

Friday, September 12, 2008

Dear Johnson School Parents,

The PTA Reflections creative arts program for 2008-2009 is in full swing. The theme this year is *"Wow"* Please refer to the Rules-in-Brief and Entry Form. (Complete rules are available in the main office.)

The Reflections program is sponsored by the national PTA organization. Students may interpret and express the theme creatively in literature, visual arts, photography, musical composition, dance or film/video. Children submit their entries, and judges choose three entries in each category, within each age division, to advance to the next PTA level. The selected entries from each school go on to the Council Level where they may advance to the district, state and national levels.

While projects do "advance," the Reflections program is not a contest. The annual PTA Evening Reflections award program at Johnson will celebrate all the entries.

### Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, October 1** All entries are due in the box outside the front office.

**Wednesday, October 29** 6:30-8:00 p.m. "PTA's Evening Reflections" award program for all participants. We'll announce advancing projects.

### Here's How You Can Help

- Encourage your children to create projects.
- Remind children about the October 1 deadline.
- Plan to come to "PTA's Evening Reflections" on Wednesday, October 29. We meet in the gym and enjoy student readings of literature entries and performances of the music and dance entries. The audience will also have the opportunity to view visual arts, film and photography entries. Each participant receives a medal and those with advancing entries receive ribbons.

If you have questions, feel free to call us. In addition, if you'd like to volunteer to help the Reflections Committee, just let us know.

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*PTA Reflections Committee Chair for Johnson School*

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### Categories

**Literature (poem, play, short story, song lyrics, fiction, non-fiction):**

Use 8 ½ x 11 inch paper or smaller and **do not mount**. Less than 2,000 words (no minimum). Must be handwritten or typed **by student**. Adult may retype, but attach student's original copy. (K-1<sup>st</sup> graders and Special Education students may dictate to an adult; must not alter child's words.) *Literature projects may be in student's native language. PTA will transcribe to English without altering the student's expression.* Write student's name, grade, teacher, and school and back of each page. Paper clip entry form to project.

**Musical Composition (tune may be composed on musical instrument(s) or sung, with or**

**without words):**

**Five minutes or less and must be recorded on a CD. Pack the CD and notes on staff paper**, in a 9x12 inch manila envelope, clasped and unsealed with the entry form taped to the back of the outside of the envelope (side with the flap) with tape on only the corners. Submit CD in plastic/cardboard container, both identified with student's name, grade, state, year, title, and playing time. Grades 5 and younger may have help with music notation or submit iconic (made up) notation. Student does not have to play music for the recording. Must state who played music on entry form. Paper clip entry form to envelope.

**Photography (black & white or color photo, collage, retouched print, multiple exposure):**

**Up to 11 x 14 inches** (including mat). The **student** must snap the photograph using any still camera. **Should be mounted on sturdy cardboard** (adult may help). Do not add graphics or lettering on the image. Write name, grade, teacher and school on back. Paper clip entry form to project.

**Visual Arts (drawing, painting, collage, printmaking—watercolor, pastels, crayon, colored pencils):**

**Up to 20 x 24 inches** (including mat). **Completed project must be flat.** No glued-on noodles, eyes, beads, etc. **Should be mounted on sturdy cardboard** (adult may help). Artwork on stretched canvas will be disqualified. Write name, grade, teacher and school on back. Paper clip entry form to project.

**Dance Choreography:** Entries must be recorded on DVD not to exceed five minutes. Choreography must be the work of one student who may or may not be one of a maximum of three performers. If costumes are used, the choreographer must create them as well.

**Film/Video Production:** Student must be the director, screenwriter and cameraperson. Can be fiction or nonfiction, with or without sound, animated or computer generated. All aspects of the film must be done by the students. Entries must be recorded on DVD and are limited to five minutes.

**General Rules**

1. All projects must be the original work of ONE student. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited (including copyrighted cartoon characters). Projects advancing to the next PTA level must have a signed statement of originality granting permission to the National PTA and Illinois PTA to use their work. Student and parent/guardian signatures must be included on each "Official Entry Form."
2. Each project must express the theme—"Wow".
3. Work should be titled (on official entry form) or clearly express the theme if untitled.
4. Students are **required** to submit an artist statement to describe what inspired their work and how it relates to the theme.
5. All projects must be received on or before the end of school on **Wednesday, October 1, 2008**. Place in the box outside the Johnson School main office.
6. Work should be neat. Keep work from becoming wrinkled or torn. Grade-correct grammar and spelling are required; however, misspelled words do not disqualify anyone.
7. Students may enter more than once in each category.

**Recognition**—All participants will receive medals. At "PTA's Evening Reflections," Wednesday, October 29, 6:30-8 p.m., projects will be displayed. Literature, Music, and Dance participants will have a chance to read or perform their project, and Visual Art, Video and Photography projects will be displayed. Advancing entries will receive ribbons. We'll make announcements as projects advance to Council, District, State or National PTA.

**Questions?**

Call Laura Knapp 630-393-1237.

**2008–2009 PTA Reflections Program  
Student Entry Form**

**IL PTA District #** \_\_\_\_\_  
Theme: **“Wow!”**

**Directions: Please print clearly.** Completely fill out the form down to and including the required signatures. If you need more space, use the back of this form or an extra sheet of paper. Be sure to write your name on any additional pages.

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|       |  | <b>Grade Division</b> (check one) |                            | <b>Arts Area</b> (check one) |                                                     |
| Grade |  | <input type="checkbox"/>          | Primary: preschool–grade 2 | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Film Production |
| Age   |  | <input type="checkbox"/>          | Intermediate: grades 3–5   | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts    |
|       |  | <input type="checkbox"/>          | Middle/Junior: grades 6–8  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Musical Composition                                 |
|       |  | <input type="checkbox"/>          | Senior: grades 9–12        | <input type="checkbox"/>     | Dance Choreography                                  |

**Title of Work :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Artist Statement:**  
How does your work connect to the theme?  
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**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

**Photography and Visual Arts:** Give the dimensions of the work in inches, including mat. **L** \_\_\_\_\_ **W** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photography:** Describe the process used in preparing the piece. \_\_\_\_\_

**Visual Arts:** Describe the media (crayons, oil on canvas, etc.). \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance Choreography:** Who performed your choreography? \_\_\_\_\_

**Film Production:** Respond to the following:

Who appears in your film? \_\_\_\_\_

If a computer was used name the computer software and hardware. \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance Choreography and Film Production:** How long is your entry? \_\_\_\_\_ Min. \_\_\_\_\_ sec.

Credit the background music. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Musical Composition:** Respond to the following: **Check one:**  Traditional Instrumentation  Synthesizer

Who performed your composition for your recording & how long is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Was a computer used? If so, name the software and hardware. \_\_\_\_\_

Are lyrics included? If so, how do your lyrics complement your composition? \_\_\_\_\_

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| Student's first name | _____ | Middle I. | _____ | Last name | _____ |
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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| City | _____ | Zip | _____ |
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Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent/legal guardian (necessary if child is under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by local PTA** Circle one: PTA \_\_\_\_\_ PTSA \_\_\_\_\_

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PTA address 2S700 Continental Dr. City Warrenville State IL ZIP 60555

Local Eight-Digit PTA ID **00 003487**

Write student's name, grade, teacher, school lightly on back of project. **Paperclip** entry form to project. We'll attach later.

**Due Date: October 1, 2008** **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

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