

HWES REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2018-2019

“Heroes Around Me”



Compose a Piece of Music
(under 5 minutes
record as an MP3)



Choreograph a Dance
(under 5 minutes
record as a file i.e. MP4)



Photograph a Picture
(no bigger than 11x14 mount
on card or poster board)



Film a Movie
(under 5 minutes, record as a
file i.e. MP4, student is the
videographer, screenwriter &
director)



Create a Visual Art
(draw/paint/collage/etch
no bigger than 24"x30"
and 1/4 " thick)



Write Literature
(story/poem/drama under
2000 words, illustrations
accepted but not necessary)

Students may begin working on their Reflections Entries now!
Summer is a great time to get a head start!

What is the Reflections Program?

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts program developed in 1969 to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves. Each year, students in grades pre-K through 12 create original artwork reflecting a theme. Entries that win at the school level may progress to the county, state, or even national level.

What is next year's theme?

The 2018-2019 theme is “Heroes Around Me.” Each student will create an original artwork and write an artist's statement of 100 words or less explaining how their entry reflects the theme.

What can I enter?

Students may enter one or more original works in the following six categories:
Dance Choreography, Literature, Film Production, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

Are there rules?

Yes, there are specific guidelines that need to be followed, however the 2018-2019 guidelines won't be available until September. Generally the guidelines remain pretty similar each year so following last year's rules can provide a starting point. They can be found at the Maryland PTA website <http://www.mdpta.org>

How are the entries judged?

The entries are judged on the following three criteria: 50% Interpretation of Theme, 25% Creativity, and 25% Artistic Merit. The artist's statement can be very important in helping to explain the interpretation of theme.

When should I begin?

Even though next year's rules won't be available until the end of summer, students may begin working on their projects now. Projects may need to be tweaked to fit next year's guidelines. HWES will be sending home more information in September and entries will be collected in early November. Remember, there is no limit to how many entries you can submit and there is certainly no limit to your creativity!

Email us at reflections@homesteadwakefield.com with any questions!