

Reflections Program 2009-2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year the National PTA sponsors Reflections, a cultural arts competition which encourages creative expression by students. There are six artistic categories: Literature, Photography, Visual Arts, Musical Composition, Choreography/Dance and Video/film Production. The YBES PTA will permit one submission per category or genre per child.

The theme for this year is "Beauty is...". Students may interpret the theme in any way they feel is appropriate and is in accordance with the YBES PTA Reflections guidelines. Although our PTA encourages student participation, the program is completely optional and is not a required school project. Students may work under parental supervision, but all work must be the student's individual and original production.

Awards will be given at the school and possibly county, state and national levels. In each of the six categories the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention YBES winners for Primary (Kindergarten – 2nd grade) and Intermediate (3rd – 5th grade) Divisions will be submitted for county competition. County winners will then be judged at the state level, and state winners go on to the national competition.

All entries are due by Friday, October 23rd, 2009 at 3:25 p.m. without exception. Once judging is complete all participants and winners will be announced in the Gator Aid. All participants will also be invited to and recognized at an awards ceremony.

Please remember we are a green school, as such the rules and forms needed you may obtain from a **computer**. **Please download the rules and entry form from the Youth Benefit's home page <http://www.hcps.org/ybes/>, click on Reflections.** If you need a hard copy please let me know and I will get this to you.

Please **do not label the student's work with their name**; this will ensure that the judging is completely unbiased. Attaching the completed entry form to the work as described in the rules will be sufficient. **If you have any questions about this program or how to prepare and submit entries, please email Lynn Faulkner at solyto@comcast.net or call me 410-877-9068.**

Good luck to all Youth's Benefit Reflections participants!

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STUDENT: _____ PHONE: _____

GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

Please send me a hard copy of the Reflections guidelines and entry forms.