Tacoma Council PTA Reflections Program
2012-2013 Theme: “The Magic Of A Moment”

Tacoma Council PTA encourages all local units in good standing to offer a Reflections Arts Program in your school. Reflections offers students the chance to use their creative abilities for fun and recognition. Here’s how to get started:

- The WSPTA Reflections Guide provides information, rules and ideas. It can be found in the Leadership Packet or on-line at www.wastatepta.org—Leadership Resources—Log in: “diversity”—Password: means. More Reflections information and forms can be found under Programs—Reflections.
- Sign up for the WSPTA Reflections Listserv as soon as possible to keep up-to-date on the latest information. Email: support@wastatepta.org and ask to be on the listserv. This listserv is a great way to ask questions and get quick answers.
- Keep up-to-date with Tacoma Council PTA by visiting our website: tacomacouncilpta.weebly.com and “Like” us on Facebook—search Tacoma Council PTA
- Advertise Reflections to your students: letter to parents, school newsletter, assembly, display table or bulletin board. Ask teachers to make it a project. Offer incentives/awards such as certificates, ribbons or a special party or recognition ceremony. Have Rules & Entry forms readily available for students. Fill in your unit deadline on Rules forms before reproducing them. Fill the information in At the Top of the Entry form before reproducing them. They are not in fillable format this year. (If you don’t know your National ID number, go to www.pta.org—“Find Your PTA” - enter your city and state—search.)
- Please note the specific rules on how entries are to be prepared and how to fill in the forms to avoid disqualification. Note size requirements on visual arts & photography and that they need to be mounted on firm, unbendable backing. Place entry forms in a sheet protector & tape to back of the entry. Must be able to easily pull entry form in and out, without being obstructed by tape. Note specific formats and time limits for music, dance and film. Note Literature must have 1 original & 1 copy in a manila envelope, with entry form stapled to the back. All work requires a Title and an Artist Statement. Entry forms must have legible contact information and must be signed by student and parent.
- Conduct judging at your local level before sending entries forward to Council. Judging forms are on the WSPTA website. See Programs—Reflections—Forms.
- There is no set limit on how many entries a student or school turns in to Council. The local judges & chair should advance only the artwork which they feel has the most potential to place at the Council level. Generally this has been about 10-20 entries per school.
- NEW: You MUST register entries you send forward to council on the National PTA website. pta.org/reflections (Available in Sept). Council will access the information from that database. This eliminates the former “Form A” that used to be required when you sent your entries forward. You do not need to do this for all your local unit entries—just the ones moving forward. There is a worksheet at the back of the guide to prepare you for the database.
- Council will conduct judging and invite ALL council level entrants to an All-City Reflections Awards Program (tentatively Wednesday, January 16th at Wilson HS Auditorium) where artwork will be on display and awards will be given. Those entries receiving the Council Awards of Excellence will qualify for State.
- **Deadline to turn entries in to Council is Wednesday, December 5th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** The location will be the Annex office across the parking lot from the Central Administration Building at 601 South 8th Street in downtown Tacoma. Council will be checking entries and forms with you to ensure each piece meets the standards as defined by WSPTA.
- **NEW:** DVDs are no longer required to be in FLV format. No more complicated labeling of Artwork/Entries. Consent Forms have been eliminated. Label manila envelope for Discs/Literature with student name, unit number and category. Label Discs with student name, unit number and category.
- **NEW:** Special Artist Division Category— for students with physical, cognitive or mental health challenges.

Thank you and have a great and creative year!
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