

Reflections Program 2009-2010

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“BEAUTY IS...”

DUE: NOVEMBER 10th

We are glad you decided to enter this year's *Reflections* competition. Please note the following tips to insure your entry or entries are acceptable and prevent disqualification:

1. ____ Student (not parent) must fill out a white entry form in its entirety and it must be signed by both student and parent, if student is under 18. Parents may only help if a student cannot fill out the form or write legibly, and would then sign their child's name. We will make extra copies for those going on to the state.
2. ____ Pay special attention to the “Required Information” areas on the entry form and in the rules sheets, where you must write down measurements, processes, etc. Crediting music and persons in your videos/dances is mandatory. Titles are optional, but helpful. **Artist statements ARE required this year!** You may attach more paper if necessary.
3. ____ The theme must be reflected in the entry, hence the name of this program. Judges look first for interpretation of the theme, then artistic merit and creativity.
4. ____ Download and print the rules sheets for the category or categories you are entering and read them very carefully! Size requirements must be adhered to or you will be disqualified. Notice maximum measurement requirements.
5. ____ Pay special attention to the “presentation” or “format” part of the rules and follow the guidelines carefully. These are very specific regarding page protectors, masking tape, labeling, etc. If you use a page protector, (required for visual arts and photography), leave top open so judges can remove your entry form and read any extra information you may have added on the back or onto a separate piece of paper. Visual arts and Photography entries **MUST** be MOUNTED properly.
6. ____ No trademarks or copyrighted artwork is allowed in your entry (such as a photo or drawing including a “Coke” can or a TV cartoon character).
7. ____ Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are acceptable. Taking something you've previously made and trying to make it fit the theme is not.
8. ____ Do not allow parents, teachers, or other adults or friends/relatives to help you create your entry. This must be the work of one student only. Photography and video production entries must be photographed/videotaped **BY** the student.
9. ____ Shrink wrapping visual art and photography is prohibited. Please do not cover work with plastic or laminate.
10. ____ You may enter as many entries as you'd like in as many categories as you'd like, but you must have a separate entry form for each entry.

____ **Check off each of the above as you've double checked everything!**

GOOD LUCK and ENJOY CREATING! Questions...Contact your Reflections Chairperson listed on the bottom of your entry form. Got an idea for a future Reflections theme? See sheet for theme search. Please submit your idea to the Michigan PTA address listed on the form by Nov. 18th