

# Leo R. Croce PTA Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2020

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



We'd like to extend a huge Croce welcome to our new Principal, Marni Angelo. Principal Angelo has been a part of the Croce family and community for many years, having previously been a teacher at our wonderful school and having a Cheetah child of her own. We're so excited to have her here and

know that she will be a shining light for all of us during these uncharted times. Welcome Principal Angelo!

## DINE OUTS

We have our first TWO Dine Outs of the year scheduled in September:

🍕 Our first Dine Out is Thursday, September 3rd at Pizza Guys on Vasco Road! Our Dine Out will be happening ALL DAY on the 3rd, so share with local friends and family, but mostly get ready for a lot of good food! Flyer is posted on Facebook, Instagram, and should be sent out in an email the week preceding the event.

🍷 Our second is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd from 4:00-7:00pm at Jimmy John's. Stay tuned for the flyer and more details as we get closer to the date!

Mark your calendars and enjoy a lot of great food while also supporting local businesses and our school!

## REFLECTIONS

🎨 We are thrilled to participate in the nation wide PTA Art Reflections Program for our third year! 🎨

🖼️ The Reflections program allows students to have a creative outlet to express themselves. This year's theme was selected two years ago by a California student and is "I Matter Because". Please be on the lookout for more information about entry submissions!

**Due Date for entries will be Oct 15th.**

## **!!REMINDER!!**

There will be no school on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy your long weekend!

Reminder:  
No School!

## A Note From Our Principal

Dear Families and Students,

I am proud to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. On behalf of all the Croce professional staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and their families.

This year may prove to be challenging, but it will also be filled with laughter, learning, and endless possibility. Please remember that all of us at Croce Elementary will partner with you and this can be achieved with open lines of communication. Today, through technology, I was able to meet many students and I'm really looking forward to the day we can meet in person. Until then, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a wonderful year with you and your child!

To stay informed, please read the Smore newsletters that are shared via email and posted on the Croce website. If you haven't already done so, I highly encourage you to join the Croce PTA as our students greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Marni Angelo

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## FUNDRAISING

Croce is an option on Amazon Smile! With many of us increasing our ordering (please tell me it's not just me!), please use <https://smile.amazon.com> and select "Leo Croce Elementary PTA" as your charity of choice and Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Croce PTA!

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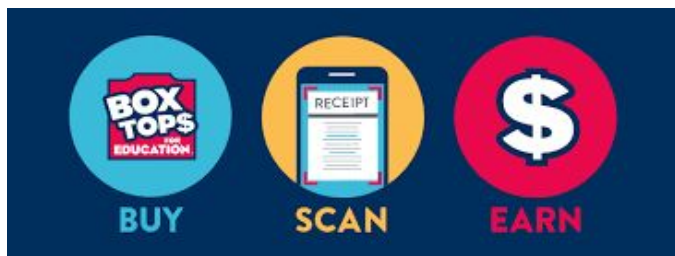
Help Croce earn extra cash by saving your Box Tops!

There are now three ways to contribute:

1. Download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your receipts from stores like Target, Walmart and Safeway.
2. Submit your online grocery receipts from such online sites as Instacart, Target.com and Costco.com.
3. Don't forget to save those familiar clips!

Let's work together and start collecting! Visit

<https://www.boxtops4education.com> for more information on the Box Tops program and to view a list of participating products and stores.



## FUN RUN: VIRTUAL DANCE PARTY!

Our annual Fun Run is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th! This year we'll be doing a Virtual Dance Fit Party! Don't worry though!! As always, BOOSTERTHON is going to make sure all our students have fun for two weeks and earn amazing prizes!!

**We kick off the fun on Monday, August 31st** and over the course of the following weeks we'll have fun interactive events for everyone to take part in. As always, each child will be receiving a tshirt (sizes below), and these will be distributed at a **special drive-thru event on Friday, September 4th**. More details on the drive thru event will be shared as they're finalized, but we can tell you there will be some "celebrity" appearances, so we can't wait to see you!

To get more info, please check out [Dance Fit here](#) and a [Program Overview here](#).

- Preschool = Child XS
- TK/Kinder = Child Small
- 1st/2nd = Child Med
- 3rd = Child Large
- 4th = Child XL
- 5th = Adult Med

## A NOTE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Leo Croce Elementary School Families,

Welcome back to all the returning families and a VERY BIG welcome to all the new families who are joining us this year. My name is Alexis Vandewerfhorst and I am the mother of a second grader and Kindergartener this year. This is my second year as your PTA President and I am very excited to be part of an amazing group of parents on the PTA Board.

We know this year will look different than any other year we have ever seen before and although things may look and feel different than past years, the PTA is determined to make this an amazing and memorable school year with lots of fun and positive ways to strengthen our community. So, keep an eye out for updates and see what we have planned through our newsletters, social media pages and in emails!

The PTA is now more important than ever to help to bind our community, create memories and help the students thrive and succeed. But we need parent and family support to be successful! Please consider joining the PTA by paying a \$10.75 membership fee. These fee's help us put on our events, purchase supplemental classroom supplies for every single student, support teachers and staff, and keep important programs running. Soon you will receive an email on instructions on how to join the PTA. Please look out for it and know that by joining you are in no way obligated to volunteer or even attend a meeting. But if you are able to join a meeting, we would LOVE to see you there!

I am looking forward to seeing and getting to know you and your family throughout the school year!

Warmest wishes & kindest regards,

Alexis Vandewerfhorst

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"Join the PTA, because it's good for families, it's good for the community, and it's good for you."