2015-16 Reflections Program

“Let Your Imagination Fly”

Reflections is: Creativity expressed through the arts. The works are judged by their creativity, originality and mastery of media, but most importantly on interpretation of theme (50% of judging).

**Six Categories for Entry are:**

LITERATURE

MUSIC COMPOSITION

PHOTOGRAPHY

VISUAL ARTS

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

FILM / VIDEO PRODUCTION

DUE DATE: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 Entries must be turned in to the front office.

What are the Rules? Each student (or parent) must fill out an official entry form that is signed by a

parent or guardian and secured to their work. Parents, friends, and teachers cannot help you with your

project. Your project must be yours alone. Be sure to explain how your work relates to the “Let Your

Imagination Fly” theme! This is very important and helpful to the judges. The following are basic rules.

Detailed instructions are available with the official entry forms. All entry forms and rules will be emailed

NEW- To Enter Reflections, one family member (Adult or Student) must be a PTA member at the school where the Reflections program is taking place.

What about Literature?

Think about what the theme means to you. Be creative!

Your entry can be fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, song lyric (words), or a story.

The entry must be shorter than 2,000 words on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8½ by 11.

Write on one side only and put your name on the back of each page. DO NOT MOUNT entries.

Artwork on pages will not be judged.

Place 3 copies of your entry in a manila file folder with your entry form stapled at the top only on the back of the outside of the folder.

What about Music Composition?

Original composition with or without lyrics.

5 minutes or shorter submitted in CD format (submit 1 copy in plastic or cardboard holder).

Students are not required to perform their own composition.

Notation required for grades six (6) through twelve (12). See rules for details.

Put your grade, school and state on the CD and the holder.

Place 1 copy of CD (in holder) in a large envelope

Secure the entry form on the outside of the envelope with masking tape.

What about Photography?

Original black-and-white or color image or a group of images, produced by a photographic process.

Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally.

Should demonstrate proper techniques such as depth of field and exposure

No larger than 11”x14” including mat (no frames).

Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.

DO NOT add graphics over the image and NO WORDS or lettering! Addition of this makes it a Visual Arts entry

Secure entry form on the back in a page protector (plastic sleeve) with masking tape.

What about Visual Arts?

An original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork.

All entries must be flat and not exceed 1” in thickness. Work must be 2-dimensional.

Sculpture will NOT be accepted.

Entries can be no larger than 24”x30” including mat.

Mount all paper or canvas entries on sturdy cardboard mats, but not in wooden, metal, plastic or glass frames. Do not exceed ⅜” thickness!

DO NOT put your name on the front! Also, limit the words and writing on your piece.

Secure entry form on the back in page protector (plastic sleeve) with masking tape.

What about Dance Choreography?

Original choreographed dance composition from 2 to 5 minutes maximum, and recorded on DVD or CD. Provide 1 copy.

Up to 3 performers are allowed; the choreographer does not have to be a performer. Costumes are not necessary, but if used, see rules for details.

Acceptable file formats include: .MPG / .MPEG; .MOV / .QT; or .WMV and should be saved as a DVD / CD file, not as a DVD / CD movie.

On the entry form, list dance performer(s) names & details of background music (include song title, composer, and song performer name).

Label the DVD or CD and plastic or cardboard holder with your grade, school, and state.

Place in large envelope; and secure the entry form outside with masking tape.

What about Film Production?

Original work of fiction or non-fiction in the categories of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, or media presentations (see rules for details).

You must be the director, screenwriter and cameraperson. If you want to be in the production, you may use a tripod for the camera.

Entries may not exceed 5 minutes; they must be recorded on DVD or CD.

Acceptable file formats include: .MPG / .MPEG; .MOV / .QT; or .WMV and should be saved as a DVD / CD file, not as a DVD / CD movie. Provide 1 copy.

Label the DVD or CD and plastic or cardboard holder with your grade, school, and state.

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