

WHAT'S UP, WALTERIA?

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It's Fall, Y'all!

A Message from the President



We're about six weeks in to the school year already. Little by little, our old routines are falling back into place, and if you're entirely new to in-person elementary school, this has been an incredibly big transition for you and your kids! If you are overwhelmed and struggling, you are not alone. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the other parents around you! You can use the PTA

Facebook group to connect with other families in our school community, strike up conversations with people at the gate during pickup, and – if your schedule allows – volunteer! Walteria will be phasing in on-campus volunteers starting this month, so if you have already signed up, expect to see some communication about that soon.

Direct Donation time is underway, and as of publication time, we were just over halfway to our goal. Have you donated yet? Any amount helps, even if a full donation package isn't possible at this time.

"We're all in this together" is our official school motto and while I admit that I laughed when I first heard that said, I also think it has never been more true. We ARE all in this together, and we're all doing a great job navigating a school year that's almost-but-not-quite back to normal. I'm so proud of our entire community for doing everything they can to keep our kids safe and healthy so far this year. There are improvements that we can make (see page 3 for our focus on drop-off/pick-up safety, please!), but overall we're doing great. Let's keep it up!

--Katrina Hetrick, Walteria PTA President 2021-22

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First Day Fun!



A Warm Welcome For Our Wildcats!

The PTA is very grateful to our anonymous donor who provided the Welcome Back Wildcats yard sign and the festive balloon towers for our first day of school! We truly appreciate your generosity!

We also enjoyed our first encounter with our new Wildcat mascot, and we look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate with our furry friend!



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.

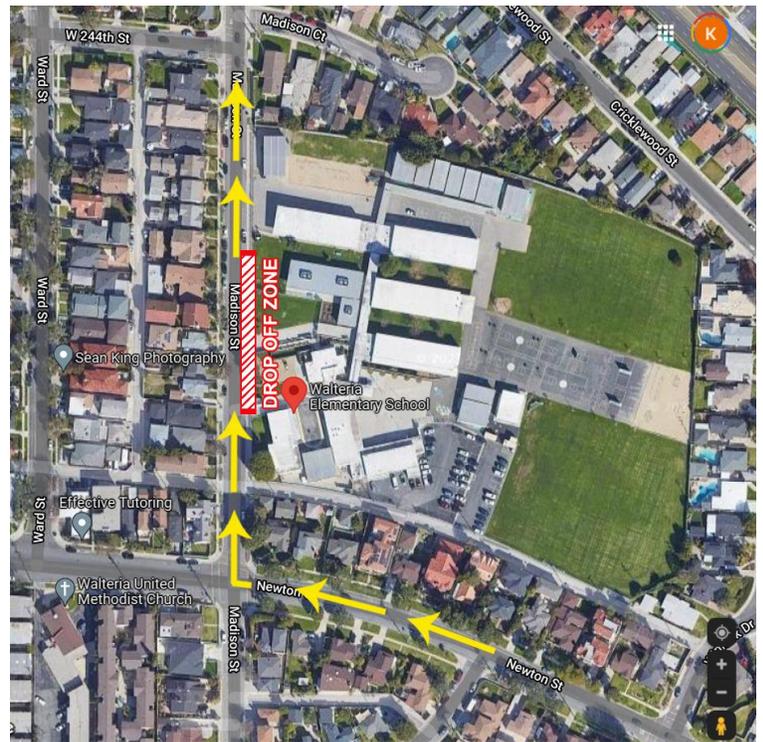
Traffic moves only **ONE WAY** in the drop off/pick up line.

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!

WALTERIA PTA DIRECT DONATION 2021-2022

Ends November 1st!

Donate Today!

Any amount you can
give helps fund our
programs!

The Walteria PTA's annual Direct Donation fundraiser is the most effective and beneficial way that we can raise money for all of our programs, activities, and classrooms.

PTA funding pays for assemblies, Adventures in Art, the school library, 5th grade promotion, science lab experiences, field trips, scholarships, classroom supplies, and so much more!

Direct Donation is **convenient** (no selling products, no asking friends and neighbors to contribute), it's **high-yield** (no sharing our profits with an outside company), and it **promotes school spirit** and **builds community**.

To donate or learn more, visit <http://directdonation.walteriaelementary.org> or scan here!

Questions? Email donations@walteriaelementary.org



BRONZE LEVEL - \$180/student

For just \$1 per day for every day of school, you can make a difference at Walteria!

Your **BRONZE** level donation includes:

- an exclusive Walteria soft hat designed ONLY for Direct Donation sponsors
- a Walteria tote bag
- a Walteria bag tag
- a set of Walteria pencils
- one 2021-2022 PTA membership (a \$10 value)



SILVER LEVEL - \$250/student*

*or a \$450+ total donation from families with 2+ Walteria students

Your **SILVER** level donation includes all **BRONZE** items listed above AND:

- an exclusive Walteria Wildcat plush keychain
- a special Wildcat Ponce experience for all children in the SILVER sponsorship level or above
- special family recognition in the Walteria yearbook



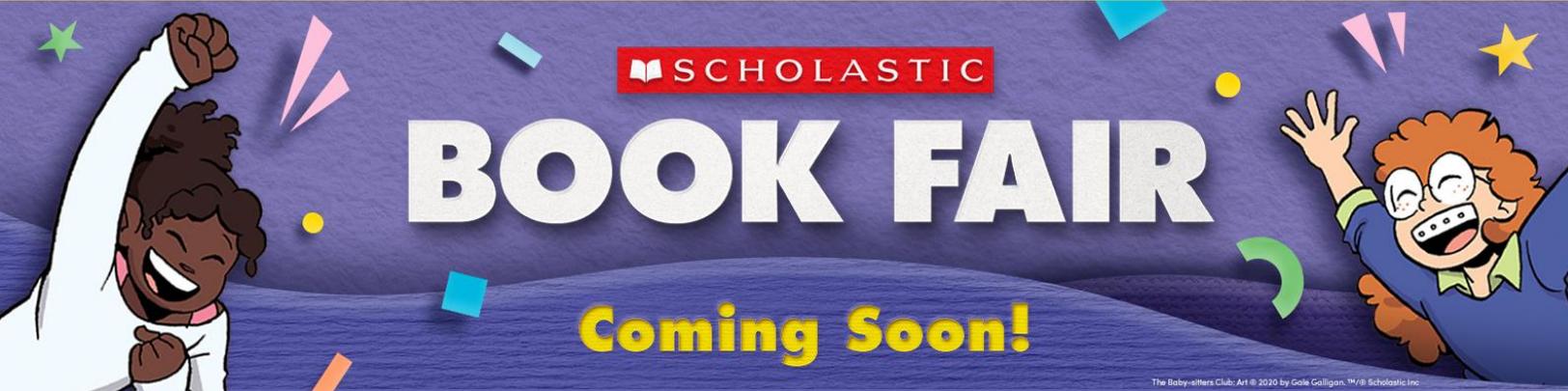
GOLD LEVEL - \$350+/student*

*or a \$650+ total donation from families with 2+ Walteria students

Your **GOLD** level donation includes all **SILVER** items listed above AND:

- your choice of snapback hat or additional soft hat
- exclusive student pins for surprise prize giveaways throughout the year
- family photo with the Wildcat mascot
- special family recognition in the Walteria yearbook and on a banner posted at the school





The Scholastic Book Fair is **BACK IN PERSON** for 2021-22!

We are so excited to be able to shop for new reading material at our school again!

The Book Fair will be set up in the cafeteria from **October 25-29**.

Students and their families will be able to shop after school on specific days according to their grade level. No shopping will occur during lunchtime at school.

We depend heavily on the proceeds from the Book Fair to fund curriculum materials like Scholastic Magazines for all our classrooms, so your purchases make a direct impact on our ability to provide those for our teachers. Thank you for your support!

For more information, contact Susie Pearson at bookfair@walteriaelementary.org

Walteria's **Spirit Wear Shop** will be open for t-shirt and sweatshirt orders between **10/18/21 - 11/3/21**

Don't miss this chance to show off your Wildcat pride!

Get your orders in ASAP!



<http://spiritwear.walteriaelementary.org>

Orders will arrive approximately two weeks after the shop closes.

SAVE THE DATE!

Walteria Elementary's Annual Outdoor

MOVIE NIGHT

will be held on our campus

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

More details coming soon!

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

October

- 6 Walk To School Day
- 7 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 12 PTA Reflections Entries Due
- 21-22 At-Risk Parent Conferences
- 24 Skechers Friendship Walk
- 25-29 Red Ribbon Week
- 25-29 Scholastic Fall Book Fair
- 29 Halloween Costume Parade

November

- 4 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
- 12 Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL
- 19 Movie Night @ Walteria
- 19 PTA Association Meeting (at Movie Night)
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL

December

- 2 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 20-31 Winter Break – 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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