

Announcing the
2008-2009
National PIA
Reflections theme:

WOW!

**Future
Star**

It's your child's chance to participate in the arts and be recognized by the entire school and perhaps the entire nation!

What is Reflections?

Reflections is a PTA-sponsored arts-in-education program that encourages children to express themselves through literature, art, music, photography, dance and film/video.

Nov. 8

When are entries due?

All entries must be turned in during the week of November 4 to November 8 in the front lobby between 7:30-8:30 a.m. No late entries will be accepted, so please get started right away! Children can submit as many entries as they want in each category.

Entries will be judged for interpretation of the theme, for originality and for creativity. Advancing entries have an opportunity to make it all the way to the national level!

View last year's winners by visiting <http://pta.browsermedia.com>.

Why is it important for students to participate?

Regardless of whether entries advance, creating art is a valuable learning process. Artistic exploration and expression enhance and develop intellectual, social and physical skills. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, photography and other art forms, they learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings and ideas and to look at things, people and experiences in a fresh and exciting way. They also become more interested in the ideas and works of others. The Reflections Program also helps parents encourage and recognize the continuous self-discovery process of their children and it provides an opportunity for the students to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.



Each child who participates will receive a trophy at the awards ceremony on December 11! Let's make this a very special night for the little artist in your family!

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Please read the rules in their entirety here:
www.txpta.org/reflections.html

Literature

Literature entries may be works of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry, and drama are all accepted.

Musical Composition

A musical composition entry may be for voice, instruments, or a combination of voice and instruments. Lyrics may or may not be included in vocal compositions. The composition is not to exceed five minutes.

Photography

A photography entry must be an original black-and-white or color image, or a group of images, produced by a photographic process. The entry must relate to the theme. The entry may incorporate such techniques as montage, multiple exposure, negative sandwiches, and photograms. Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally. Images should demonstrate the student's proper use of photographic techniques such as depth of field and exposure. The images may be created using various lenses, filters, and light sources. Photographs with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not acceptable.

Visual Arts

A visual arts entry must be an original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork that relates to the theme.

Dance/Choreography

Dance choreography entries must be original choreographed dance composition works recorded on a VHS videotape or DVD. The choreography must be the work of one student and must demonstrate creativity and interpretation of the theme. There may be up to three dancers performing the choreography. The choreographer may be the performer or one of the performers, but does not have to be. Costumes are not necessary. If costumes are used, however, the choreographer must also create the costumes.

Film/Video

Film/video production entries must be original works of fiction or nonfiction relating to the current Reflections Program theme. The entries may be with or without sound. The student submitting the entry must be the director, screenwriter, and cameraperson. If using a computer, the student must do all of the work. If the student chooses to appear in the production, a camera on a tripod may be used. All storyboarding, editing, etc., must be done by the student.

www.clayton-reflections.com

During this next week, we're setting up an interactive website with ideas, inspiration and how-to videos to help with things like using a computer to record your child's song, creating a visual arts entry using simple software and a couple of free programs to digitally enhance photos. We'll also post the rules and information about the awards reception and prizes.

The website will be located at:
www.clayton-reflections.com.

For more information, you can contact your Reflections program co-chairpersons:

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Please also let us know if you'd like to donate awards for the children or help with the reception.

Thanks for your interest in the Reflections program!