



**Leo R. Croce Elementary School**  
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Dear Croce Elementary School Community,

My name is Steve Martin, and I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new principal and join this extraordinary school community. I hope that this note finds you enjoying the rejuvenating days of summer and that you and your children are looking forward to beginning a wonderful school year together when we return to campus on Monday, August 21.

I can assure you that I share in this school community's commitment to caring for your children each day while providing them a world class learning environment. The Croce staff will continue to put students first and work diligently to ensure their success. My professional background is rooted in 30 years of education and leadership. I arrive to Croce after serving as Rancho's principal for the past 10 amazing years. Prior to Rancho, I worked at Wells Middle School in Dublin where I was an assistant principal and taught science and peer mediation.

In addition to my professional achievements, my greatest accomplishment is my family. I am first and foremost a father and husband with my wife Tara, who is also an elementary educator in the Pleasanton School District. We have 3 children, Grayson 18, and twins Gabby and Logan turning 16 on July 4th..... it's always a celebration and party! As a parent, I always want what is best for my children and will work tirelessly to ensure your children have the best possible experience at Croce Elementary School. All of us at Croce are eager and excited to begin what promises to be a fantastic school year!

This year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our Cheetahs that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors is excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. The relationships between families and the school are vital to the success of our students and I encourage you to become involved in every way possible. I look forward to meeting you soon!

With an ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE,  
Steve Martin, Principal

