

PTA Reflections Program

November 2007



Dear Wheeler Students, Parents and Teachers,

Wheeler Avenue PTA is sponsoring a REFLECTIONS program again this year! REFLECTIONS is a national PTA program which provides an opportunity for all students to use their creative talent by expressing themselves through their own original works. There are six categories in the REFLECTIONS program: literature, film/video production, dance choreography, photography, visual arts and musical composition.

Students: The theme for 2007 - 2008 is:

"I Can Make a Difference By..."

You may interpret this theme in any way you feel appropriate, but only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are acceptable. A summary of the rules appears on the back of this form. Creations may be done at home or you may submit work done at school. All the work PTA receives on this theme will be acknowledged and prizes will be awarded for the winners in each category. We know that Wheeler Avenue School has talented students and we eagerly await your original creations.

Parents & Teachers:

Please show your support of this program and the cultural arts by encouraging your children to participate. You know your child's talents best. Consider having paper for writing; some basic art supplies, film and/or tape recorder on hand over the next few weeks. Participating in REFLECTIONS is a great way for students to explore and learn about various art forms. Artistic exploration and expression enhance and develop intellectual, social and physical skills. Creating art is a valuable learning process. They may need your help in understanding the rules, which are summarized on the back of this sheet. An adult may not alter or enhance student's work.

All entries must be received by **Monday, December 10, 2007**. Entries will be judged on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. Good Luck!

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2007-2008 REFLECTION PROGRAM RULES

Unless the work clearly relates to the theme the theme must be used in the title or subtitle of the entry

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 3:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY INCLUDING YOUR GRADE, ROOM NUMBER AND TEACHER'S NAME.

Summary of Rules:

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Original black and white image or group of images.
- A montage, multiple exposure, negative sandwiches, and photograms are acceptable.
- Photo may be manipulated conventionally or digitally.
- Print the images on paper or other 2 dimensional material not to exceed 11 inches by 14 inches including a mat. No frames are acceptable.
- Photographs with added graphics over the image, including lettering are not acceptable. No slides
- Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board or some other sturdy material
- Protecting the work with shrink wrap or a transparent cover is optional but highly recommended.

VISUAL ARTS

- Original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching, punchwork, fiber work or computer generated artwork.
- Art must be flat and no more than 3/8 inch thick not to exceed 24" x 30" including mat
- Entries may be submitted on paper, canvas board, cardboard, press board or canvas.
- Mount all entries on sturdy cardboard mats
- Protecting the work with shrink wrap or a transparent cover is optional but highly recommended. Lamination is discouraged.
- No sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and other 3-D artwork. No reproductions or enlargements.

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

- Entry may be for voice, instruments or a combination with or without lyrics not to exceed five minutes
- Use of composition and notation software is permitted
- Must submit an audio cassette or CD recording of the composition.
- *See your teacher for descriptive musical composition rules.*

LITERATURE

- Entries may be works of fiction or non-fiction. Prose, poetry and drama are accepted.
- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries must be handwritten or typed. May be typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached. Transcribers are not to alter grammar or form of speech of the student
- Number all pages, write the student's name on the back of each page
- Any kind of paper not to exceed 8 1/2" x 11" in size.
- Collections of poems or short stories are not acceptable.

FILM/VIDEO PRODUCTION

- Entries must be original works of fiction or non-fiction with or without sound not to exceed 5 minutes
- The student submitting the entry must be the director, screen writer and cameraperson
- Categories are as follows: animation, narrative, documentary, experimental and media presentations using computers. *See your teacher for full description*
- Must submit a videotape, DVD, or computer disc of the performance.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

- Entries must be original choreographed dance composition works recorded on a videotape or DVD.
- There may be up to three dancers performing the choreography. Choreographer may be the performer but does not have to be.
- Costumes are not necessary but if used they must be created by choreographer
- Entries must not exceed five minutes.

IMPORTANT: LITERATURE, MUSICAL COMPOSITION, FILM/VIDEO PRODUCTION AND DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY WILL NOT BE RETURNED.