

WHAT'S UP, WALTERIA?

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Ready... Set... Spring!

A Message from the President



Hello, Wildcats! It's May, which is the last full month of the 2021-2022 school year! There are so many things happening at our school between now and June 16th, so please keep up on the communications from your principal, teachers, and room parents so your kids don't miss out on any events or special days! There are field trips scheduled, a Family Dance coming up, our Virtual

Talent Show will premiere any day, and all of our PTA-sponsored programs are working hard to make sure all our kids are able to finish art projects and musical theater workshops.

Our APEX Fun Run fundraiser was a colossal success! We are so grateful to all of our families for working so hard to gather all those pledges and helping to support our school. The details about the results of the program are included on page 3 of this newsletter, and I encourage you to check them out!

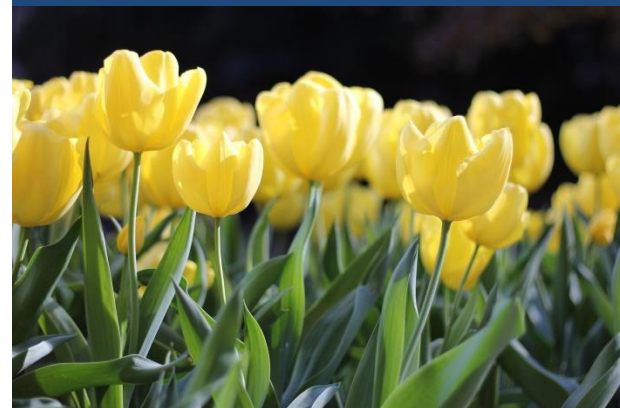
May is also quite busy because of CAASPP testing, which is very important for our school and our students. The data from these tests are used for lots of things; it is crucial that we set our kids up for success by making sure they attend each day, eat a hearty breakfast, get enough rest, and practice with the testing software.

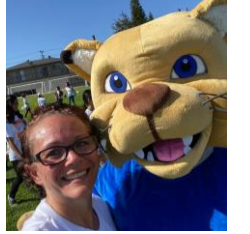
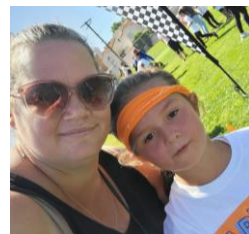
And don't forget to save the date for Portfolio Day, which is Thursday, June 2nd. Our annual Adventures in Art show will be on display in the cafeteria for all our families to view after they visit classrooms and review portfolios with their students. We hope to see you all there!

--Katrina Hetrick, Walteria PTA President 2021-22

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Apex Fun Run Recap

Putting the FUN in Fundraising!
Our Wildcats had an amazing time with our Apex team during their time on campus! Students learned about positive leadership attributes, shared stories about their personal experiences, and challenged themselves in so many ways. The energy out on the field during the big day was electric, and all our Wildcats pushed themselves and ran their hearts out! Many, many thanks to everyone who supported them through this experience!





WALTERIA SCHOOL FUN RUN FACTS

FITNESS – LEADERSHIP – SERVICE – FUNDRAISING

SCHOOL PROFIT

\$57,675

NUMBER OF PLEDGES

2,079

THEME & LESSONS



COLLECTION RATE

98%

FUNDS TO BE USED FOR

Classroom Enrichment Materials & Supplies, and other Important PTA Funded Events

LEADERSHIP LESSONS TAUGHT

156

*26 classes/day x 6 lessons

APEX HOURS

300

*hours Apex athletes spent running the program and making a positive impact at the school

TOTAL LAPS

22,037

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TOTAL MILES RAN

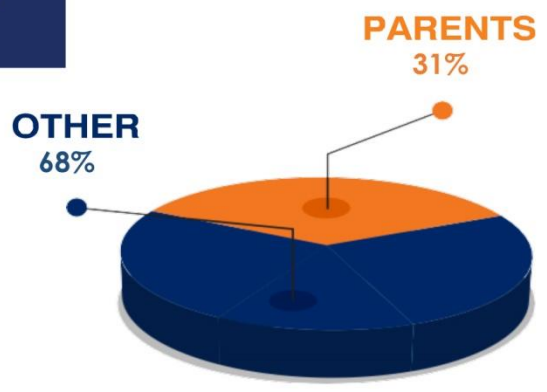
1,377

APEX GIVEBACK CHALLENGE!

98

STUDENTS REACHED \$10/LAP
*for every student that reaches \$10/lap in pledges, Apex makes a donation to Feeding America to help provide up to 20 meals to those in need.

DONOR BASE



THE WALTERIA PTA PRESENTS

A HAWAIIAN-INSPIRED

FAMILY DANCE NIGHT!

MAY 20 | 6 PM

\$5 PER PERSON

DINNER • DANCE • MUSIC • PHOTO BOOTH

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

TICKET SALES END FRIDAY, MAY 13

TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS, VISIT
[DANCE.WALTERIAELEMENTARY.ORG](https://dance.walteriaelementary.org)

PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE OFFICE
OR AFTER SCHOOL AT PICKUP





**Congratulations to all of our amazing Wildcats
who submitted videos for the talent show!
We are all so proud of you!**

**And many thanks to Miss Calhoun
for putting it all together!**

Walteria Running Club is Back!

Do you enjoy running? Would you like to get more exercise?

Join us before school for an informal running club right on campus! All you need is a water bottle, running shoes, and a positive attitude. All students are welcome. Parent supervision required for TK-K.

Parents can run, too! We will meet every Friday at 8:00 AM.

Please contact Ann Gerlach at carothersann@hotmail.com with any questions or to volunteer to help.



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!

COVID-19 TESTING

Testing Update:

TUSD's COVID-19 testing needs have significantly decreased. For this reason, as of Friday, April 29th, The Torrance High School testing site permanently closed. TUSD will continue to provide at-home test kits for students and staff as needed.

Please visit the [TUSD Covid Updates](#) page for the most up-to-date info on the district's COVID policies and procedures.



SAVE THE DATE!

**PORTFOLIO DAY
AND THE
ADVENTURES IN ART
GALLERY SHOW
WILL BE ON
JUNE 2ND, 2022**

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.

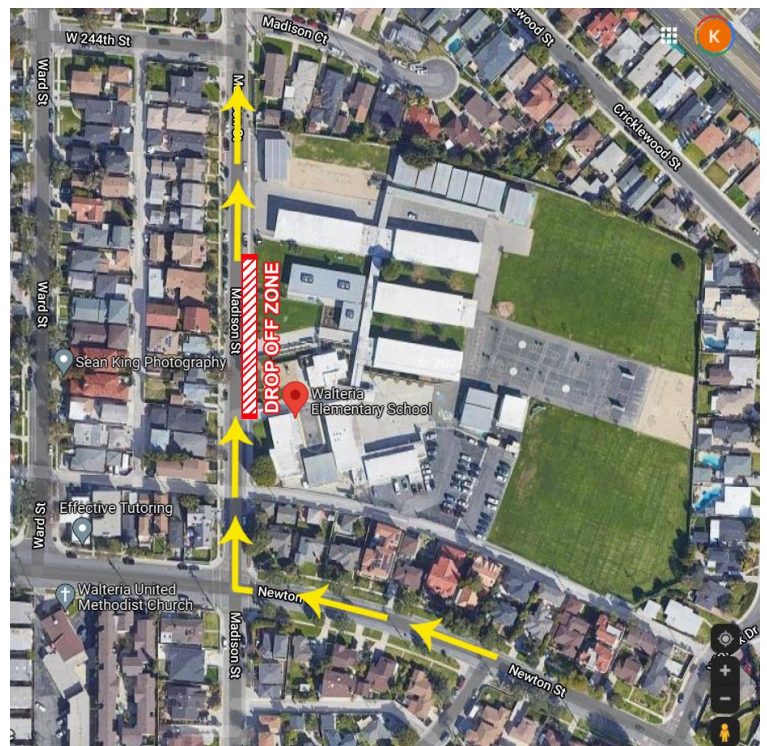
Traffic moves only **ONE WAY** in the drop off/pick up line.

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!



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

May

- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2-6 Spring Book Fair
- 5 PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30
- 7 District Bike Rodeo
- 20 Hawaiian Family Dance Night
- 16-27 Grades 3-5 State Testing
- 30 Memorial Day – No School

June

- 2 Portfolio Day/Art Show
- 2 PTA Association Meeting
- 9 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 15 5th Grade Promotion
- 16 Last Day of 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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