

MEET FIDEL

annual Wish Week kicks off with karaoke, flashlights and Fidel--Jaguar number 1

Students arrived at the jungle Friday morning to balloons, garland and basketball decorations in anticipation of meeting the next Wish Kid.

Guesses of "boy or girl?" dominated conversations and students gathered dollar bills for Miracle Minute before the assembly to meet the soon-to-be-most popular Jaguar.

"I was excited to meet the Wish Kid for this year and find out more about his story," the Rock Online editor in chief Grace Uhrain '23 said. "It's [Wish Week] probably one of the most unifying times of the year where we do something good in our community."

Our 2023 Wish Kid Fidel rode up in the "Battle Bus" to the opening assembly, and was welcomed into the jaguar family with clapping, cheering and chanting of his name.

Seven year old Fidel was diagnosed with leukemia July 29, 2022. After finding out he was cancer free before the new year, Fidel continued taking extensive leukemia treatments to avoid cancer in the future.

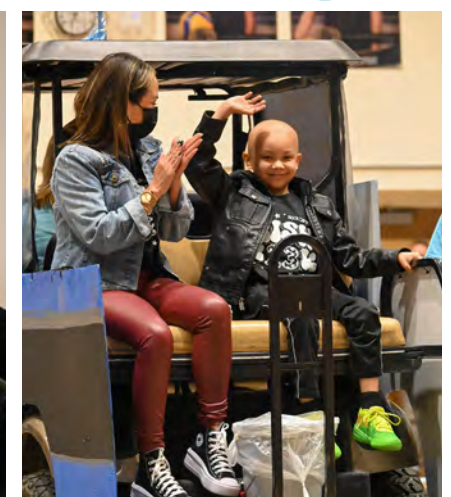
With tears in their eyes, students learned about Fidel's story and his wish for the Charlotte Hornets to fly him out to meet LaMelo Ball. Fidel's love for LaMelo began back in 2020 when he scored 92 points in a high school basketball game against Los Osos.

A week of events and spirit days, including Walk for Wishes, dodgeball and numerous "Dish for Wish" nights began as the last bills were dropped into bins for the Miracle Minute.

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UNFLINCHING FIDEL

wish week kicked off with the opening assembly, miracle minute, karaoke and the star of the show--FIDEL



WITH FLASHLIGHTS, CHANTS AND SMILES, 2023 WISH KID FIDEL IS WELCOMED TO THE JUNGLE, JAGUAR STYLE

1. FIDEL
2. TAYLOR JEPSON '23,
3. NOAH BURWELL '24
4. LIZZIE WATABE '25
5. KENDALL DEFORD '23
6. CAM COOKE '23
7. ANDREW SHEFFIELD '23
8. FIDEL
9. FIDEL AND HIS MOM
10. MATH TEACHER, TONY KOY
11. BRIKELLE DENISE '25,
- ASPEN HEPPE '25,
- ALEXIS NICHOLSON '25

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