

Frequently Asked Questions about the PTA Reflections Program

- **What is Reflections?**

Reflections is a program sponsored by the PTA encouraging students to reflect on a common theme and create original works of art in the categories of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

- **Who should enter?**

Any Oakwood student who enjoys expressing themselves through the arts and winning prizes should enter!

- **Why should I enter?**

It's fun, your art will be displayed for the whole school to see, every entry receives a certificate and a participation award, selected entries will receive medals and be entered in the program at the next level (council).

- **Can I work on it with a partner?**

Only one person can get credit for the work on an entry, so if you work with a partner you would have to decide which one of you was going to enter...you can't both enter!

- **Can I enter more than once?**

You can enter once in each of the 7 categories

- **What are the categories?**

Dance Choreography
Film Production
Literature
Music Composition
Photography
Visual Arts 2D
Visual Arts 3D

- **What are the divisions? Will I be graded against a big 6th grader?**

Nope. Primary is K-2, Intermediate is 3-5 and Middle School is 6th

- **Do I need to have anything special to turn in my entry?**

ALL entries need to have a completed entry form signed by a parent or guardian with a good contact phone number and email address. This entry form needs to be in a clear plastic sheet protector. If necessary include a completed Consent Form. Entries that are smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches need to be in an 10 X 13" Manila envelope. The sheet protector should be taped securely to the envelope, allowing the entry form to still be removed from the top. Look over the rules for your entry. Some are limited by how big they can be, some need to be in a specific format on a thumb drive or a CD or DVD. If your entry is larger than 8.5 x 11 tape the plastic sheet cover to the back of your entry, again being sure to allow the entry form to be removed from the top. If your parent has questions or is having trouble with any of these things contact Susan at 801-272-7876 or susangedge@gmail.com.

- **Can someone help me with my entry?**

Entries should be created entirely by the student without any outside help.

- **When do I need to have a consent form?**

The Consent Form should be used if a recognizable image is included in a Reflections entry. This means any time a person could be recognized from an image, usually involving all or part of the face, then the Consent Form should be used. The form should be used for any person regardless of age, child, youth or adult.

- **Where can I find the rules?**

. Each student will be given an abbreviated version of the rules for each category, along with a submission form that they can take home. This will help them decide what projects they would like to work on. Official rules for each category can be found online at <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections>

- **What is my project judged on?**

The *biggest criterion is interpretation of theme*, but entries are judged on creativity and technical skill as well. This is why your artist statement on the entry form is so important! Some technically beautiful pieces have been submitted without an artist statement and they didn't do very well....

- **Can I submit a project I did last year?**

The program this year is based around the theme "Heroes Around Me". The idea is that you 'reflect' on that theme and come up with a way to communicate what it means to you through the arts. Your project should be one that was created this year based on this theme.

- **When do I get my project back?**

Projects that are not moving on to the next level, as well as ALL 3D projects, will be sent home with students after school on Friday October 5th. Remember to stop by the gym and pick up your entry on your way home after school Friday! If your project is moving on it will be returned to you after judging at the next level. Depending on how far your project goes it may be several months before it is returned to you.

- **Do I need to have my music composition entry written out in musical notation?**

Only if you are in the 6th grade. Primary and Intermediate divisions DO NOT require musical notation.

- **What about copyright laws?**

Be very careful about copyright law. If an image is protected under copyright law (like all Disney and several other characters) you cannot draw or recreate that image for a contest. Even if you drew the image from your own memory, the character is copyrighted and your entry will not be judged.

- **Can I enter a project I created in a class?**

If the project was created entirely by you and you weren't following a model or instructions from a teacher than you may. Art that is created by you as a copy of something someone else did (like we do in Meet the Masters) would not be considered original art work. Be creative and original!