Dear Reflection Chairs,

Ohio PTA is excited to kick-off the 2021-2022 annual Reflections Program with the theme “I Will Change The World By…”. Ohio PTA is proud to be participating in this year’s National PTA Reflections Program. We were overwhelmed at the talent and the great response we received last year during the pandemic. We believe in these ever changing and uncertain times that it is more important than ever to have this program to encourage students’ exploration in the arts. This is a great way to inspire students to try something new and participate in Reflections.

Ohio PTA has spent the summer updating our streamlining the Reflections Program. This should enable us to better communicate with you and in turn you with us. All of the Reflections material and forms are online at our website at www.ohiopta.org. Go to the Programs tab and then click on Reflections which will take you to all our information. The Reflections information includes: Student Packet, Official Rules, Local Leaders Guide, Electronic Submission Process and Theme Search. We have also made a convenient tab for Mandatory Forms: Student Entry Form, Unit or Council Submission Form, and Reflections At a Glance. It is important to stress that all forms must be completely filled out and signed where appropriate. Entries will be disqualified if forms are not complete.

The process for sending your entries for all categories to Ohio PTA has not changed. All Reflections entries are due to the Ohio PTA office by Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Please be sure each entry has a completed Student Entry Form. All forms must be filled out completely and signed by the student and parent if under 18 years of age, and just by student if over 18 years and that each entry has a signed Student Entry Form attached.

Ohio PTA will continue to accept physical as well as electronic submission entries for Visual Arts and Photography. It is more important than ever that all forms be filled out and completed so we can accurately keep track of all entries. The Online Reflection Process is detailed on our website.

**Important Program Highlights:**

- All Reflections entries are due to Ohio PTA on Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- All Reflections program information, forms and highlights are on ohiopta.org
- Ohio PTA will be accepting physical as well as electronic entries for Visual Arts and Photography
- NEW THIS YEAR! If you would like to take photos of your visual art and photography entries, then print those images and mail those with the student entry form to the Ohio PTA office
instead of physically sending your actual works of art, we are accepting this format. This is a great option if you are already planning to participate electronically because you don’t have to complete the state google form for each student entry. National Reflections entry requirements still apply.
- Do not duplicate entries, only send in by physical or electronic medium
- When submitting a flash drive or disc only one category such as film for example for one age category such as Middle School should be on that medium. Entries are sent to judges by age category in their area of expertise and may be judged by different judges based on volume of entries in each category.

We will be communicating with you throughout the year with PTA at office@ohiopta.org with your updates. I can be reached at FSP-Reflections@ohiopta.org with any questions. This continues to be a challenging year but we are all learning to do things in new ways. We are excited for this year and look forward to helping you and your units have a successful Reflections Program.

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