

# Leo R. Croce PTA Monthly Newsletter

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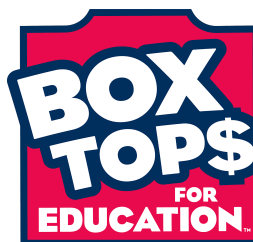
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <b>Winter Break</b> (No School!)	2	3
6 <b>First Day Back!</b>	7	8 <b>Spelling Bee</b> 4th & 5th Grades 8:45am	9	10
13	14	15 <b>Run Club</b> <b>Special Charm!</b> 1:30pm <b>KONA ICE Sales</b> After 2:00pm	16	17 <b>Coffee w/ the</b> <b>Principal</b> 8:40am
20 <b>No School!</b> (MLK Jr. Day)	21	22	23	24 <b>Multicultural</b> <b>Art Night</b> Library 6:15pm
27	28	29 <b>Diversity Week</b>	30	31

## Announcements

- The Reflections Art Contest will be having a Peralta Reflections Celebration in Fremont on January 11th. Congratulations to our top 5 finalists:
  - Aarna Patil (Visual Arts, Intermediate)
  - Fiona Vandewerfhorst (Visual Arts, Primary)
  - Jaily Strayhand (Literature, Intermediate)
  - Zack Polonsky (Photography, Intermediate)
  - Zoey Polonsky (Dance Choreography, Intermediate)
- We will be voting in new PTA Bylaws at our January 16, 2020 meeting. Please attend so you have a voice!

## Did You Know?

- Help Croce earn extra cash by saving your Box Tops! Download the Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipts from Target, Walmart, Safeway, and Costco. Also, don't forget to save those familiar clips. Once you are ready to turn them in, drop them in the Box Top box in the school office or your child's classroom. <https://www.boxtops4education.com>
- On Amazon Smile, <https://smile.amazon.com>, please select "Leo Croce Elementary PTA" as your charity of choice and Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Croce!



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## Events

Check out our PTA Facebook page and Instagram (@leocrocepta) for more descriptions, details, and how you can get involved!

- Run Club is Monday & Friday before school (8:00-8:20am) and Wednesday after school (1:30-2:00pm). Our special Run Club event will be Wednesday, January 15th - hopefully we will see you there!
- Croce's Spelling Bee will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 8:45am in the MPR for 4th and 5th grade students.
- 🏈 Calling all Croce Dads! 🏈 Our Annual Flag Football Game against Altamont Creek Dads is just around the corner! Practices are every Sunday at 7pm on the LHS field. All participants are welcome as the big game is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st. (TBD)
- Coffee with the Principal is Friday, January 17th - come join Principal Helsley for a warm treat and a sweet chat.
- A Multicultural Art Night in the Library will be on January 24th at 6:15pm. There will be a presentation in the MPR and treats will be provided by the PTA - hope to see you there!
- Diversity Week is January 24th-31st. We will have a special assembly on Wednesday, January 22nd and our Fashion Show is on January 31st. Keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram for all the fun!
- Our Dine-Out Fundraiser is currently TBD for January - please keep an eye on social media for updates!

## Committee Update

- We're still looking for help on the Technology Committee! Please let us know if you are available to spare an hour a month!
- PTA is looking for a Nominating Committee to help with succession planning and ensuring a seamless transition between Board Members. We hold our Board elections in March, so we need at least 3 people with 1 alternate to help us organize and plan. Please contact [croceptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:croceptapresident@gmail.com)

- We're looking for Book Fair chairpersons for 2020/21. We will start planning a Dr. Seuss themed Book Fair after Winter Break and it's the perfect time to learn how things are run. We would love to hear any ideas you may have to make it extra Seusstastical! For more info, contact [leocrocebookfair@gmail.com](mailto:leocrocebookfair@gmail.com)!
- We are in need of help in the Maker Space room organizing and decorating our space! Please contact [croceptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:croceptapresident@gmail.com)
- Gardening is also looking for some help on January 6th and 27th from 10:15-10:55am. Contact Pam Ferrucci at [ppferrucci@gmail.com](mailto:ppferrucci@gmail.com)

## PTA President's Message

The PTA would like to thank all the families who generously donated to the Toys for Tots Toy Drive and to the Canned Food and Toiletries' Drive. Your donations have gone to help bring some joy and happiness to families in need.

We also want to take a moment to recognize and thank our wonderful volunteers of 2019 who have helped at events, in the classrooms, in the garden, at ice cream sales, Scholastic Book Fair, Run Club and everything in between! **YOU ARE AMAZING!** Our school just wouldn't be the same without you and all that you do.

2019 has been an amazing year for Croce and while we are a little sad to see it go so quickly, we are also so excited for all the fun and exciting things we have in store for the start of 2020! Thank you for helping to make this such a successful and fulfilling year. We wish you and your family a very joyous holiday season and New Year filled with happiness, laughter and cheer.

-Alexis Vandewerfhorst

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