

WHAT'S UP, WALTERIA?

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It's Fall, Y'all!

A Message from the President



Happy Fall, everyone! It's my very favorite time of year – Halloween month! The weather gets cooler, the events start happening, and no one bats an eye when you get that extra bag of miniature Snickers while you're shopping. This month we're thrilled to bring back our annual Fall Festival after two long years without it! Our Special Events team has really outdone

themselves with some over-the-top with plans, so this event is going to be pretty epic – the Trunk or Treat is back, along with carnival games, dinner, drinks, dessert, a haunted house, music and dancing, and more! Don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate with the whole family!

Our Direct Donation drive will wrap up at the end of the month, so if you're hoping to make a contribution to our PTA and get the swag that comes with it, now is the time! Don't forget about company matching, also – many employers offer to match funds donated to the PTA.

Also, the Skechers Walk is coming up on October 30th! This is such a fun event to get families out and active together, and your entry fee goes directly back to the school, so it's a win for all of us.

And lastly, don't forget about your PTA Reflections entries! All our budding artists need to get those submitted by October 14th! Have a lovely and festive October, everyone!

--Katrina Hetrick, Walteria PTA President 2022-23

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Wildcats Walk to School!

Walk to School Day officially falls on October 5th each year, but since we had a school holiday, our Wildcats participated in our annual Walk to School Day event on Tuesday, October 4th. Students gathered at De Portola Park to walk to Walteria as a group, and Wildcat Leadership students were ready to greet them with stickers! Upon arriving at campus, students placed a sticker on their grade level poster so they could see the number of students in each grade who made an effort to save the planet by walking to school!



Walteria PTA Proudly Presents

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 28th 2022

6:00 - 8:30 PM

on the Walteria campus

\$15 PER PERSON

Includes dinner, dessert, drinks, carnival games & prizes,
music & dancing, haunted house, tattoo station,

AND timed entry to the Trunk or Treat for the Kids!

****ALL attendees will need to purchase a wristband to enter the festival****

fallfestival.walteriaelementary.org

Sales end Friday, October 21st



Wristbands will be delivered to classrooms starting Tuesday, October 25th

Questions? Contact specialevents@walteriaelementary.org

WALTERIA PTA DIRECT DONATION 2022-2023

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 **tax-deductible**, and it **promotes school spirit** and **builds community**.

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



For questions or to inquire about Employer Matching, 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:

- a Walteria tote bag
- a Walteria lanyard
- a Walteria car decal
- a set of Walteria pencils
- one 2022-2023 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 magnet
- an exclusive Wildcat school experience
- special family recognition on the Walteria Direct Donation yearbook page



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:

- exclusive Walteria Wildcats T-shirt ONLY available for this fundraiser
- your student's name(s) printed on our Direct Donation school banner
- reserved seating at PTA activities throughout the year



ALL DONATIONS

A commemorative Walteria button to show off your PTA support is included with any amount donated!



2022-2023

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

SHOW YOUR VOICE!

Learn more and get involved!

[PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/reflections)

EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF!



DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



FILM
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE



MUSIC
COMPOSITION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

Explore the Arts and Express Yourself

National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The 2022-2023 Reflections theme is "Show Your Voice!"

Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Students participate in the appropriate division for their grade: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), Special Artist (All grades welcome). Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.

All entries will be due October 14, 2022.

Check the Reflections page on the [Walteria PTA website](https://walteriapta.org) for more information on the submission process.

**SUNDAY
OCT. 30**

**WALK
WITH
US**

SKECHERS®
Pier to Pier
Friendship Walk



GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Presented by

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The Annual Skechers Friendship Walk will be held on

Sunday, October 30th, 2022

Join friends, family, and community members
in this fun event that supports our school!

100% of your \$30 entry fee goes
directly back to Walteria Elementary.

You'll get a swag bag full of fun goodies, too!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Attention 5th Graders!

submit your
BABY PICTURES for the Yearbook



Due

OCT. 30th

STEPS:

1. Log in to your **PICTAVO** account or create one by going to <http://commpe.pictavo.com> and select Walteria Elementary.
2. Click on **SHARE YOUR PICTURES** and upload one (1) high resolution photo.
3. In the **Tags** box, make sure to type in the student's first and last names.
4. Choose an **upload folder** corresponding to the student's teacher (ex. Baby - Ruth).
5. Click **Upload Photos**. You're done!

Email any questions to:

walteriayearbook@gmail.com





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.
- ✚ **encourages** healthy lifestyles and food choices for every family.
- ✚ **tracks** local, state, and national policies every day so we can advocate for what's best for our students, families, and schools.
- ✚ **creates** the village that helps to raise our kids and strengthen our community.
- ✚ **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!

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.

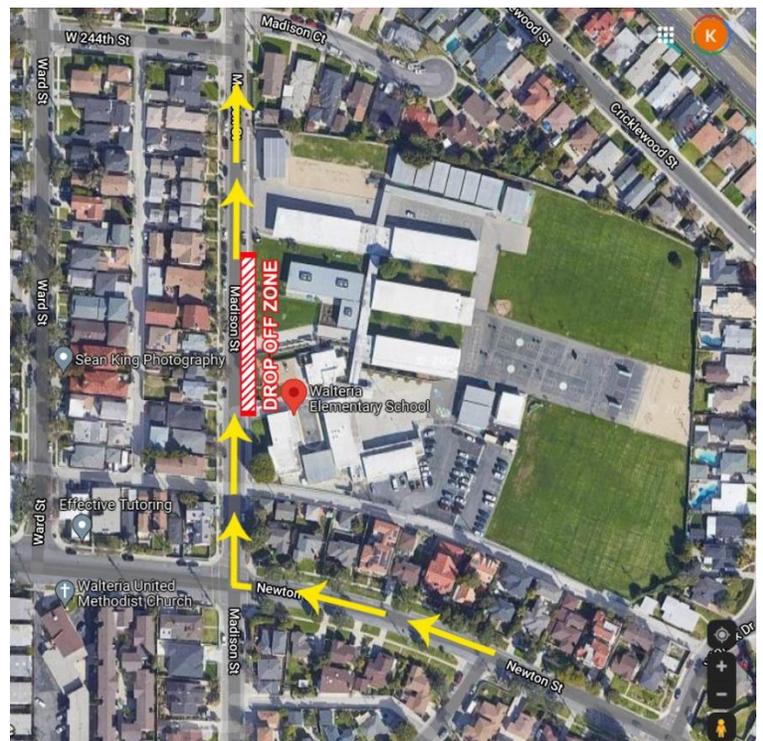
Traffic moves only **ONE WAY** in the drop off/pick up line.

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

October

- 4 Walk to School Day
- 5 Student Free Day – NO SCHOOL
- 6 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 14 PTA Reflections Entries Due
- 20-21 At-Risk Parent Conferences
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 25 Coffee with the Principal
- 27 Make-up Picture Day
- 28 Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
- 30 Skechers Friendship Walk
- 31 Halloween Parade
- 31 Direct Donation Drive Ends

November

- 3 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 28 Winter Grams sale begins
- 29 Coffee with the Principal

December

- 1 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 2 Movie Night
- 2 PTA Association Meeting
- 15 Staff Holiday Luncheon
- 19-30 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.

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