

Dear Croce Parent,

Thank you for supporting Health and Wellness through Croce PTA. Our focus for the past two years is on Sun Safety. We planned another “Sun Safety Week” during April 12th - April 16th. We hope your child has fun and continues to learn and practice Sun Safe Habits!

Did you know that skin cancer developed later in life can be linked to sunburns received in childhood?

Our goal during Sun Safety Week is to teach students that the sun is fun when protected from harmful burning rays. Each of the activities planned during this week focus on a different part of sun safety and encourages sun safe behaviors which keep our children protected from sun damage during the school day.

Monday April 12th - Let’s get creative: Students have the opportunity to create colorful sun safety posters and banners during their lunch recess at the playground. During Sun Safety Week all student artwork is displayed around campus!

Tuesday April 13th - Sunglasses Day Contest: Send your student to school wearing a pair of sunglasses. The class with the most students participating wins a prize! Look for sunglasses that block 100% of UV rays as they provide the best protection. (If your child is unable to wear sunglasses, it will still count if they bring a pair)

Wednesday April 14th - UV detector bracelets: During the lunch recess students can make a fun and educational UV detector bracelet using beads that react to ultraviolet radiation (UV) by changing color when exposed to sunlight. Wearing the bracelet is a fun way to remember when it’s time to be sun safe. (Kindergarten will make these in class)

Thursday April 15th - Silly Hat Day Contest: Have your child wear a hat to school. Any hat is fine as long as it provides some shade for their face. A wide brimmed hat is especially good at providing protection for the face, neck and ears. Silly hats are fun to wear too! The class that has the most students participate wins a prize.

Friday April 16th - Wet Sponge toss game: During lunch recess we will have some fun in the sun playing with water (weather permitting). Make sure to dress your child in clothes that can get wet. (It won’t be a soaking! Just a splash!) Morning Kindergartener’s may join us after class with their parent’s supervision. Afternoon Kindergartener’s may join us 15 minutes before class with their parent’s supervision.

Croce PTA would like to extend a special invitation to all Croce Parents to join our PTA meeting on Thursday April 1st from 7-8:30 in the library. If you would like to help with these fun activities, please come and sign up. You can also sign up to help at info@crocepta.com.

As the weather turns warm and the sun shines down on the smiling faces of our students, remember to. . .

- Apply sunscreen before school
- If sending lip balm or sunscreen to school with students, make sure to test for skin allergies and that the student can apply it by themselves
- Encourage students to wear sunglasses and hats to school, but remind them that these
- items must be taken off during class and stored in their backpack
- Be sure everything is labeled with the student’s name and room number

Please join us in promoting sun safe behaviors. Working together we can help our children to have a bright and healthy future. We hope you have a fun and sun safe spring break!

Sincerely,
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