



Leap's Sandcastle Classic: Oct 24, 2026



Leap is seeking one 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade classroom from your school to participate on a team in Leap's 43rd Annual Sandcastle Classic. The event will take place on **October 24th, 2026 from 11am - 3:30pm at Ocean Beach in San Francisco**. The Sandcastle Classic is a fundraiser to support Leap's art education programs, and there is no cost to schools or students to participate as a partner school. Typically over 750 students participate on Sandcastle teams each year, and have a blast! [See students in action here](#). You can learn more about Sandcastle at www.leapsandcastleclassic.org.

What does it mean to be a school partner?

Sandcastle school partners get the opportunity to showcase their students' creativity beyond the classroom where it can be appreciated by thousands on Ocean Beach! School partners team up with employees from architecture, design, and construction companies who come together to form a Sandcastle team and fundraise for Leap.

Once matched with a Sandcastle team, representatives from the team will visit the classroom 2-3 times prior to the October event. The team reps will lead students in a series of activities that will generate the sandcastle design the team will build at Ocean Beach on the day of the event in October. Students from the class are invited (and encouraged!) to join the adult team members in building the sandcastle the day of the event; where lunch, building supplies, and a team t-shirt will all be provided by the team.

Please consider signing up one of your 3rd, 4th or 5th grade classrooms to participate on a team!

Classrooms who participate in Sandcastle get the following:

- A no-cost opportunity for students to work with creative professionals from leading firms.

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- A no-cost mini-Leap residency rooted in design thinking, collaboration, and communication skills.
- The opportunity for students to be involved in every step of the design process: from brainstorming the design to hands-on building on the beach.

Important things to note:

- Schools and parents must coordinate transport of students to and from the beach on their own. Sandcastle companies are **not responsible** for transporting students.
- School partners are not required to contribute to the fundraising efforts of their team.
- Most teams can only accommodate one classroom on their team and in rare cases teams have the capacity to work with one classroom. Please share this with fellow teachers, in case not all classrooms can be accommodated.
- The money raised by each Sandcastle team will **not** be awarded to the partner school on their team. Instead, funds raised go towards helping Leap provide arts education programs to schools around the Bay Area.

We hope you'll consider participating in this year's Leap Sandcastle Classic! Any questions, email sandcastle@leaparts.org or call Leap at 415 (512-1899)