News Release

District 742 Local Education Activities Foundation (LEAF) Announces

PAKRAT Summertime Roll & Read Program Results

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St. Cloud, MN—On Wednesday, August 2, the Partners And Kids Reading A-lot Together (PAKRAT) program, funded through the Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF), finished another successful summer of bringing quality literature to the children of District 742 and the St. Cloud area!

This summer, the PAKRAT bus checked out 5,918 books to 2,081 young learners through the 7-week program. Excited young learners line up at each stop to check out books for their summer reading.

The PAKRAT program provides quality reading material for students in District 742 throughout the school year. Then, each summer, staff and volunteers ride the green LEAF PAKRAT bus to various District 742 locations to distribute quality literature to students for their summer reading enjoyment.

PAKRAT, and its sister program PAKCAT (Partners And Kids Counting A-lot Together), a math literacy and parent involvement program, are funded by LEAF through generous donations from individuals and grants from foundations and organizations, including the Central MN United Way.

LEAF thanks PAKRAT program coordinator Sara Martini and the staff that joined her throughout the summer, including Shelley Rolfes, Amy Jensen, Sarah Shelstad, Pam Stang — and bus driver Paul Burris!

About LEAF

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) was founded in 1993 as a fully independent, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and enhancing school-based, extra-curricular activities and academic opportunities in District 742 Public Schools. LEAF’s endowment fund provides supplemental funding for academic, activities, arts and athletic programming in the district’s schools. Since 1996 LEAF has been able to contribute over $2.7 million to programs in District 742.

Learn more about PAKRAT, PAKCAT, and the LEAF Story at www.leaf742.org.