

I Matter Because...

2020-2021



ROMS PTSA Art Contest



It's easy & fun to participate in Reflections:

- 1. Pick your category! You can even submit artwork in multiple categories.**
 - Dance Choreography
 - Music Composition
 - Film Production
 - Photography
 - Literature
 - Visual Arts
- 2. Be sure to fill out an ENTRY FORM and READ THE GUIDELINES/RULES for your category.**
 - You can find entry forms and copies of the official rules on the ROMS PTSA website (<http://www.roms-pta.com/reflections-art-contest.html>)
- 3. Create your masterpiece!** *(Please do NOT use your name in your artwork. Put in on the BACK.)*
- 4. Tell us how your artwork relates to the theme in your artist's statement.**
 - Remember that your statement is important. It will be read by the judges & is part of your overall score. This year's theme is: *I Matter Because...*
- 5. Turn in your artwork & your entry form to the Main Office by Tuesday, December 1st (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving). To make alternate arrangements, please contact Megan O'Shea at umgoblue96@aol.com.**

*** See the other side for some helpful tips ***

Questions? Please contact the Reflections Chairperson: Megan O'Shea → umgoblue96@aol.com

Tips for Reflections 2020-21

Theme: *I Matter Because...*

- **DO NOT put your name in your artwork!** Instead, write your name, your grade and your 1st hour teacher's name **on the BACK** of your artwork. Your full name should not be used anywhere in your artwork (i.e. if you do a film, no names in your title screens) because judging needs to be done anonymously.
- About your **artist's statement**: An adult can help you by talking and thinking with you about your artist's statement but it should be in your own words and handwriting. An adult may transcribe the student's statement onto the entry form if the student has difficulty with handwriting. The artist's statement is important! The judges read your statement and it contributes to your overall score.
- Remember that **you cannot use copyrighted images or characters** in your visual artwork and photography (examples: Mickey Mouse, Iron Man, Despicable Me minions, brand logos, etc.).
- You may submit only ONE entry per art category. You can submit artwork in any (or all) of the six art categories, but only one submission per category is allowed. In other words, you may not submit two visual arts entries or two film entries, etc.
- **Visual arts**: Here are some important reminders. Review the Official Rules for more details!
 - 2D artwork should not exceed these dimensions: 24" x 30" including matting.
 - The use of craft kits is not allowed.
 - 3D artwork must be sturdy and stable enough to be moved without risk of damage.
- **Important Photography rule**: Photo collages will not be accepted. Entries must be a single image. See the Official Rules sheet for more photo rules!
- **Important Film and Photography rule**: The student must be the only person to hold/operate the camera and to perform any alterations to the image/footage (i.e. cropping, colorization, editing, special effects).
- **A tip on Music Composition**: Remember that you can use resources like *noteflight.com* to help you compose your original music. At the middle school level, music entries must be accompanied by a score/tablatore/notation of the song.
- **Do you need a consent form?** If your artwork includes the *voice* or *image* of a person you must submit a completed consent form for each person that is featured in the artwork (including yourself if your voice or image is used in the artwork).
- **Special Artist Division options**: Students with special needs have two options for participating so that every student has the chance to be part of the National PTA Reflections program:
 1. Enter in Traditional Grade Divisions (6th - 8th), or
 2. Enter in the Special Artist Division→ Please refer to the **Special Artist Division** Rules sheet for more info
- Remember that your artwork will be displayed at school and may go on to be displayed at further levels of the competition. If you are not comfortable with sharing your artwork in this manner, please contact the ROMS Reflections chairperson.
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Megan O'Shea (umgoblue96@aol.com) so we can help before you get too far into your creative process.
- **HAVE FUN! BE A RISK-TAKER!**