

2017-2018

PTA

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

*VAN ALSTYNE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL*



REFLECTIONS IS AN AWESOME PROGRAM TO HELP SHOW OFF YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVE SIDE!

- How? *Use the theme to dance, draw, write, sing, & snap your way to the top!*
- This year's theme.... *Within Reach*
- There are 6 categories to choose from:
 - 1) DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
 - 2) FILM PRODUCTION
 - 3) LITERATURE
 - 4) MUSIC COMPOSITION
 - 5) PHOTOGRAPHY
 - 6) VISUAL ARTS



- New and original choreography inspired by the theme
- Consider the following styles: ballet, contemporary, ethnic and folk, freestyle, hip hop, jazz, street dance, and tap
- The dance can be performed by an individual or a group
- You can use any music
- Burn video (no longer than 5 minutes, no larger than 1 GB) to DVD. Accepted file formats: AVI, MOV, MPG, MPEG, MP4, WMV, FLV, and F4V

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

*Choreograph a
dance!*



- Consider the following styles to portray your work of fiction or nonfiction inspired by the theme: animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, multimedia
- No longer than 5 minutes and 1GB in size
- Copy to a DVD. Accepted video file formats include: AVI, MOV, MPG, MPEG, MP4, WMV, FLV & F4V

FILM PRODUCTION

Shoot a film!



- Consider the following styles to portray your work of fiction or nonfiction inspired by the theme: prose, poetry, drama, reflective essay, narrative or short story
- 2000 word max
- Write or type on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper (one sided only)

LITERATURE

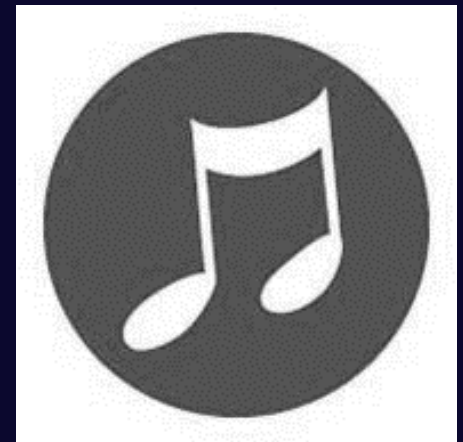
Write your story!



- Consider the following styles and instruments to portray your original composition inspired by the theme: a cappella, blues, choral, country, electronic, hip hop, jazz, world music, musical, orchestral, pop, R&B, religious, rock, symphonic/concert band & traditional
- All instruments (including voice), sounds, styles & combinations accepted
- No longer than 5 minutes
- Turn in sheet music and record on a CD (less than 1GB)

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Write a song!



- Accepted forms include: single photo, panoramic, photomontage, multiple exposure, negative sandwich or photogram inspired by the theme
- No bigger than 11 x 14 inches, including matting
- Do not frame
- Digital photos must be high resolution (300 dpi or higher)

PHOTOGRAPHY

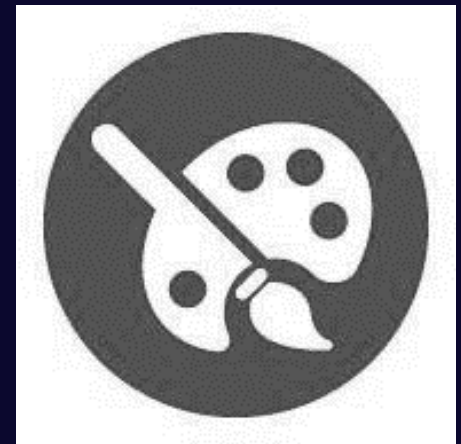
Snap a photo!



- Create a 2D original print/drawing/painting/print/collage/metal etching or punch work, fiber work or computer-generated artwork inspired by the theme
- No larger than 24 x 30 inches, including matting
- No sculptures
- Do not frame

VISUAL ARTS

*Show us your
story!*



- Students may receive non-artistic accommodation & assistance from an adult
- Use of adaptive technology is allowed
- Submissions must be solely created by the special artist, but a parent, teacher or other adult may type, hold a camera, etc.

SPECIAL ARTIST DIVISION

An option for students with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



HOW TO ENTER

- Review the official rules packet. Link is posted on the [VAE PTA website](http://vaepta.com/programs/arts-in-education/), <http://vaepta.com/programs/arts-in-education/>.
- Have your student show his/her creative side by completing a project
- Complete the student entry form posted on the [VAE PTA website](http://vaepta.com/programs/arts-in-education/) – *don't forget the artist statement!*
- Return to the VAES Library no later than *October 27, 2017*



SUMMARY OF RULES

- Students may submit entries in more than one arts category
- Artwork must be **original** and created for the purpose of this program and this year's theme
- Only one student may create the word and be recognized as the award recipient, but other students may appear in the artwork itself
- Adults may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work



SUMMARY OF RULES

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- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited except: music in dance choreography and film production when the title, composer and performer are cited in the submission
- Be familiar with important Reflections documents: Arts Category Rules, General Participation Rules & Student Eligibility & Entry Guidelines
- General participation, specific arts category & special artist division rules must be followed at all levels



Rules and guidelines can be found at:

<http://vaepta.com/programs/arts-in-education/>

LOCAL JUDGING

- Judges from the community will view student projects during the week of **November 13th**
- Judges will evaluate entries primarily on the interpretation of the theme, but also on artistic merit/creativity and mastery of medium
- Judging is blind (no names provided)
- All students will be recognized
- 20% will advance to the next
- level of judging
 - Texas PTA Deadline is
 - **January 2018**



RECOGNITION LEVELS

- *Award of Excellence* – excellent interpretation of the theme, exceptionally creative, executed very well; will advance to the next level for judging
- *Award of Merit* – very good interpretation of the theme, very creative, executed very well
- *Honorable Mention* –
 - good interpretation of the theme,
 - creative, nicely executed
- *Participation Award* – all students
- not otherwise awarded

