

WHAT'S UP, WALTERIA?

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Happy Holiday Season!

A Message from the President



Is it December already?! I don't know about you, but this holiday season really snuck up on me – I had to scramble to get the tree up, the lights on the house, the advent calendars purchased, and everything ready for the annual appearance of our much-loved elf, Fred. Whatever your family's holiday traditions may be, I hope that you have the chance to enjoy them and celebrate happily and safely together.

By the time this newsletter makes it out, our winter See's Candies fundraiser will be over, so thank you to all who purchased treats and goodies to help support the PTA! Next up – Spirit Grams, which are always fun for our kids to give and receive at school. Check your student's backpack for the order form and contact the office if you need assistance with those.

Also, many congratulations are in order for our very talented students who participated in the PTA Reflections competition! A video will be released soon that showcases all of our participants and their entries, and we're highlighting our winners in this newsletter, so take a moment to click through and view their artistic efforts. We're so proud of all of our exceptional Wildcats!

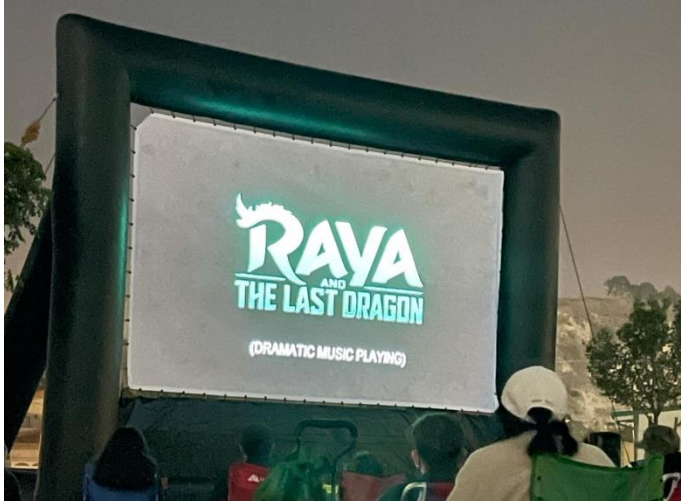
I hope that everyone has a lovely Winter Break full of fun memory-making activities, and that we approach 2022 with a renewed sense of hope and optimism. Best wishes to you all, and enjoy!

--Katrina Hetrick, Walteria PTA President 2021-22

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Outdoor Movie Magic!

Back on Campus!
We were so happy to be able to host our beloved PTA Outdoor Movie Night on campus again this year! Many families and friends brought their snacks and bundled up to watch *Raya and the Last Dragon* together.

Many thanks to Yousef Kanjee of McDonalds for sponsoring this event and making it possible for us to have a fun night out, and to Diane Safah-Kanjee for organizing all of the details!



NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

Congratulations to all of our outstanding Wildcats who participated in the annual PTA Reflections competition!

We are so proud of all of you!

Click on each of the winning entries featured here to view their full submission.



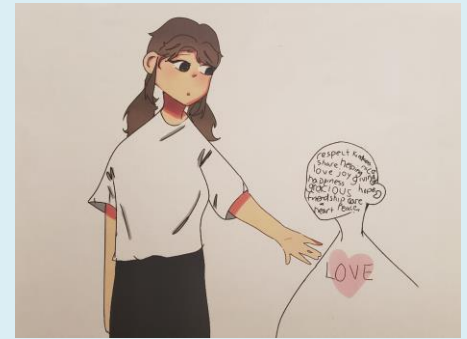
VISUAL ARTS



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Excellence
Yuna Kim, Grade 5



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Merit
Elena Isobe, Grade 4



Intermediate (3-5)
Honorable Mention
Sophie Rhee, Grade 5



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Excellence
Annalise Liu, Grade 2



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Merit
Allison Yi, Grade 2



Primary (TK-2)
Honorable Mention
Elliot Song, Grade 2



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Excellence
Grant Hetrick, Grade 5



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Merit
Isabella Lopez, Grade 5



PHOTOGRAPHY



**DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY**



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Excellence
Karis Kim, Grade 4



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Merit
Caroline Hetrick, Grade 3



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Excellence
Annalise Liu, Grade 2



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Excellence
Wade Romero, Grade 5



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Merit
Evan Rosen, Grade 3



The ocean needs us

Intermediate (3-5)
Honorable Mention
Glenn Hetrick, Grade 3



**FILM
PRODUCTION**



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Excellence
Ethan Lee, Grade 2



**MUSIC
COMPOSITION**



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Excellence
Landon Kroon, Grade 5



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Excellence
Estelle Yi, Grade 1



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Merit
Allison Yi, Grade 2



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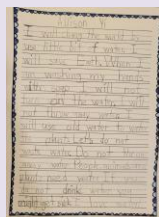
Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Excellence
Grace Gerlach, Grade 5



Intermediate (3-5)
Award of Merit
Gemma Christie, Grade 5



Intermediate (3-5)
Honorable Mention
Sophia Suh, Grade 3



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Excellence
Allison Yi, Grade 2



Primary (TK-2)
Award of Merit
Younghoon Chun, Grade 2



2021-2022 YEARBOOK

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@ COMMPE.PICTAVO.COM

SCHOOL ID: 703202

PRICE: \$30.00/EACH

DROP OFF / PICK UP LINE PROCEDURES



Every weekday morning, approximately 650 children are dropped off at Walteria between 8:35 and 9:00 AM. This creates a surge of traffic, and many people are exhibiting very unsafe behavior as they approach this crowded area.

In order to protect our kids and keep everyone safe during drop off and pick up, here are a few helpful reminders about the official process.

Traffic moves **CONTINUOUSLY** in the drop off/pick up line.

Do NOT park your car anywhere within the drop off zone during drop off/pick up times. LOADING ZONE: NO PARKING signs are clearly posted along the street. Drivers should NOT exit their vehicles during drop off or pick up.

If your child needs assistance getting in or out of the vehicle, park your car on a side street and walk with them.

Do NOT allow children to exit the vehicle into the street. They should exit on the curb side ONLY.

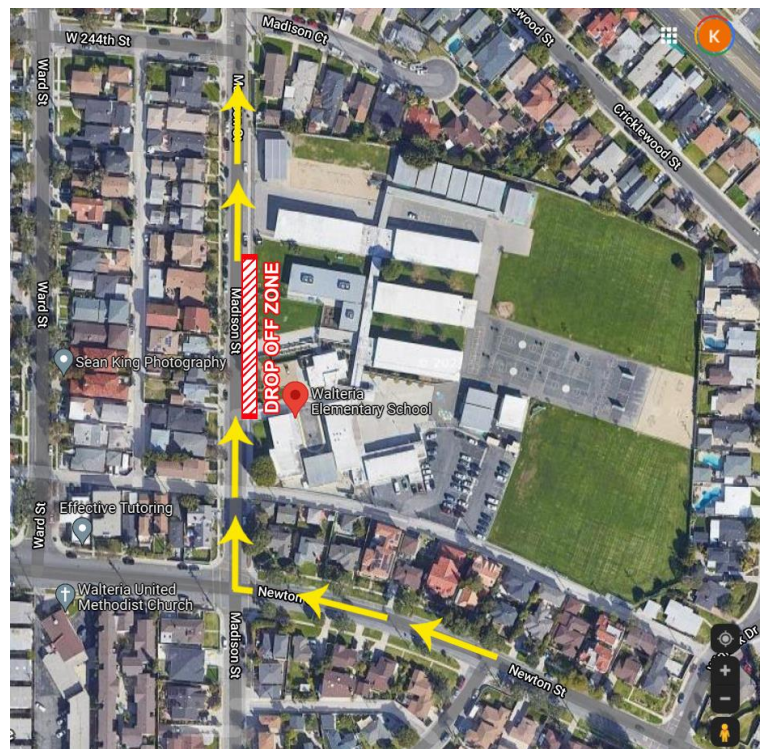
Traffic moves only **ONE WAY** in the drop off/pick up line.

Do NOT back up into the line to parallel park at the curb. Drive forward only, and pull as far forward as you can to make room for others.

DO NOT make a U-Turn across Madison to cut into the line.

If you park facing south on Madison (opposite the school) you MUST walk to one of the crosswalks to cross the street.

Do NOT jaywalk across Madison or send children to do so on their own.



Pedestrian Safety

Our crossing guards are hard at work every day trying to keep everyone safe on their way to and from school. Please follow their cues when crossing the street, and be sure to wait for them to clear the intersection before stepping out into traffic.

Do not park your car too close to the crosswalks. It creates a dangerous lack of visibility for everyone involved – motorists, pedestrians, and the crossing guards.

Jaywalking is not only illegal, it's also extremely dangerous. Only cross the streets at the crosswalks, please!

Keep Our Kids Safe on the Playground

An increasing number of parents have been interacting with their children through the fences during the school day. Of particular concern is the fence line on Madison Street by the YMCA building (near the 1st/2nd grade play area).

This is a safety concern because students are being trained and taught to look towards the fences and interact with individuals on the other side. The school cannot control who is walking by on the street, and it is prudent that our children learn to stay away from the fences at all times.

- Please refrain from calling students to any fence.
- Please stop taking pictures or filming students through any fence.
- Please stop interacting with children through any fence.

The school staff will have to remove the students from their designated playground areas if this continues. Please spread the word to others if you see them doing this!

Become a Member!

Joining the PTA benefits you AND your school!

The PTA...

- ✚ **supports** our teachers and classrooms with enriching materials and supplies.
- ✚ **links** families to important school and community information.
- ✚ **hosts** fun and educational clubs, programs, and events for our families.
- ✚ **raises** money to support the specific needs of our school.
- ✚ **engages** in school and digital safety initiatives.
- ✚ **offers** kids the opportunity to explore the arts and develop critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity.
- ✚ **inspires** a love of reading and enhances book and literary options for students.
- ✚ **tracks** local, state, and national policies every day so we can advocate for what's best for our students, families, and schools.
- ✚ **believes** we can make every child's potential a reality.

PTA Membership Perks

When you join the PTA, your membership includes discounts and special offers from a variety of businesses.

Browse the Member Offers by [clicking here](#).

One PTA Membership is included in your Direct Donation package.

[Click Here](#) to purchase more!



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

December

- 2 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 3 Progress Reports Available
- 6 Spirit Grams Sales Begin
- 17 Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 20-31 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

January

- 6 PTA Executive Board Meeting @6:30
- 17 MLK Jr Day – NO SCHOOL
- 24-31 Parent Conferences

February

- 1-2 Parent Conferences
- 3 PTA Executive Board Meeting @6:30
- 4 Valentine Grams Sales Begin
- 11 Lincoln’s Birthday – NO SCHOOL
- 14 Valentine Grams Distributed
- 21 President’s Day – NO SCHOOL

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, events on this calendar may change at any time. Please check the eBlast regularly, visit the school website, or verify with an Executive Board Member if you have any questions.

Our PTA website has many helpful links, calendars, volunteer forms, and more!

[Click here to check it out!](#)

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