

Leo R. Croce PTA Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 3rd: Happy Paraeducators Day!
- April 4th: Happy Librarian Day!
- April 14th: Garden Clean Up Day, 9:00am-12:00pm. More info to come!
- April 17th: Garden Gala Plant Sale, 1:30-3:00pm in Croce's Garden.
- April 18th: Soul Shoppe Assemblies
- April 18th: General PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm. Voting will take place for the new 2024-2025 PTA Board Members.
- April 25th: Harlem Wizards @ GHS
- April 26th: Harlem Wizards @ LHS featuring Dr. Mapes and Mrs. Morris!
- April 26th: Executive Assistant Appreciation Day

A NOTE FROM CROCE PTA

It is never too late in the school year to join the PTA! Leo R. Croce Elementary's PTA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on 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 possible to have the best experience for our kids and community! Additionally, all members will be able to take part in voting in new Board members at our April 18th PTA meeting.

Looking to get involved further? There are endless roles and ways to volunteer! Feel free to email CrocePTApresident@gmail.com to find out more!



READ-A-THON RECAP

Thank you to everyone who supported our Read-A-Thon! We were able to raise \$11,950 for our school! All Croce students did an outstanding job with their reading minutes this year!

BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU!

THANK YOU Croce Families

for coming to our Croce Book Fair! We had an awesome turnout and were able to raise money that will be used to buy new books for our school library! Your support has truly made a

difference. Our Croce Cheetahs will enjoy their new library books for years to come. Thank you again so very much! -Mrs. Meek, Croce Librarian.



The PTA would like to give Mrs. Meek a shoutout for putting together a fantastic Book Fair for all to enjoy. Lastly, thank you to all of our volunteers who helped run the Book Fair! We couldn't have done it without you!

PAWS TO READ

Croce is excited to partner with the Paws to Read program! Paws to Read is a wonderful initiative that pairs students with trained therapy dogs to provide a supportive and non-judgmental environment for reading practice. Research has shown that reading to dogs can help improve children's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading.

- Paws to Read sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings in our library.
- Each session will last approximately 15 minutes.
- Students will be paired with a trained therapy dog and a handler in a designated reading area.
- Reading sessions will be conducted in a quiet and supportive environment.

Please note space is limited and not all students may be able to visit with the dogs this year.

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AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS



Kona Ice Twice a Month!!! Kona Ice will be coming to Croce every other Friday beginning April 12th at the front of the school. See you there!



Menchie's sales will resume April 24th starting at 1:20pm in the quad area when the front gates open! This has been a hit in the past; we hope to see you out there! Cups are sold for \$4 dollars each in a limited variety of flavors. First come, first served!

CHEETAH VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

With the weather warming up now that it is Spring, it is the perfect time to join the fun at Run Club! Run Club takes place every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-8:20am. Additionally, Run Club is held on the first Wednesday of every month after school at 1:30pm, PLUS these runs usually feature a special CHARM!

Parents Michelle Ryan, Veronica Munro, Kelly Widman Cate and Erica Robertson all graciously volunteer their time helping. They pass out sticks for every lap completed and mark down total laps so that our students can later earn feet charms! Did you know that they have been responsible for Run Club since its return in 2021? They were motivated to get Run Club back on its feet and students out in the fresh air after having to take a break during COVID. This year, Run Club encourages families to come out on the track together with their student(s) for a bit of exercise and sunshine!

Run Club has two CHARM Runs left for the school year: Wednesday, April 10th - "April Showers" and Wednesday, May 1st - "Here Comes the Sun". Run Club will wrap up for the year on Thursday, May 9th. If you are interested in joining the fun, now is the perfect time!



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