

Dear Lakewood Parents and Students,

It's time for Reflections! We're excited to carry on this great Lakewood tradition and celebrate the amazing talents of our students. Each year, some of our students' entries go to the District, State and even National level! The **2020-2021 Reflections Theme is "I Matter Because..."**

For those new to Lakewood, Reflections is a National PTA Arts Contest where students can showcase their imagination, creativity and artistry. Students can enter the contest under any of the following six categories: Dance Choreography, Music Composition, Film Production, Literature, Photography or Visual Arts (only one category per entry). Students may enter more than one category but entries must be different for each category..

Here are a few important pieces of information to remember as your student creates their entry:

- 1) **All** entries are **DUE OCTOBER 30**. Entries will not be accepted after October 30.
- 2) Judging takes place October 30-November 10
- 3) Proposed announcement of winners - November 13 (subject to change pending date approval). An in-person celebration is up in the air due to COVID.
- 4) Encourage students to create unique titles. Each year we have dozens of entries that use the theme as a title. It gets very confusing for the judges and volunteers.
- 5) **NO NAMES on the entries or Artist Statement cards** or in the titles of files stored on USB drives (use entry title). We have to cover these with stickers. Please be sure students write their names only on the blue entry form and attach it to the back of their project.
- 6) Artist Statements need to relate how their entry depicts the theme: **I Matter Because....** Statements must be 10 -100 words in length.
- 7) Winners' entries will be sent on to the 8th District PTA by Dec 1, all others will be available at the school for parent pick-up after Thanksgiving Break.
- 8) Students **must** read the official rules for the category they would like to enter under. All rules are in the entry packet must be followed otherwise their entry may be disqualified.
- 9) **Note:** Photographs that have decorated frames, additional photoshopped images or are collages are all categorized as Visual Art. Photographs must be just the photograph with simple filtering to be categorized as Photography.

It is truly amazing each year to see the wealth of talent our Lakewood Lions have - they inspire and amaze!

Feel free to contact me with any questions at [ptalakewoodlions@gmail.com](mailto:ptalakewoodlions@gmail.com) or [mvmonday@gmail.com](mailto:mvmonday@gmail.com).

Cheers!

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