

# Leo R. Croce PTA Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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10 ←	11	12 Read-a-thon! Dine Out at The Press 7:30am - 3:00pm	13	14 → We ♥ Croce Day!
17 No School! (President's Day)	18	19 KONA ICE Sales After 2:00pm	20 PTA Meeting 7:00pm in Library	21 Coffee w/the Principal 8:40am
24	25	26	27	28 No School! (Non-Student/ Non-Teacher Day)

## Announcements

- PTA is starting to gather nominations for next year's PTA Board - if you're interested or just have questions, please come to the February 20th meeting. We'd like to have nominations by March 19th, Board members voted in on April 16th, and everyone sworn in on May 21st. Listed below is our current list of those who have been gracious enough to step up and which positions we still need assistance with:
  - President: Alexis Vandewerfhorst
  - **VP: NEED TO FILL**
  - Secretary: Bethany Specht
  - Treasurer: Briana Spitzer
  - Volunteers: Jaime Osborn
  - **Fundraising: NEED TO FILL**
  - Auditor: Candice Murray
  - Historian: Erin Lockhart
  - Membership: Raelene Avelar
  - Hospitality: Kirsten Zoerhoff
  - Events: Heather Druba & Anisa Suttora (*you can do it with a friend!* 😊)
  - Communications: Ashton Stockstill
  - **Parliamentarian: NEED TO FILL**
- At our February 20th meeting, we will vote in our new PTA Bylaws. Please attend so your voice can be heard!

## Committees' Update

PTA Committees are still looking for help - it's not a huge time commitment, but has a huge impact on our kids and our school. If you can spare even just one hour a month, please reach out to one of the people below:

- Technology Committee. Contact Kristina Wooten at [kwooten@lvjUSD.org](mailto:kwooten@lvjUSD.org) for more information.
- Book Fair Chairpersons for 2020/21. For more info, contact [leocrocebookfair@gmail.com](mailto:leocrocebookfair@gmail.com)!
- Maker Space, please contact [croceptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:croceptapresident@gmail.com)
- Gardening is looking for some help on February 3rd and 24th from 10:55-11:35am. Contact Pam Ferrucci at [ppferrucci@gmail.com](mailto:ppferrucci@gmail.com)

## 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 Annual Flag Football Game against Altamont Creek Dads is here!! 🏈 The big game is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st at 4pm, LHS field. See you there!

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- Our Dine-Out Fundraiser is at The Press! We'll be dining from 7:30am to 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 12th. Come by, have a coffee, tea, or pastry, and support our school! (*Tag us @leocrocepta for a chance to be featured on our IG story!*)
- Our first General PTA Meeting of the calendar year is Thursday, February 20th - please come to have a voice and find out more about what's going on at Croce!
- Coffee with the Principal is Friday, February 21st - come join Principal Helsley for a warm treat and a sweet chat.
- March 2nd-6th will be our Dr. Seuss-themed Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America. **Every student at Croce will receive a \$6 coupon to go towards a book!** We will have before school hours starting at 8:00am and a Family Night on Tuesday, March 3rd from 5:00-7:30pm with raffles mystery readers in the MPR (hint: our mayor and other "local celebrities" will make an appearance), games, and free hot cocoa and cookies. Support 5th grade Science Camp 2020/21 by ordering pizza from Mountain Mike's during Tuesday's Family Night. Enjoy your pizza in the MPR while listening to our mystery readers. Click [here](#) to help volunteer and **earn \$5 in Book Bucks** for yourself for every shift you work to use at the Book Fair.



*In honor and celebration of Mr. Leo R. Croce  
May 14, 1923 - January 23, 2020*

## Volunteer Spotlight *\*NEW\**

Each month, we will feature some of our outstanding parents and family members that make our school and activities so special! For our first month, we'd like to highlight our awesome Book Fair Chairpersons: Kirsten Zoerhoff and Kerry Ellsworth.

Tell us about yourselves: **Kirsten** is a mom to two Croce students (3rd and 5th grade). She's also a substitute teacher within Livermore School District, a Girl Scout Leader, and PTA Hospitality Chairperson. **Kerry** is a mom of three, the youngest is a 5th grader at Croce, one at LHS, and one at Las Positas College. She works part time doing computer programming for utility companies, volunteers with her church, runs the Croce Ice Cream sales on Wednesdays, and enjoys helping out in Croce classrooms, as needed.

What has been your experience volunteering during the Scholastic Book Fair?: We love seeing the faces on the kids as we start decorating the week before. They do a good job staying quiet while walking on campus in a line, but it isn't easy because it's so exciting for them. It's been wonderful helping kids get free books and planning games, decorating, and finding ways to involve the students. Seeing the carts of free books that we earn go to the library and classrooms makes all the work worth it.

What is the best part about volunteering?: The sense of accomplishment when the Book Fair is over and knowing you've helped so many kids get excited about reading. Earning lots of popular and new book titles for our school so that "reading excitement" continues well after the Book Fair is over is also amazing.

Do you have any advice for anyone considering volunteering for the Book Fair?: The Book Fair is what you make it. It can be as extravagant or as simple as you want it. The kids will be thrilled. Scholastic makes everything so easy with planning guides and pre-made themes. Kirsten will still be around to help with questions, too. Try to get a team of people and work together. For example, a person responsible for each of these roles: financials, communication, or planning decoration. If you find people with different interests to take those roles, it will be so much easier.

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