



2017-18 PTA Reflections Contest

Theme is “Within Reach”



Reflections is: Creativity expressed through the arts. **The works are judged by their creativity, originality and mastery of media, but most importantly on interpretation of theme.**

Categories for Entry are:

- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS
- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM PRODUCTION

DUE DATE: Turn in to KMS front desk no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

What are the Rules?



The student or a member of the household must be a member of KMS PTA. Each student must fill in an *official entry form* that is signed by a parent or guardian and secured to their work. Parents, friends, and teachers cannot help you. Your project must be yours alone. Be sure to explain how your work relates to the “**Within Reach**” theme! This is very helpful to the judges. The following are *basic* rules. Detailed instructions are available with the official entry forms. All forms and rules may also be found online at: www.kellermiddlepta.com under “Programs.”

What about Literature? *Remember the theme!*

- Think about “**Within Reach**” and what the theme means to you. Be creative.
- Your entry can be fiction, nonfiction, prose, poetry, drama (screen play and play script), reflective essay, narrative, or short story. The entry must not exceed 2,000 words on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8½ by 11.
- Write on **one side only** and put page number, the student name, entry title, arts category and grade division on the **back of each page. DO NOT MOUNT entries.**
- See official Literature Rules for details on judging and packaging instructions.



What about Music Composition?

- Original composition with or without lyrics. Middle school grade divisions require notation and score. Notation software may be used to create a score. Whether the score is handwritten or computer-generated, appropriate instrumentation and voicing are required for the performance. Number each page. Print on 8.5x11 (one sided only) or save/scan score as a single PDF. Do not mount or bind the scores.
- Students are not required to perform their own composition.
- 5 minutes or shorter and 1GB in file size.
- **Audio only, no videos.**
- See official Music Composition Rules for details on judging and packaging instructions.



What about Photography?

- Original black-and-white or color image or a photomontage (one seamless print of multiple original photos), produced by a photographic process.
- Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally.
- Should demonstrate proper techniques such as depth of field and exposure
- **No larger than 11"x14" including mat** (no frames).
- Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.
- **DO NOT** add graphics over the image and **NO WORDS** or lettering!
- See official Photography Rules for details on judging and packaging instructions.



What about Visual Arts?

- A **2D** original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork.
- Sculpture will **NOT** be accepted.
- Entries can be **no larger than 24"x30" including mat**.
- Mount all paper or canvas entries on sturdy cardboard mats, but **not** in wooden, metal, plastic or glass frames.
- **DO NOT** put your name on the front and limit the words and writing on your piece.
- See official Visual Arts Rules for details on judging and packaging instructions.



What about Dance Choreography?

- Original choreography may be any style not to exceed 5 minutes and 1GB in file size.
- Up to 3 performers are allowed; the choreographer does not have to be a performer. Costumes are not necessary, but if used, see rules for details.
- Consider use of background song(s), props and the location to show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme.
- An explanation of the origin of the dance and/or the significance of the choreography might be a useful addition to the artist statement when submitting a dance choreography entry that involves traditional, cultural or regional dances.
- See official Dance Choreography Rules for details on judging and packaging instructions.



What about Film Production?

- Original work of fiction or non-fiction in the categories of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, or multimedia presentations (see rules for details).
- You must be the director, screenwriter and cameraperson. If you want to be in the production, you may use a tripod for the camera.
- Entries may not exceed 5 minutes and 1 GB in file size.
- See official Film Production Rules for details on judging and packaging instructions



Still have Questions? Please Contact Dawn Gerety
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