

# Reflections Program



## Program Information for 2009-2010

The Reflections theme for 2009-2010 is



Hopewell MS will participate in the Reflections Program this year which is sponsored by your PTA. The Reflections Program is a contest of the National PTA that gives an opportunity for students to explore and learn about various art forms by submitting their original creations. RRISD has traditionally placed at the state and national level in the contest. With the amazing talent at Hopewell, please encourage your students to enter.

Deadline for entries is Monday, November 2, 2009. All entries should be turned in to the Hopewell Middle School Library.

At the bottom of this page are links to the general rules and the rules for the area your student is entering. Read the rules and instructions carefully and fill out the entry form completely. For questions, contact our PTA Reflections Chair, Mayela Medina, at [medina26@austin.rr.com](mailto:medina26@austin.rr.com).

### **Purpose**

National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas:

- literature,
- dance/choreography,
- musical composition,
- photography,
- film/video production, and
- visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

In its more than 30-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. The Reflections Program was started in 1969 by then Colorado PTA President Mary Lou Anderson.

### **A Great Learning Experience**

Participating in the Reflections Program is an opportunity for students to explore and learn about various art forms. It does not matter whether an entry created for the Reflections Program has been created as a classroom assignment or independently at home. Artistic exploration and expression enhance and develop intellectual, social and physical skills. Creating art is a valuable learning process.

When children express themselves through words, pictures, movement, music, photography and other art forms, they grow intellectually. They learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings and ideas. They learn to look at things, people and experiences in a fresh and exciting way and they 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.

The PTA's Reflections Program is designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education. It provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

Parents, teachers and community members all play a critical role in fostering a positive learning environment for children. Supporting the Reflections Program is one way adults can help create that environment.

### **Participation**
















Young artists participate in the Reflections Program through their local PTA. A student may submit an entry in any of the six arts areas. Only original works of art are

accepted. Participation in the Reflections Program is organized by school grade. This allows recognition and judging of artworks by appropriate developmental age and skill levels. Grade divisions are: Primary (preschool-grade 2), Intermediate (grades 3-5), Middle/Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12). The Reflections Program is structured for PTAs to recognize students at the Local PTA, Council PTA, Area PTA, State, and National levels.

## **A Word to Parents**

As with any student activity, parent involvement and support are very important. But parents must remember that student artists need to create their own works. Students must make their own decisions about what to create and what to enter in the Reflections Program. By creating their own literature, musical composition, photography, the visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video, students not only learn about the arts, more importantly, they learn about themselves.

## **Entry Forms and Rules for Students**

- [English Student Entry Form](#) 
- [Spanish Student Entry Form](#) 
  
- [General Rules](#) 
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- [Literature Guidelines](#) 
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