

Participate in PTA's Reflections Program.

It is time to *reflect* again. Last year's PTA sponsored art program, REFLECTIONS, was a big hit in our community and we are happy to announce that we will hold the program again.

Participation in the annual Reflections Program is a great way for students to explore and learn about various art forms. Creating art is a valuable learning process that challenges students to use their critical thinking skills as well as their creative talents to create art that supports a specific theme.

This year's theme is *“Beauty is..!.”*

Students in all grades may submit entries, interpreting the theme as they like. Only original works of art are accepted but students can submit more than one entry in one or more of the six arts areas listed below:

- **LITERATURE:** short stories, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, (neatly handwritten or typed by the student). Not to exceed 2000 words. Submit the original and two copies of the entry in a manila file folder.
- **MUSIC COMPOSITION:** original tunes for voice, instrument or a combination of voice and instruments not to exceed 5 minutes. Maximum score size of 11 x 14 inches. Submit two CD recordings of a performance of the composition.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** black-and-white or color prints, or collage (maximum size 11 x 14 inches, including a mat).
- **VISUAL ARTS:** drawings, paintings, prints, collages, photographic collage, metal etching or computer generated artwork (maximum size 24x30 inches, including a mat and not to exceed 3/8 inch thickness). Sorry, no three-dimensional work will be accepted. Mount all paper or canvas entries on cardboard mats.
- **DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY:** must be an original choreographed dance composition recorded on CD/DVD (maximum 3 minutes). May be up to 3 dancers performing and the choreographer may or may not be one of the performers. Costumes used must be created by the choreographer. State artist statement at the beginning of the recording. Entries submitted on two CDs or DVDs.
- **FILM/VIDEO PRODUCTION:** fiction or nonfiction relating to the current theme (maximum 5 minutes). May be with or without sound. Submitting student must be the director, screenwriter, and cameraperson. If a computer is used, the student must do all the work. Story boarding and editing, etc must be done by the student. Entries submitted on two CDs or DVDs.

PLEASE NOTE:

The program has clear regulations about size of entry, media used, participation, etc. as well as specific rules for submission to the different categories.

To prevent an entry being disqualified, we strongly encourage parents to read the contest guidelines at <http://www.ptareflections.org> before students create their works of art.

ALL entries are due on **December 14th, 2009**. Students should hand over art work to their class teachers.

All entries **MUST** be accompanied by a Student Entry Form with the required artist statement on it. Titling the work is optional. Please include the word “Untitled” on the work if appropriate.

Finally, our students' works of art will be displayed in the Selma auditorium from January 6 to 8, 2010. Students and families are invited to an **art opening on January 6, 2010 from 6-8 pm**. All the artists will be recognized for their work and the names of those artists whose work is going on to the district level will be announced.

For more information or to volunteer to join the REFLECTIONS committee, please contact:

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