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Enjoying the summer?

LEAF has been busy this summer, and we're excited to share all the incredible things happening across our schools. From innovative classroom grants to community partnerships that bring new enrichment opportunities to students, our impact continues to grow. We have even more good news on the way — keep an eye out for upcoming updates as we continue supporting creativity, connection, and excellence in Ledyard Public Schools.

LEAF has a full and exciting month ahead, and we'd love for the community to join us. We'll be at the Ledyard Farmer's Market on 7/22, sharing updates and connecting with families. Then on August 7th, we're back at the Connecticut Sun for our final fundraiser of the season — STEM Night, where discounted tickets help fuel future LEAF grants. And of course, we're gearing up for the Back 2 School Bash, one of our favorite ways to kick off the new year with energy and community pride. None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers. Whether they're lending time, resources, or simply showing up with heart, they make LEAF's mission come alive.

LEAF website

LEAF has already had an incredible run with the Connecticut Sun this summer — two amazing games down, and one special night still to go. As part of the Sun's Sunset Season, we've been honored to serve as a Featured Nonprofit of the Game, connecting our community, celebrating our schools, and raising funds for future grants. Our final fundraiser of the season is coming up on Friday, August 7th at 7:30 PM ET, when the Connecticut Sun take on the Phoenix Mercury for STEM Night. This is your last chance to grab discounted tickets and support LEAF — a portion of every ticket purchased through our link goes directly toward enriching classrooms across Ledyard Public Schools. Join us for one more unforgettable night.

Ticket link

Next school year!

As we wrap up the 2025–2026 school year, those of us at LEAF are already deep into planning for our next Back 2 School Bash—and it's going to be huge. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 3–7 PM at the Ledyard Town Green. We already have a growing list of sponsors, vendors, community groups, and food trucks signed up, and we'd love to add even more. If you or your organization would like to participate, please visit our website and sign up. We're also beginning to collect raffle prizes, and last year's raffle set the bar high. The Ledyard Fire Department is already in the lead again with the first donated prize: a "First Day of School Ride to School in a Fire Truck." We'll need many more—from experiences to gift cards to items—so please consider contributing.

And yes... some fan favorites are making their return this year! We're thrilled to bring back the wildly popular Laser Tag Arena, which was one of the biggest attractions at last

year's Bash. The beloved Schoolhouse Tour will also be open again, giving families a chance to step back in time and explore Ledyard's history. And because we love adding something new each year, we're planning to introduce a Dunk Tank to the festivities. The only question now is: who do you nominate to take the plunge? We can already imagine the friendly competition brewing.

Please don't forget the carnival prizes for the kids. A special shout-out to Carol Schneider, who has already committed to crocheting some of her beloved handmade prizes. Who remembers the adorable fish-in-a-bowl she made last year (complete with Swedish Fish)? We can't wait to see what she creates this time. If you'd like to donate raffle items or carnival prizes, please reach out to back2schoolbash@ledyardeducation.org.

[More info](#)

Are you following us on Instagram?

It's the best way to keep up with everything happening at LEAF—event updates, teacher shout-outs, grant highlights, and behind-the-scenes moments from across the district. We also partnered with an LHS student to create a beautiful documentary honoring one of Ledyard's most beloved educators, Mr. Lance Rockefeller. If you haven't seen it yet, go check out the video and follow us on



Instagram to stay connected
and inspired all year long.

**Video documentary
Lance Rockefeller**

Event page for B2SB

We're also keeping everyone up to date on all things Back 2 School Bash through our Facebook event page. That's where we post every new sponsor, vendor, raffle prize, activity, and behind-the-scenes update as the big day gets closer. If you haven't already, please RSVP so you don't miss a thing—and help us spread the word by inviting friends, neighbors, teammates, and anyone who loves a great community event. The more people who join, the bigger the celebration becomes.

B2SB event page

Looking to the future

As we celebrate the momentum of this year, we're also planning boldly for the future. A few years ago, LEAF established an Endowment Fund to ensure that our mission—supporting innovation, enrichment, and opportunity in Ledyard Public Schools—continues for generations to come. This fund is a long-term investment in our students and educators, creating a stable foundation that will grow year after year. If you would like to contribute directly to the endowment and help secure LEAF's future impact, you can do so using the link below.

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Questions? E-mail us!



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