

Leo R. Croce PTA Monthly Newsletter

November 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Break will be the week of November 23rd-27th. Students will return to school on Monday, November 30th! Enjoy your time off! 😊



!!REMINDER!!
There will be **No School** on Wednesday, November 11th due to Veteran's Day Holiday

Our November PTA Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 7:00pm! Virtual link to come, but mark your calendars now - we look forward to seeing you there!

DINE OUTS

November's Dine-Out is a sweet one. Drop by Menchie's Frozen Yogurt on Stanley Blvd. between 1:00-8:00pm on Thursday, November 19th! This one is going to be a great sweet treat + support Croce; there's no downside here! The flyer will be coming soon so keep an eye out!



CROCEWEAR

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH

Croce Wear



LEO CROCE ELEMENTARY PTA

Families can now order their Croce Wear online to show their Cheetah Pride! Please visit <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crocewear> to see all the items available for both kids and adults; all forms of payment are accepted. You'll be emailed within five business days when you can pick up your items at Croce's front office.

BOOK FAIR

We hope everyone got a chance to look at Croce's first online Scholastic Book Fair. If not, November 1st is the last day to place your order. All book orders over \$25 ship for free! If you are still looking for a last minute book, visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/leocroce>. Thank you for supporting the PTA Book Fair; this helps us earn new books for our students and teachers.

CROCE'S KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN

Croce's Kindness Rock Garden, in memory of Mr. Leo R. Croce, has been set up by the courtyard and is adorned with all of the beautiful rocks our Croce families helped to paint starting back in March. The rock garden was the idea of some 5th graders last school year who are in Girl Scout Troop 30521. They worked hard organizing and creating the rock garden for our school. They hope future students will enjoy contributing to the rock garden; which honors our school's namesake, helps spread kindness, and provides something enjoyable to look at on our campus.

FUNDRAISING

Croce is an option on Amazon Smile! With many of us increasing our ordering and with the holidays coming up, please use <https://smile.amazon.com> and select "Leo Croce Elementary PTA" as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Croce PTA!



Penguin Patch is coming back! Mark your calendars for November 11th-23rd. We will have a fully virtual option for the kids to get all of their holiday shopping done early. More details will be shared as we receive them, but we are so excited to have this return!

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TEACHER POSTCARDS

Everyone received a postcard in a baggie in their most recent supply pickup. Let's show our teachers how much we all appreciate their hard work! Please have your student write and/or draw a picture of how much they appreciate their teacher and place it in the mail! We are hoping to shower our Croce teachers with a continuous stream of love! This year definitely has been unlike any other, so let's take the opportunity to rewrite the story and show our community how much we can come together.

JOIN THE PTA

Leo R. Croce Elementary's PTA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We [invite you to join](#) because increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to have the best experience for our kids and community!



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This month my message is going to get a little personal because lately I have been feeling a little overwhelmed with trying to balance it all. The more I talk to and listen to others, the more I realize I am not alone.

We are ALL doing things no one has ever had to do before and we are all faced with worries and challenges we have never been faced with before. Many of us are more worried about our kids' education, social, and emotional needs than ever. We are trying to balance careers, educating our kids, family life, taking care of our homes, and other obligations. We are worried about viruses, keeping up with constantly changing rules and recommendations, and how our choices affect our children and others; it can be exhausting and overwhelming on the best of days. With so much happening, we sometimes forget to take care of and congratulate ourselves and others. It is so easy to forget the little victories we have done throughout the day and the challenges we have overcome. So as your PTA President, I want everyone in our community to know that **you are not alone and you are enough.** I hope you can take a moment today, and every day, to recognize your achievements and little victories.

With this being the month of November, one where we celebrate gratitude, family, and community, my message this month is to give grace, compassion, gratitude, and kindness freely to others and yourself.

We encourage everyone to take a moment each day for themselves and potentially with your families to talk about: What amazing thing will you love yourself for today?

-Alexis Vandewerfhorst
PTA President

