.** Point guard Anthony Torres (6) dribbles past his opponent. In an upset, his team of sixth graders made it to the semi-finals. "I didn't expect us to make it as far as we did because we weren't as old as most of the teams," he said. **RISE UP.** While watching the tournament, Ryland Root (7) T-Poses with all his friends. The sixth graders had just scored a 3-pointer, and they were standing in support. "T-pose is from Fortnite, which is really popular and a joke with my friends," Root said.



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**SWISH!** Anthony Benallo (8) shoots a vital basket for his team. His whole team dressed in holiday suits to add a splash of fun. As he said, "It was a great experience, and I enjoyed wearing the suits with my friends."



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Coach Benedict gives her thoughts on the tournament.

The tournament may have been dominated by male teams, but two girl teams made an effort to show everyone who they were. As for her team *Hoop There It Is*, coach Brooke Benedict (8) said, "We were excited and hyped to play." They played hard and had lots of fun even after losing in the first half of the tournament. "Playing against a boys' team is kinda' intimidating because they play rougher," said Benedict.

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**GOOD JOB, DUDE.** Celebrating their win, teammates Ben Beranato (8) and Riker Robinson (8) receive congratulations from classmates and friends. "They had focus, skill, and displayed sportsmanship beyond their years," teacher Pam Green said about them. **ALL IN.** Coach Nick Albert (8) yells at his team, *Team Name* while they played their last game. He wanted to win and had a one-track mind. "I thought we had a good chance at winning because we almost won last year," Albert said.

