

Calling All Artists, Writers, Dancers, and Filmmakers!!!

Who are you? Who inspires you? What makes you special? Show your school – and maybe the whole country – in the PTA’s Reflections contest!

All Woodlin students are invited to participate in this national PTA contest. Create a piece of art, choreograph a dance, make a film, compose a song, take a picture, or write a poem or story!

This year’s theme is “I Matter Because ...” What does that mean to you? We can’t wait to see your creations!

Here is the process:

- 1) There are three competition categories applicable to Woodlin: Primary (K-2); Intermediate (3-5); and Special Artist (students with special needs)
- 2) Submit your pieces **along with the student entry form** to our Reflections coordinator, Shana Hattis, at shanahattis@gmail.com by December 15th.
- 3) Only **one student** can get credit per entry. Others can be used in the pieces (in roles such as actors and dancers or photography subjects), but joint entries are not permitted.
- 4) Submissions will be judged anonymously and the winners will be sent to the state PTA for their competition.
- 5) Every student who participates will receive a certificate of completion!

The Fine Print – Please Read!

Use of copyrighted material is generally prohibited in the literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts/3D categories. This includes the use of copyrighted cartoon characters, copyrighted material from the Internet, advertisements or advertising ideas, musical themes from existing copyrighted compositions, copyrighted recorded music, copyrighted photographs, or stock images. Use of copyrighted music in dance choreography and film production entries is **acceptable when the title, composer, and performer of any music in the submission are cited on the student entry form.**

Film productions, photography, and visual art/3D may include public places, well-known products, trademarks, or other copyrighted material, as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and is a smaller element of the whole. Visual arts collages may include portions of existing copyrighted works, such as portions of photos, magazine clippings, internet images

and type cut out of a newspaper, as long as those pieces of copyrighted works are used to create a completely new and different work of art. A collage should be judged for its whole—not its parts—and its creativity as an original work of art. Misuse of the above materials constitutes plagiarism.

Submission Guidelines

Dance

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Performance must not exceed 5 minutes in length or 1 GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- Record using a CD, DVD, or flash drive.
- Accepted file formats are AVI and MP4.
- Credit background music (title, composer, lyricist, and performer) on the student entry form.
- E-mail a copy of the file **and** a copy of the submission form to shanahattis@gmail.com.

If you are selected to move on to the state competition ...

- Label CD/DVD/flash drive with submission with name, title of artwork, arts category, and division.
- Place CD/DVD/flash drive and student entry form in a full-page closeable manila envelope.
- Label the manila envelope with name, title of artwork, school, arts category, and division. Notify Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com and she will let you know how the entry will be collected and sent onward.

Film

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Performance must not exceed 5 minutes in length or 1 GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- Record using a CD, DVD, or flash drive.
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Literature/Writing

Submission Instructions:

- Only new pieces of writing inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Entry must not exceed 2000 words.
- Handwritten entries must be done on 8.5 x 11 paper (one sided only). Please prepare two extra copies. (Shana can help you with this if necessary.)
- Entries done on a computer must be submitted as a PDF file. Please prepare three paper copies. (Shana can help you with this if necessary.)
- Please e-mail a scanned or PDF file **and** the student entry form to Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com.

If you are selected to move on to the state competition ...

- Number each page and write student's name on the back of all pages (original & copies).
- Place CD/DVD/flash drive (if any), printed copies, and student entry form in a full-page closeable manila envelope. Label the manila envelope with name, title of artwork, arts category, and division. Notify Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com and she will let you know how the entry will be collected and sent onward.

Dictation and Typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is included.
- Students in **kindergarten or 1st grade** may dictate to another person, who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is present in the student's original work.

Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language. **An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.**

- Translators should attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is present in the student's original work.

Music Composition

Submission Instructions:

- Only new pieces of music inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Performance must not exceed 5 minutes in length or 1 GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- Musical notation is **not** required. The student may choose to submit iconic ("made-up"), traditional, or tablature notation, if desired.
- Save as a data file, not an audio CD or DVD movie. **Video files are not accepted.**
- Accepted file formats are MP3 and W A V. E-mail the file **and** the submission form to Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com

If you are selected to move on to the state competition ...

- Label the CD/DVD/flash drive on which the music is saved with name, title of music, arts category, and division.
- Number each score/notation page (if included) and write name of the student on the back of all pages
- Place CD/DVD/flash drive, score/notation (if included), and student entry form in a full-page closeable manila envelope. Label the manila envelope with name, title of artwork, arts category, and division. Notify Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com and she will let you know how the entry will be collected and sent onward.

Photography

Presentation & Format

Non-digital: A single print must be between 3x5 and 8x10 (no larger than 11x14 with matting). Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material. Framed photos are not accepted.

Digital: Digital files may not exceed 1 GB (gigabyte). Accepted file formats are JPEG, JPG, and PNG. Resolution must be high and must not be **less** than 640 x 960 pixels and 300 dpi

Submission Instructions

- Only new pieces of photography inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- E-mail a copy of your photo **and** the student submission form to Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com. If your photo is non-digital and it isn't possible to provide a clear electronic copy, please notify Shana **by December 5th** at shanahattis@gmail.com. She will coordinate contactless pickup for judging.

If you are selected to move on to the state competition ...

- Label CD/DVD/flash drive with the title of your photo, arts category, and division.
- If the photo with mat is large enough, put the student entry form and CD/DVD/flash drive (if any) in a clear sheet protector, and attach to the back of the matted photo. Otherwise, put the photo and entry form and CD/DVD/flash drive (if any) in a full-page closeable manila envelope.
- Label the manila envelope if used with name, title of artwork, arts category, and division . Notify Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com and she will let you know how the entry will be collected and sent onward.
- **DO NOT** attach student entry form or sheet protector directly to the photo.

Art (Visual Arts)

Submission Requirements

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Accepted file formats for digital photos of work: JPEG, JPG, and PNG
- **For all entries:** Please notify Shana at shanahattis@gmail.com by **December 5th** if your student would like artwork collected for judging (instead of using a digital photo of the creation).
- **2D artwork** (such as painting): Dimensions must not exceed 24 x 30 inches, including matting. Framed artwork and artwork containing loose materials is not accepted. Paper entries must be mounted on sturdy material.
- **3D artwork** (such as sculpture): Must be able to be moved for display purposes and must include 3 photos of the entry from a combination of angles for judging, ID, and exhibition purposes. Entries cannot require assembly or repair after being transported.

If you are chosen to move on to the state competition ...

- **2D:** If the artwork with mat is large enough, put the student entry form and high-resolution photo (300 dpi or higher) in a clear sheet protector and attach to the back of the mounted artwork. Otherwise, put the artwork, entry form, and high-resolution photo (300 dpi or higher) in a full-page re-sealable manila envelope. **DO NOT** attach student entry form or sheet protector directly to unmounted artwork.
- **3D:** Place the 3 high-resolution photos(300 dpi or higher)**and** student entry form in a full-page closeable manila envelope that accompanies the artwork. Label the manila envelope (if used) with name, title of artwork, arts category, and division.