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Clayton Elementary
Reflections 2008



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PTA Reflections 2008 - Clayton Elementary

What is Reflections?

Reflections is a cultural arts program of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (The National PTA) which encourages students to express their thoughts and feelings through creative arts. Every year a theme is chosen, and students create art-work at home or school to express that theme. Students compete for prizes and recognition at local, state, and national levels. At Clayton, we emphasize the creative process and achievement rather than the contest by connecting students with local professionals to learn about how art is utilized in the professional world.

Our programs meet offsite (away from school) - at a professional art organization or business. Previous art ceremonies have been held at the Bergstrom-Mahler Paperweight Museum, Post Crescent, Appleton Art Center, and Banta Publishing. We've met with professional painters, a well published & Nationally recognized poet, a Fine Arts Photographer & Photo journalist, Neenah Joint School District Talent Pool Teachers, and we've toured a real printing facility to learn how books are published. 2008 will bring other new opportunities for young artists to connect with experienced ones.

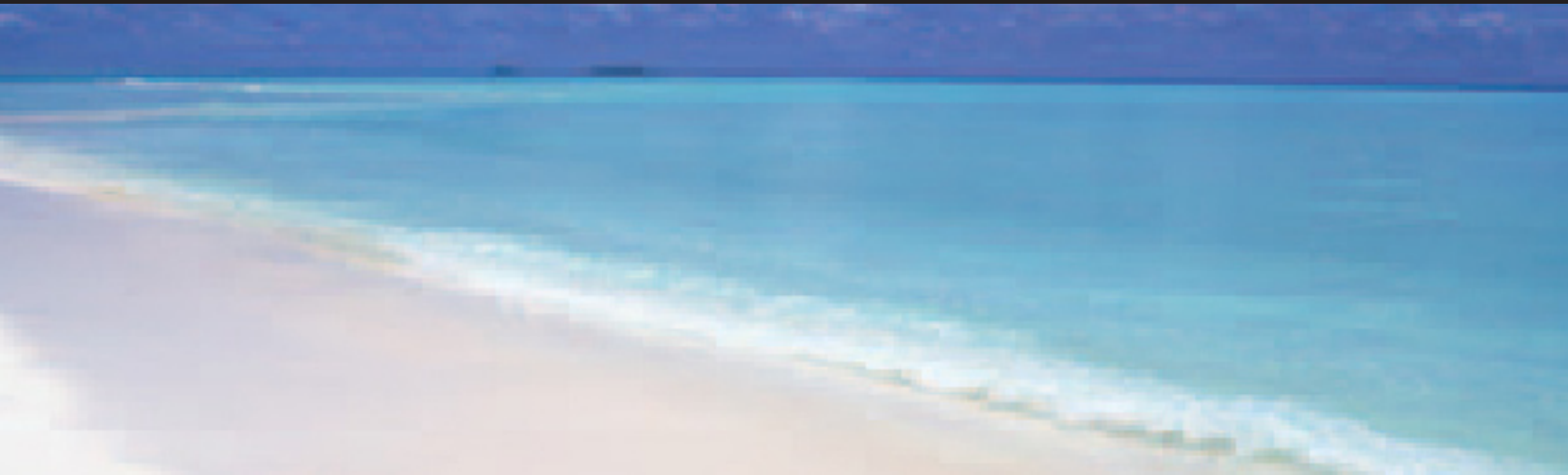
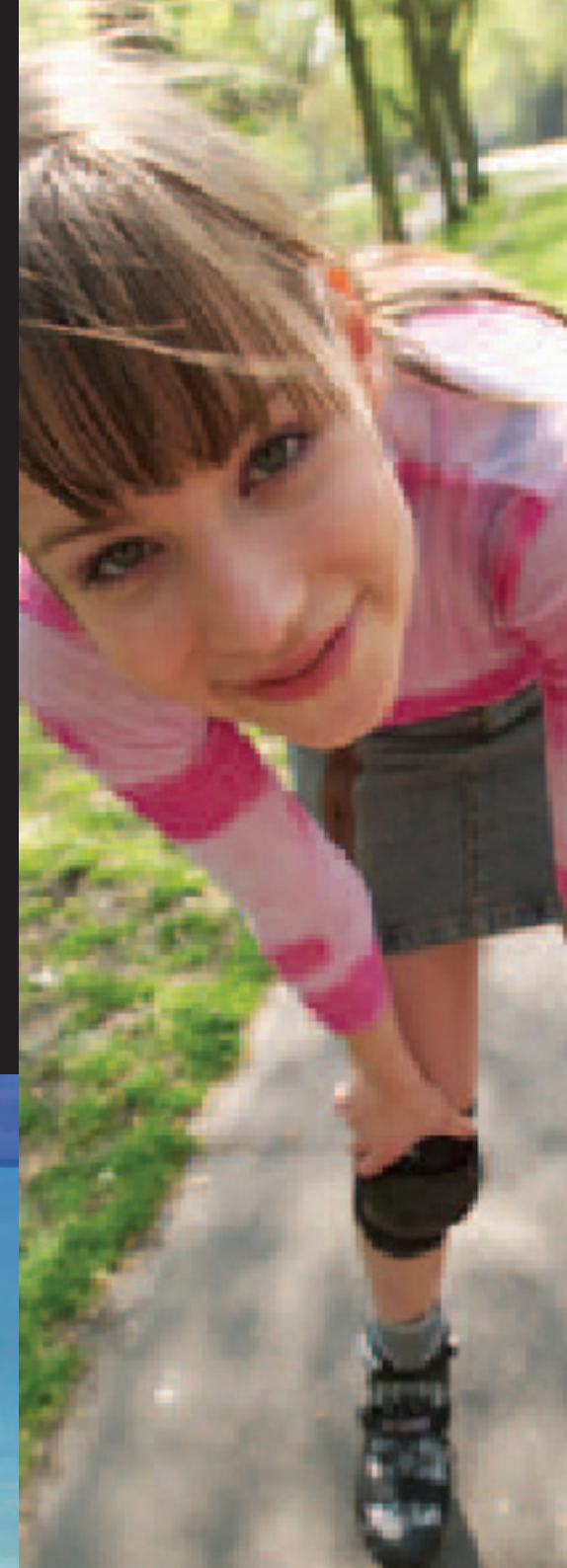
I can make a difference by...

The theme of our 2008 Reflections Program is "I can make a difference by..."

Imagine the many ways that you can make a difference in: someone's life, your community, country, or world; and then turn your idea into art. Write about it in the form of a short story or a poem. Paint a picture - take a photograph. The possibilities are endless to express yourself through your favorite talent.

If you are interested in participating, we encourage you to view the 2007 National PTA Reflections Winners online: <http://pta.browsermedia.com> by clicking on your area of interest. By viewing previous winners you'll get an idea of what types of artwork kids submit, and maybe you'll also gain some inspiration or insight as to your own possibilities.

We'd love to see you there! To get started - just complete the attached Interest form and return it to Amy Nasr by Nov. 12th.

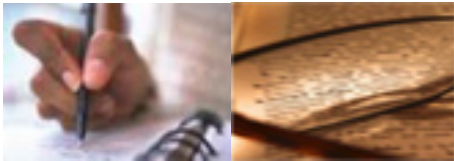




2008 Reflections Program - "I can make a difference by..."

Participation in the arts is linked to better performance in mathematics, science, and creative thinking. Reflections was developed to interest children, parents, teachers, and communities in the arts. The arts are an important part of every child's education; not just those that have unique talent. The arts allow children to express their feelings and ideas. They are an important creative release that can help children develop self-esteem. And, just as important, Reflections is a fun project!

Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not influence or alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Students may enter the Reflections Program in the appropriate division for their grade. The divisions are as follows: (1) PRIMARY Kindergarten - Grade 2 and (2) INTERMEDIATE Grades 3-5.



Writing

Entries must not exceed 2000 words. Literature entries may be works of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry, and drama are all accepted. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.



Photography

A single submission cannot exceed 11"x14" including a mat. 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. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.



Dance / Choreography

Entries may not exceed five minutes. 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. Costumes are not necessary. If costumes are used, however, the choreographer must also create the costumes. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.



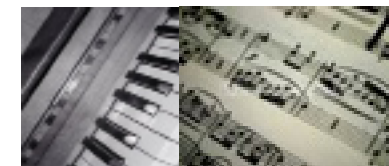
Film / Video Production

Entries may not exceed five minutes. 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. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.



Visual Arts

No art may exceed 24 inches by 30 inches, including a mat and may not be more than 3/8" thick. 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. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.



Musical Composition

The composition may not exceed five minutes. 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.

No notation is required for primary & intermediate grades.

Reflections 2008 Registration Form - *Completed Artwork is due January 3rd, 2008*

Theme of Competition: "I can make a difference by..."

Name of Student _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Address (street) _____ (city) _____ (zip) _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Areas of Interest: (please circle all that apply)

Visual Arts Music Composition Dance / Choreography Photography Literature Film / Video

Please sign:

I would like to participate in Reflections 2008:

(student signature)

My child is interested in entering Reflections 2008:

(parent signature)

***Please return this form to your school office by Monday, November 12th.**

Note: A child may submit entries in more than one field of interest, for example : photography and literature. Completed artwork is due back to school on January 3rd, 2008. Detailed copies of rules for the Areas of Interests are available at the school office, and copies will be made prior to registration upon individual request. Please call Amy Nasr at 836-2020 if you would like a copy made for you.

After completion of the entry form, two copies of the detailed Areas of Interest rules for your child's selection will be given to you, (one for you to keep as a reference, and one for you to sign and return to Amy Nasr by Monday, November 19). If you have any questions, please contact Amy Nasr at 836-2020.