



LEO R. CROCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Croce Families,
Thank you for your support and ideas of how to make the Croce Campus even safer for all of our students.

Here is a recap of how the gates operate at Croce:

The gates will remain closed and locked during school hours. All visitors to the site need to come through the office to check in and obtain a visitor badge. You will enter and leave the campus through the office (as you need to sign out when you leave). Any items you are dropping off for a student needs to be brought to the office. The teachers will check the counter for items during recess or lunch. If your son or daughter are expecting the item, they can come to the office during their recess or lunch to pick the item up.

Note: Times may vary slightly depending on staff absences.

For First through Fifth Grades:

The gates will be opened at 8:25 a.m. when the warning whistle rings and will be closed again at 8:35 a.m. The students need to be in class by 8:30 a.m. when the tardy bell rings. Any students arriving after 8:35 a.m. need to report to the office for an admit slip. The gates will be reopened at approximately 2:35 p.m.

For Kindergartners:

The center gate (between the two Kindergarten buildings) will be opened at 8:10 a.m. and closed at 8:20 a.m. for morning drop off. The students need to be in their classrooms by 8:15 a.m. or they will be marked tardy. Any student arriving after 8:20 a.m. need to report to the office for an admit slip. For pick-up the gates on the backside of the classrooms will be opened at 11:35 and reclosed following dismissal. The center gates will be opened by Mrs. Allen's class as they leave at 11:35 so that the afternoon Kindergarten classes may enter and be in the classrooms by 11:40 a.m.

When it Rains...

All students (1st through 5th) will report to the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) for supervision that begins at 8:10 a.m. The gates by the office and the gates near Room 43 will be left open for students to walk directly to the MPR for supervision. There will be sandwich boards indicating where to go. The office will also make periodic announcements to report to the MPR. Our custodian will be driving around in the golf cart to reinforce students to report to the MPR. We will have games and

movies for students to enjoy in the MPR until the warning bell rings. Then the students are to report to the classrooms. Same routine follows as above.

Kindergartners: Parents are to enter the center gate and wait quietly under the overhangs until the teacher opens the doors (am and pm).

For Special Education

Preschoolers:

All students are to be picked up and dropped off on the preschool playground. The gate between the preschool and first grade classes is to remain closed and locked for safety.

Thank you for all your support and working together as a community for the best for our students,

Shari Johnston
Principal



CROCE'S HAUNTED COSTUME

PARTY AND CARNIVAL

Friday, October 23rd

6:30-8:30pm

This year's theme is a "Haunted Circus!" We have a very scary haunted house and a "not so scary" side show circus tent for the kids. We'll also have carnival games with two NEW games supplied by Dr. Marcel's Orthodontics office and Forever Greens, owned by Mike and Erin O'Neil. Livermore High School Drama students and Christensen Middle School Leadership students are joining forces with our Costume Party Committee to put on a party you'll not forget!

Admission is \$2 per person or \$1 with an UNEXPIRED can of food. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Please have your child bring a trick-o-treat bag to collect the goodies given out!

We are asking for donations of store bought cupcakes and bottled water to offer as a special treat! Please deliver donations to the school office the morning of Friday, October 23rd. Contact info@crocepta.com with questions.



MESSAGE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Parents,
Croce PTA hopes the start of your school year has gone smoothly (or is now going smoothly)! Your 2009/10 PTA Board is excited about this school year and we are working hard to continue Croce's tradition of offering an enriching academic and social experience to our children. PTA membership is funding many programs in the technology, science, visual performing arts, math, life skills, and health and wellness areas. Thank you for participating in the Fall Fundraiser which helps us fund these programs! We also depend on our community to register Safeway Club Cards (escrip@crocepta.com) with Escript, save Box Tops, buy Gift Cards from Croce PTA, and to participate in the other fundraising opportunities PTA offers. With all of us working together towards a common goal, we can keep providing our children with what they need to learn and grow!

Please join us at a PTA meeting held the first Thursday of each month from 7-8:30pm in the school library. The next meeting is on November 5th and we have guest speaker, Dr. Cowan from Livermore Allergy and Dermatology, coming to speak on food and seasonal allergies. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monica Baucke
2008-10 PTA President

BINGO



Get your dauber out and get ready to BINGO! Croce PTA and Christensen PTA's are joining forces to offer a "Spooky" night of Halloween-themed Bingo on Saturday, October 24th from 5:00-11:30 p.m. at the Bingo Ranch located in Livermore (next to Emil Villas). If we can get 200 players through the door, the Bingo Ranch will double the payout of the FREE game to \$1,000! We need volunteers to bake Bingo goodies, work shifts, and to PLAY! Look for a Bingo Flyer to come via the E-Flyer Program or contact Croce PTA at info@crocepta.com.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER

Jesus Hernandez, Holden Tanner, Alyssa Prosch, Cruz Perez, Christopher Tam, Hitomi Osumi, Morgan McMahon, Rachel DeSilva, Truman Wayne, Shreya Tomar, Kiara Steinhorst, Issac Orozco, Anthony Sepzzano, Radik Brazil, Shelby Reed, Kate Wallace, Evan Purl, Trevor Brown, Ronnie Martindill, Adolfo Angeles, Abbie O'Dwyer, Lara Serban, Colton Berlinn, Makyala Munoz, Jacob Kelleher, Kimberly Leon, Devin Williams, Omar Sanchez, Kyra Nishimoto, Jessica Sunderland, Jonathan Cruz, Critian Moreno, Amy Williams, Annalyse Jacks-Ryder, Reece Kerstetter, Jacob Prescott, Hannah Kurian, Elizabeth Caine, Zachardy Johnson, Kasia McCoy, Jake Carmichael, Anthony Casillas, Madeline Hanson, Will Nordvik, Claire Aguiar, Miss Wooten's 1st grade class, Alex, Alvarez, Nicholas Sneddon, Andrew Roller, Brooke Allen, Gregory Quach, Michael Collantes, Shannon Thomas, Kylet Green, Sarai Frutos, Jeannie Bae, Brianna Winger, Ms. McKercher's 1st grade lass, Lamisa Ahmed, Jason John

AR AWARDS - September 25

25 points - Certificate

Justin Allen, Matthew Cheng, Frank Gomez, Rachael Gomez, Jason John, Gavin Johnson, Lara Serban, Kiara Steinhorst, Chloe Sylvester, Elle Tanner, Madissen Taylor, Truman Wayne

50 points - Bronze Medal

Laura Caine, Dolly Deal, Christopher Horch, Praneeth Nandamuri, Noelle Tham, Anya Worley

100 points - Silver Medal

Aidan Epperly

150 points - Gold Medal

Rhea Park

HOW TO GET CONNECTED

Croce PTA is interested in connecting parents, teachers, and other members of our school community. There are several ways to "get connected."

- Join Croce School and PTA on Big Tent, a secure, online social networking tool. Get emails about school and PTA news delivered directly to your email. Go to www.crocepta.com and click on "Big Tent" to request an invitation.
- Log into our PTA website which is always kept current, relevant, and timely! (www.crocepta.com)
- Email our board with questions or ideas! Monica Baucke, President at president@crocepta.com, or info@crocepta.com
- If you aren't receiving school and PTA news via our new E-Flyer Program, PLEASE register your email at eflyer@crocepta.com

PURPLE & WHITE
WINNERS

August 28

- K - Mrs. Gephart
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Ms. Halim
- 3 - Mrs. Weber
- 4 - Mrs. Scarlett
- 5 - Mrs. AgurkisO



September 4

- K - Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Helms
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Mrs. Burkhart
- 3 - Mrs. Wranovics
- 4 - Mrs. Scarlett
- 5 - Mr. Lockhart

September 11

- K - Mrs. Helms
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Ms. Teicheira
- 3 - Mrs. Wranovics
- 4 - Mrs. Lockhart
- 5 - Mr. Lockhart

September 18

- K - Mrs. Allen
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Ms. Teicheira, Ms. Holck
- 3 - Mrs. Wranovics
- 4 - Mrs. Godfrey
- 5 - Mr. Lockhart

September 25

- K - Mrs. Allen
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Ms. Teicheira, Mrs. Burkhart, Ms. Holck
- 3 - Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Weber
- 4 - Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Scarlett
- 5 - Mr. Lockhart

October 2

- K - Mrs. Allen
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Mrs. Burkhart, Ms. Halim
- 3 - Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Wranovics
- 4 - Mrs. Godfrey
- 5 - Mr. Anderson

October 9

- K - Mrs. Allen
- 1 - Ms. Wooten
- 2 - Ms. Holck, Ms. Teicheira
- 3 - Mrs. Wranovics
- 4 - Mrs. Godfrey
- 5 - Mr. Lockhart



FAME

Thomasin Dewhurst is administrating our school's FAME (Fine Arts Mini Experience) program. Classes begin in November and run through May. Each classroom at Croce is scheduled for two FAME sessions this year where our students learn about music and art in a special "FAME" classroom decorated to inspire the artist or composure within each child. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact us at fame@crocepta.com or visit the PTA website for more information (www.crocepta.com).

LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Livermore Public Library announced that the following students completed the 2009 Summer Reading Game Program. The students read books, attended programs and/or completed puzzles to win a medal. Medal winners were honored at the City Council Awards Night ceremony on September 14th.

Lucca Ahmadi, Tyler Hilton, Sujin Leek, Alex Alvarez, Summer Ansari, Jimmy Aslin, Ivanka Brazil, Jolenny Canela, Taha Diah, Scott Dougherty, Lucy Edwards, Abby Harrison, Wyatt Jackson, Manvitha Nandamuri, Nate O'Neill, Ruthanee Tabcum, Logan Bellini, Elizabeth Caine, Anthony Casillas, Isabella Davis, Yahya Diah, Nick Hermann, Chris Horch, Hannah Kurian, Charlie Mumm, Morgan Rogge, Christopher Spezzano, Radha Sri-Tharan, Spencer Tadokoro, Cameron Aslin, Kayla Brower, Jacob Dougherty, Aidan Epperly, Marie Freels, Nazim Guenouche, Sara Lindsay, Nicholas Metzger, Praneeth Nandamuri, Todd Neizman, Lewis O'Neill, Siddish Sankar, Neil Senecal, Lara Serban, Anya Worley, Tamkeen Ansari, Radek Brazil, Briana Cadena, Dolly Deal, Cristian Moreno, Matthew Myers, Rhea Park, Anthony Spezzano, Alondra Alvarez, Laura Caine, and Riddhi Panchal

INTRODUCING RENAISSANCE
HOME CONNECT

What is Renaissance Home Connect? Home Connect is a feature of Renaissance Place Enterprise which allows students and parents to track reading progress from home. With this tool we are not only able to provide internet access to your student's reading record, but we will reduce the use of paper and printer resources by not having to print TOPS reports as your child completes Accelerated Reading tests. We are happy to be able to provide this tool to our parents and students and encourage all parents to sign up for the email program which you can find out more about by going to Croce's web address croce.schoolloop.com.

UPCOMING
SCHOOL
EVENTS



OCTOBER

- 20: Board Mtg., 7pm
- 21: Make-up Picture Day
- 23: Spirit Assemblies
PTA Costume Party
- 24: Bingo
- 30: Halloween Parade

NOVEMBER

- 3: Las Positas Play, 8:45 & 9:45
Board Mtg., 7pm
- 5: PTA Mtg., 7pm
- 6: Teacher Work Day
- 9-13: PTA Food Drive
- 9-20: Fall Conferences
- 11: Veteran's Day Holiday
- 17: Board Mtg., 7pm
- 21: Bingo
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break