

# WHAT'S UP, WALTERIA?

Walteria PTA – Proudly Supporting Walteria Elementary  
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## A Season of Gratitude

### A Message from the President



November is typically a time when we focus on gratitude, and after this past couple of weeks I couldn't be more grateful for the incredible parent volunteers I work with every day. Whether they're on the PTA board, chairing a committee, volunteering to teach art or music, helping out in the classroom, or stepping in to help make an event happen, our school wouldn't

be the amazing place that it is without all of them. Thank you so much to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and made the Fall Festival such a huge success!

We've extended our Direct Donation drive through Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> in the hopes of getting a little closer to our \$45,000 goal. If you haven't made your Direct Donation contribution yet, there's no time like the present! [Click here to make your donation today!](#) And don't forget to check and see if your employer matches the funds you donate – email [donations@walteriaelementary.org](mailto:donations@walteriaelementary.org) if you need more information about that process.

This month we're also participating in South High's annual Canned Food Drive, and the winning classroom gets to take a field trip to South for a special spirit assembly, so make sure you get those cans in!

And finally, we have our winter See's Candies fundraiser open and ready for orders, so stock up on our favorites while you can!

--Katrina Hetrick, Walteria PTA President 2022-23

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# Fall Festival Fun!

The first Fall Festival since 2019 was an enormous success! Over 1,000 people were in attendance, the Trunk or Treat cars were amazing, and everyone danced the night away! Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this event such a big hit!



Congratulations to our Trunk or Treat winners!



Ms. Kotoff's Class "Pirate Ship"



Ms. Bravo's Class "Walteria Joe's"



The PTA would like to thank all of the following:

-DJ Sherwin, Stonefire Grill, Domino's Pizza, and Donut Den, who were wonderful vendors to work with for this event

-Torrance Police Department, Torrance Fire Department, and realtor Carol Fisher for participating in the Trunk or Treat

-all of the parent volunteers, Richardson and South student volunteers, our principal, teachers, and school staff. Special recognition goes to Kathy Bowman and Karen Satow for their help and dedication.

-The whole "Boo Crew," led by Diane Safah-Kanjee, and including Rachele Sudario, Jill Bickel, Sara Wojtanowicz, Sara Means, Grace Ryu, Angela Yi Vo, Sandra Enriquez, Esther Joo, Christine Rodriguez, Shayna Pennington, Abby Withee, and all the Haunted House dads (Chris Palmer, Ray Wong, Efrén Rodriguez, Jason Withee, and Zac Wojtanowicz)

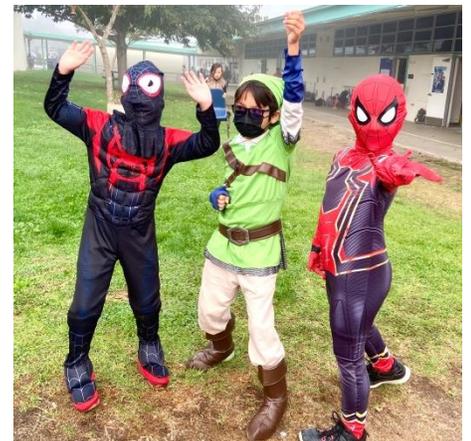


# Halloween Parade!



We love seeing our Wildcats in costume on Halloween, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders were excited to carry on the tradition of their flashmob dance. It was so nice to have parents back on campus to watch the parade in person after a two year hiatus!

Thank you so much to the wonderful DJ Robert Hilo for volunteering at this event – you made it so fun and special for everyone!



Last Call!  
Direct Donation  
will end Nov. 9th!

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](mailto: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!

11/1 - 11/15

# CANNED FOOD DRIVE

SUPPORT THE SOPHOMORE CLASS AT  
SOUTH HIGH IN THIS ANNUAL  
COMPETITION BY BRINGING IN CANS  
FOR YOUR CLASS.

**You MUST Write Your Classroom  
Number On Your Cans!!**

# See's CANDIES®

A Delicious Fundraiser  
Supporting the Walteria PTA



Click here to visit  
[seescandies.walteriaelementary.org](https://seescandies.walteriaelementary.org)  
and place your order online!

Online ordering is open  
now through December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
See's will ship directly to each customer



Stock up on holiday gifts and treats  
for the family or the office  
at the same retail prices you'd find in stores  
and help our school at the same time!

**Don't miss out!**  
**Ordering ends Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

# YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED!

Photos are due November 11<sup>th</sup>  
for the following events:

- First Day of School
- Walk to School Day
- Fall Festival
- Halloween Parade

## HOW TO UPLOAD:

1. Log in to your PICTAVO account or create one by going to: <https://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** for the picture: **1<sup>st</sup> Day of School**, **Walk to School Day**, **Fall Festival**, or **Halloween Parade**.
5. Click **Upload Photos**.

\*Please upload only one (1) photo for each category. Thank you!

Email any questions to [walteriayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:walteriayearbook@gmail.com)

# 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.

Our new valet volunteers are doing their best to help keep traffic flowing safely in the mornings, but they need your help and cooperation!

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 significant 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.**

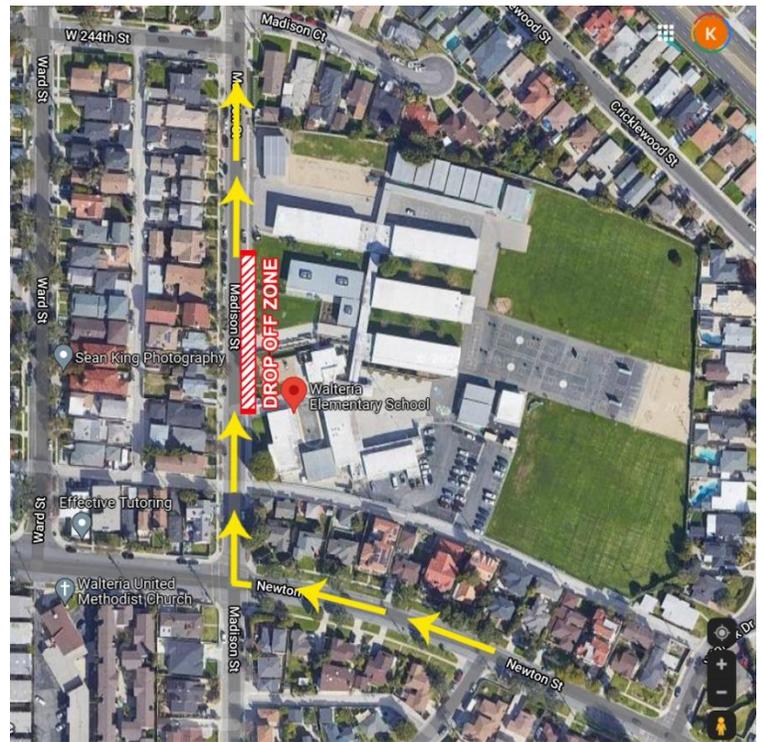
Traffic moves only **ONE WAY** in the drop off/pick up line.

**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 or after exiting 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

### November

- 3 PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 10 Student Free Day – NO SCHOOL
- 11 Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
- 15 South High Canned Food Drive Ends
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 28 Winter Grams sale begins
- 29 Coffee with the Principal

### December

- 2 Movie Night – doors open at 5:30 PM
- 2 PTA Association Meeting – 6:00 @ Movie Night
- 8 PTA Executive Board 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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