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National Music In Our Schools Month



**MARCH IS
MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH®**



For nearly 40 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month! The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children.

LEEF recognizes the importance of Fine Arts programs and this year was able to increase our \$1,000 Fine Arts grant to over \$14,000! More than \$6,000 of the funding was designated to support all six award-winning high school marching bands for the acquisition of the Ultimate Drill Book (UDB) software application. UDB is a drill learning application that allows each individual marching band student access to take control of their own learning. The students have access to

their drill coordinates, animated videos of their drill, information about halfway points, step-size and much more. The app allows the students to learn marching band drill faster and more effectively while replacing the need for thousands of pages of physical drill pages.

With YOUR help, LEEF can continue to invest more into our district-wide programs. Join our [LEEF Monthly Giving HERE!](#)

"The wonderful thing about this funding is that it has an impact for all Leander ISD band students. Funding generously provided by LEEF will benefit current and future band students looking forward into the 2024-2025 school year. The Fine Arts Department and Leander ISD Band Directors are extremely appreciative of the investment that LEEF has made into all Leander ISD high school band students!"
-- Mike Howard, Leander ISD Director of Fine Arts

CLICK to Read the Full Story!

A Note From LEEF's Executive Director

In March, during Women's History Month and International Women's Day, I had the privilege of hearing from two influential members of the LEEF Board of Directors. Tara LeDay encouraged us to consider "what would you do if you were not scared?", while Vidya Moorthy explained the global impact of geopolitics in a way that was accessible and insightful.



Learning from women like Tara and Vidya and our teachers who all show bravery, leadership and courage inspires me to do the same. I believe it's time to rally our entire community—city leaders, Chambers of Commerce, businesses, and families—to help LEEF in supporting our students that need educational resources not being provided by state public education funding. LEEF's mission is to help fill funding gaps when public education does not, but it shouldn't bear the burden alone. Our students are the future workforce and leaders, and ensuring they receive a quality education is in everyone's interest.



Despite Texas having a budget surplus of \$32.7 billion —Texas public schools rank 41st in the nation for fiscal health. It is clear we need to prioritize education investment for the benefit of our students and the prosperity of our state.

Coleen Brighton

THANK YOU
Amplify Austin Day Raises \$6,900!!



\$6,900
raised



***THANK YOU for your commitment to
enriching the educational experience for
all Leander ISD students and staff!***

I Live Here
I Give Here



Amplify Austin Day

THANK YOU Leander ISD community for your commitment to public education. Together, we raised \$6,900 during Amplify Austin's day of giving to support our teaching grants and partnering PTA/PTO organizations.

Want to do more to help LEEF support our students and teachers?! Become a monthly donor today!

[CLICK to Join LEEF's Monthly Giving](#)

Golfinity Giveback Event - April 6th
LEEF RECIEVES 100% OF DONATIONS!

Family Friendly, Raffles, Face Painter, Games, Food, Drinks.

APRIL 6TH, 2PM

GOLFINITY'S LONG DRIVE EVENT

Swing for a good cause!
Donate any amount and
receive a 1-hour bay
rental coupon.

Take a swing at Golfinity on April 6th and see how far your donation can fly in Golfinity's Fundraising Event benefiting LEEF. Participate in the event and receive a 1-hour bay rental coupon (\$50) value to use anytime. **No experience is needed!** Just have fun and enjoy games, food, raffles, and more!



RSVP

Join Golfinity for their debut Long Drive Competition with **100% of proceeds benefiting LEEF!** The event will showcase youth, women, and senior competitions alongside the best Long Drive players in the world! Whether you're participating or watching, there's something for everyone! Arrive from 12 pm for warm-ups, indulge in food, drinks, and games, with winners announced at 5 pm. Prizes await all division champions.

To join Golfinity's **youth, women, men, or senior** division competition, simply make a donation to LEEF through the online registration [HERE!](#)

**Receive a 1-hour bay rental coupon when you donate any amount. Raffle tickets are given out for free on arrival.*

LEEF Collaborative Grants

Applications Open March 1 - May 17



**Collaborative
Grants
OPEN**

DEADLINE: MAY 17

leef.tx.org/collaborative-grant/

LEEF's Collaborative Grants aim to support district or campus-wide initiatives. Applicants must work together with at least two educators from various levels or departments to enhance the educational experience for Leander ISD students and staff. Grants can fund projects **up to \$5,000!**

The deadline to apply is May 17th!

Read more and to apply: <https://leef.tx.org/collaborative-grant/>

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