



It's Time for the 2009-2010 PTA Reflections Contest Theme: "Beauty Is . . ."

What is the Reflections Program:

"Reflections is a Cultural Arts program of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA) which encourages students in Pre-school through Grade 12 to express their thoughts and feelings through the creative arts. . . . students create original artwork at home or in school in six categories: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film/Video Production.

The goal of the Reflections program is participation, not winning. The Reflections program can give children who have never created a work of art a chance to experiment and feel good about their work."

Who Is Eligible to Participate:

ALL students in grades PreK thru 12 in schools with a PTA organization are eligible and encouraged to participate. Winners will be selected from each school in each art area to advance to the state level. Projects may be completed in school or at home!!

Theme:

This year's entries should reflect the theme "**Beauty Is . . .**" (only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are eligible).

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EACH ENTRY RELATES TO THE THEME!!!!

Acceptable Entries:

Students may submit work in any or all of the following categories: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts (no 3-D works!), Dance Choreography, and Film Production. There is no limit on the number of entries a student may submit in any category.

Program Rules:

Specific rules for each arts area are attached to this sheet. **PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTEST!!!!!!**

Each entry must be the original work of only ONE student. An adult may not alter, change, or enhance the creative integrity of a student's work. Help from an adult or collaboration with other students is NOT allowed!

Use of copyrighted material is prohibited!!! This includes copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material in visual arts and photography entries. Musical compositions and literature entries are not to borrow from copyrighted material either.

Deadline for Entries:

ALL entries must be turned into your school's PTA representative by no later than **Friday, November 20, 2009**. (Some schools may have different entry dates.) Entries will be judged and the winners forwarded on to the State Competition in January.

Questions:

Contact your school's PTA President or Reflections Chairperson OR Melanie Bayles, Citywide Reflections Chairperson at 624-1135 or 762-1994 or melanie.bayles@cowboy.net

Check out the following website for more information (www.stillwater.k12.ok.us) and pictures of past winners: www.okpta.org