

WHAT'S UP, WALTERIA?

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Who's Ready for Turkey Day?

A Message from the President



Halloween was a blast this year, wasn't it? I know it was tough for us parents who wanted to be on campus to see our kids having fun in costume and performing that traditional 5th grade dance, but I'm so grateful that they got the chance to dress up, show off, and enjoy all those fun activities that everyone missed so much last year.

November means that Direct Donation has come to an end, and we are so thankful to all of the families who generously contributed to our PTA. We came close to our lofty goal of \$54,000, and hopefully our Fun Run in the spring will help close the gap. This winter we also have our See's Candy fundraiser opening up, so those of you who normally stock up for gifts this time of year can support Walteria at the same time!

This month we are also excited to bring back Walteria's Movie Night! We hope to see many of our families on campus to watch *Raya and the Last Dragon* together. As we are still trying to keep things safe and be flexible in our event planning, we are asking that families bring their own food, drinks, and snacks. The event is free but RSVPs are required! See the Movie Night flyer for more information.

And the biggest news of all for this month – the Pfizer vaccine is now available for kids ages 5-11! Hopefully this is a huge step towards a return to the world as we remember it. My kids got their first doses right away and are excited for their friends to be able to do the same.

--Katrina Hetrick, Walteria PTA President 2021-22

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Happy Halloween!



A Return to Favorite Traditions!

Our Wildcats had a blast parading around the school in their Halloween costumes, and the 5th graders got to perform their traditional flashmob dance!

Many thanks to Sowmya Chigarapalle for covering the cost of the DJ services for the parade and to the Tanouye and Taylor families for donating the festive signage on the lawn for photo ops!



JOIN US FOR THE RETURN OF THE WALTERIA PTA'S

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 6:00 PM

ON THE WALTERIA ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

BRING YOUR OWN DINNER, SNACKS, CHAIRS, AND BLANKETS FOR THE FAMILY!

RSVPS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT!

VISIT MOVIE NIGHT.WALTERIAELEMENTARY.ORG FOR DETAILS



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE,

TWO LOCAL RESTAURANTS ARE OFFERING

MOVIE NIGHT TO-GO PACKAGES



THE PTA MOVIE NIGHT EVENT IS FREE FOR ALL OF OUR WALTERIA FAMILIES
THANKS TO A GENEROUS DONATION FROM YOUSEF KANJEE OF MCDONALDS.

South High School's Annual Canned Food Drive Partnership

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
&
WALTERIA ELEMENTARY
PRESENTS THE

Annual Canned Food Drive

November 3rd-9th 2021

Support the local South Bay community
this holiday season by donating canned
food to Walteria Elementary.

Bring your canned food to drop off near
our school entrances.

The grade level with the most donations
will win a prize!

The annual Canned Food Drive is an important fundraiser for South High, and this is a huge competition between the classes at South.

Each class sponsors an elementary school and the cans collected from that school are then added to the main count of their class. Whichever class has the most cans at the end of the count gains points for their class in a competition that is held all year long.

There are a lot of bragging rights that come with winning this competition!

The Sophomore Class at South High is sponsoring Walteria Elementary. Let's help those awesome 10th graders out and bring in some canned goods between now and November 9th!

The grade level at Walteria that brings in the most cans will win a prize, and all of us will be supporting our local South Bay food pantries who have been hurting since Covid!

Walteria E.S.

YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN COMPETITION

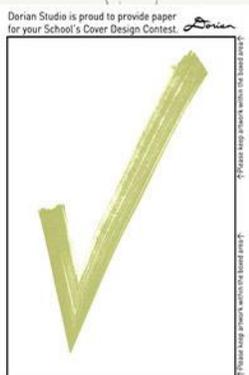
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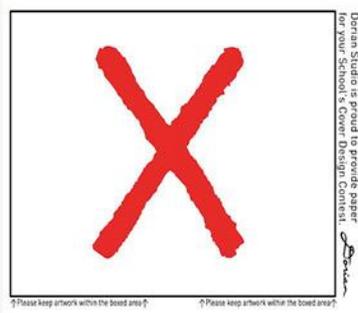
THEME:

2021-2022: A View
Through My Eyes

- Open to all students TK to 5th grade
- Download the design template or pick it up from the school office
- Make sure to put your name, grade & teacher **ON THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY**
- All entries must be in portrait format



Portrait



Landscape

- One entry per student
- Drop off your beautiful artwork at the school office **no later than Nov. 15th**

Show us how creative you can be!

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.

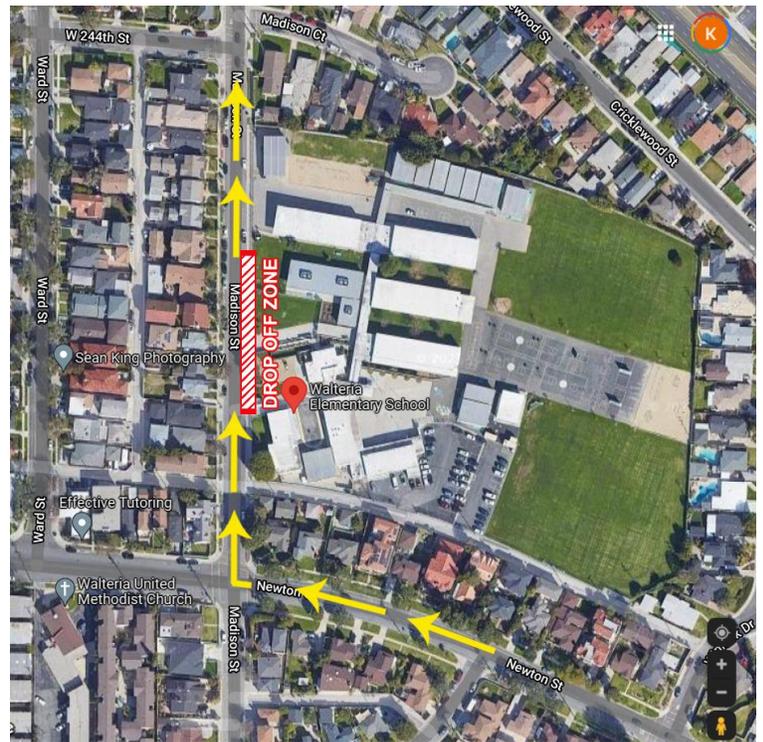
Traffic moves only **ONE WAY** in the drop off/pick up line.

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

November

- 4 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
- 12 Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL
- 19 Movie Night @ Walteria 6:00 PM
- 19 PTA Association Mtg 6:00 PM(@ Movie Night)
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL

December

- 2 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 20-31 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

January

- 6 PTA Executive Board Meeting

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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