

REFLECTIONS
National PTA Art Contest
2019-2020
Theme: *Look Within*
September 6th - Oct 14th

Hello Golden Fields Families,

The 2019 Reflections program is here! We would like to encourage all Golden Fields students to consider participating in this exciting national program.

What is Reflections?

Reflections is an annual art contest sponsored by the National PTA. This contest encourages students to express themselves through the arts, as well as to show their skills and creativity in specific art categories. Reflections projects are completed by students at home and submitted to their local school PTA. Student projects are first judged at an individual school level and may be selected to go on to Region, State, and National levels.

What are the Dates for 2018-2019 Reflections?

All Reflections submissions are due on **Monday, Oct.14, 2019**. Students who submit their work early are eligible for prizes and may have their work displayed in the school where it will inspire others to enter!

What is the theme?

Every year, there is a special theme chosen for Reflections. This year's theme is "**Look Within.**" All projects should relate to this theme in some way, although each student is free to interpret the theme as they see fit.

What kind of art is accepted?

There are 7 categories they may enter in: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts 2D, and 3D. (Note: 2D and 3D art are judged as separate categories at our local and state levels but are combined at the National level.) Students may enter up to 7 categories, but each entry must have its own project and separate entry form papers.

Is it important for students to do this work on their own?

Absolutely. All work should be a personal reflection of the student's individual creativity. Group projects are not accepted for this contest. Please help to make it fair for all and do not have parent involvement directly in artist work or artist statements. Special accommodations available to students in the Special Artist category, you can find this information on the Special Artist category page on our school website. Please note that the Reflections contest will not accept any works of art that include trademarked logos, characters, or designs.

How are projects judged?

Students are broken up into age groups: Special Artists, Pre-K to 2nd, 3rd to 5th, and 6th. 6th will be judged at a local level on its own, but at a region, district, state, and national level against 7th and 8th. Special Artists are judged on a grade level basis. Students can earn points in each of 3 areas: creativity, theme, and most importantly, artist statements. The artist statement relates their artwork to the theme in their own words and counts for half of the points during the judging process.

Consent Forms:

Students who have other students and/or people appear in their projects must get a signed consent from all participants. Consent forms will be attached to entry paperwork.

How to submit student projects:

Paperwork should be completely filled out before submission. Please make sure you have read the guidelines and rules attached to the entry forms. Note that a *parent/guardian signature* in ink is required for all entries.

It is easiest to submit work and forms together in a large **9x12 Manila Envelope**. Artwork should be placed inside the manila envelope if the size allows, otherwise the artwork can have this envelope attached to it with a strong clip. If the project is on a flash drive, this will go into the envelope. Photos of 3D artwork are required and information for these photos is listed under the 3D section entry requirements. These photos should also be placed inside of the envelope.

Collections of **Reflections** entries will be before and after school on **Monday, Oct.14**. You will be able to find the Reflections collection table outside of the front office, weather permitting. (In case of bad weather, you will find us inside of the school near the front office.) The PTA will provide manila envelopes for those who do not have them at the submission tables on collection days.

We will also have an early submissions table at school on the morning of Wednesday, Oct.9 for students who would like to submit their work early.

If you would like to submit your work outside of these dates, the office will be able to accept all but 3D art submissions. To arrange an alternate time to submit 3D artwork, please contact me directly. Absolutely **no** entries will be taken after October 14th, please respect this deadline and try to get your projects completed early to avoid last-minute problems.

Questions?

Feel free to email goldenfieldsreflections@gmail.com and we will do our very best to answer any questions or concerns in a timely manner.

The Golden Fields PTA is looking forward to this celebration of the arts and to enjoying some original and creative pieces from our Golden Fields students!

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