

Leo R. Croce PTA Monthly Newsletter

February 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder that there is no school on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.



- The Croce Library misses you! Check out all of Mrs. Meek's updates on the [Library Schoology](#) page - there is a chapter book read aloud, access to the library catalog, and find some new stories and characters to fall in love with!

- Did you miss the recent Leadership Live with PCIC on January 19th? No problem - check out the recording [here!](#)



DINE OUTS

Our February Dine Out is scheduled for February 4th at Panda Express from 11:30am to 7:30pm. Croce will receive 20% of the proceeds purchased. Mark your calendar and we'll see you at Panda Express!

PTA BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

It's that time of year again! We rely on parent volunteers to make all the magic happen for the kids and our school. We have many open positions that we need to fill for next year's Board, not limited to, but including:

- Events
- Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Parliamentarian

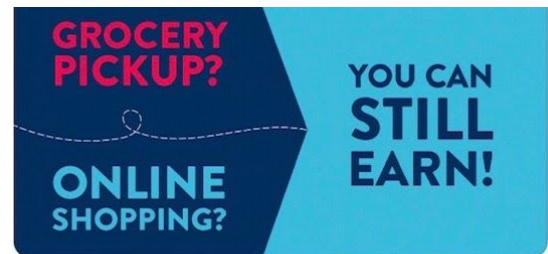
There are many more options available if you have something specific in mind - we want to work with you and find something that fits within your wheelhouse and schedule.



FUNDRAISING

- When shopping on Amazon, 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!

- Save the Date Cheetahs! Our Read-A-Thon is scheduled for March 1st - 15th. We'll share more information in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out!



Earn Box Tops with Digital Receipts!

To ensure that earnings are properly credited to your account:

1. Make sure you have a Box Tops for Education account (you can create one via the Box Tops app or website)
2. Forward your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email that's associated with your BTFE account
3. Box Tops will be credited within 1 day - view your earnings detail in the MY EARNINGS section of the app

EVENTS

Spread your love for our Croce Cheetah Community and its neighbors by participating in the "Trail of Hearts!" During the month of February, let your love show at home by decorating your windows, driveway, and yard with artwork, chalk or signs! You can use supplies you have at home or pick some up during Thursday Packet Pick Up days starting the first week of February. We'd love to decorate our community with spirit and can not wait to see what you create!



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I ♥ CROCE DAY

The PTA will be showing some love towards Croce's staff by delivering sweet treats to them on February 9th as a thank you for all they are doing. Our "Food Fairy," aka Principal Angelo, will deliver some goodies on behalf of the PTA! Every classroom teacher will also be provided with a new book that supports the Choose Love program.

REFLECTIONS

This year's PTA Reflections Art program theme was, "I Matter Because..." and Leo Croce Elementary is proud to say we were the only school in our District that participated in the Reflections program this year! We would like to thank Deirdre Polonsky for bringing this program to the attention of our PTA and starting it for Croce. Congratulations to these students who moved on to the next level in Peralta:



- Hailey Zigler (TK) with her visual art entry "Trees".
- Spencer Zoerhoff (4th grade) with his film production "Attack of the Bionic Duck".
- Siara Bond (5th grade) with her visual art titled "Namaste, Hola, and Hello".
- Avery Lockhart (5th grade) with her literature entry "I Matter" Rap Song.

Awards of Merit from Peralta were awarded to Avery Lockhart and Siara Bond. Next year's theme is "I Will Change the World By...". Find out more information [here](#). Thank you to all the students that participated this year!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Exciting news! Mrs. Meek will be taking over the Scholastic Book Fair and running it so that we can continue to get lots of new titles in our school library. The PTA has over \$6,000 in Scholastic Dollars which will be used to purchase new materials for Croce's Library. Our next Book Fair will be online only from February 20th-March 5th. Once we can hold Book Fairs on campus again, she'll be asking for help. It's a great way to help our school, see all the excited kids faces, and become familiar with a lot of wonderful, new books.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Hello Croce Cheetahs! While the last year and a half certainly hasn't been without its challenges and uncertainties, the goal of the Croce PTA has always been to support and strengthen the education for all Croce students. We accomplish these goals through communications between families, staff, the District, and the community to identify what needs are being met and where we can apply more of our efforts. We use this information to provide programs and services that enrich students' lives mentally, physically, and academically.

While many of these programs and services have looked different this year, the PTA has worked extremely hard to continue to provide these programs and services to the best of our ability, but we can use your help to help further these efforts. We ask that you consider joining our PTA Board and being a part of the important decision-making process in the 2021-2022 school year. We will be holding elections in April and we welcome you to join us in improving the lives of our students and those in our community. If you have questions about joining the Board or if you have any suggestions on how we can better serve our students, please email me at CrocePTApresident@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

- Alexis Vandewerfhorst

