

MCCPTA 2016-2017 Reflection Program Winners
What's Your Story

Once again, our young artists created astounding and inspiring pieces, and their stories overwhelmed our judges. I cannot fully relay the comments and admiration judges had for the thought, creativity and passion reflected in the entries. Whether a student won an award or not, they should know that there is great appreciation for their unique and very personal art. Student enthusiasm for the arts is what makes this program exciting, and I know every chair joins me in our commitment to help facilitate and support this creative opportunity for all students.

After almost 10 years of chairing Reflections for MCCPTA, I am indebted to all of the local Reflections chairs, past and present, for their commitment to this program. Thank you for all of your support on behalf of your students, and for the friendships that we have built over the years. It has been a joy for me to be a part of this program. As I have said many times, I am moved by the hearts and souls of our students and the expressions of their imaginations, their hopes, their dreams, their struggles and their joys. To all of the students whom I have seen grow and even graduate throughout my time with this program, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the many gifts you have given to me by virtue of sharing your personal and beautiful art. I will miss it, and you, dearly. I am in awe of your talents, and hope that you never stop expressing yourselves through your art. Thank you so very much.

On behalf of the Montgomery County PTA, it is my pleasure to announce the 2016-2017 Montgomery County PTA Reflections Awards of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme and Award of Merit winners, celebrating this year's theme "What's Your Story?" Also noted are our 17 Maryland State PTA winners, with 9 MDPTA Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme winners moving on to the National competition.

Christine McDermott
MCCPTA Reflections Chair

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DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Primary Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Riaan Ahuja, Cold Spring ES (I Love Bollywood) *

Kimia Haghighiyan, Seven Locks ES (Do it all: singing, piano, dancing and gymnastics)

Ananya Sharma, Rock Creek Valley ES (The Story of Music in Nature)

Intermediate Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Julianne Elam, College Gardens ES (Black Butterfly)

Tiara McDonald, Potomac ES (Closer)

Madeline Munster, Poolesville ES (Unstoppable)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Anneleise Leo, Cold Spring ES (Life is a Journey)

Middle School Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Isabelle Leo, Hoover MS (Hope)

High School (Senior) Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Emily Leo, Winston Churchill HS (Never Give Up)

FILM PRODUCTION

Primary Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Neil Luthra, Seven Lock ES (This is my Story) *

Intermediate Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Andrew Boyce, Stone Mill ES (Evolution)
Carys Dockery, Watkins Mill ES (My Story)
Matthew Hanna, Dr. Sally K. Ride ES (Overdue)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Isha Biayemi, Flower Hill ES (Flower Hill ES)
Corinaa Servis, Rock Creek Valley ES (My Story)
Ruby Siegal, Bells Mill ES (The Weird House)

Middle School Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Brady Fine, Hoover MS (Time Loop)
Jack Statter, Hoover MS (My Brother)
Amberly Wu, Hoover MS (Death)

High School (Senior) Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Julio Gamez, Albert Einstein HS (Dream of a Better Life)
Samantha Jamero, Albert Einstein HS (Life Appreciation)
Patrick Kirwin, Albert Einstein HS (My Story from Two Cultures)

LITERATURE

Primary Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Ananya Sharma, Rock Creek Valley ES (I Am Unique, Like No Other)
Avisa Shrestha, Dr. Sally K. Ride ES (Super Pup)
Yuto Teramoto, Bells Mill ES (A Tree, That's Me) ***

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Alexis Cook, Bells Mill ES (saving Big Cats)
Shivali Burbhakula, Bells Mill ES (The Big Dance Day)
Julia Miller, Woodlin ES (How My Day Goes)

Intermediate Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Ji Lan Daemmrich, Woodlin ES (Ji Lan's Day)
Elias Nelson, Flower Hill ES (The Legend of the Leaves) *
Gabriella Winig, Cold Spring ES (The Shapeshifters) **

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Clement Baba, Wayside ES (Dreams to Reality)
Christopher Pishyaian, Wayside ES (My Life)
Maya Siegal, Cold Spring ES (It's On My Mind and Driving Me Crazy)

Middle School Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Bella Koschalk, Hoover MS (An Evolution)
Evelyn Orellana, Julius West MS (Beautiful Things)
Austin Vinner, Cabin John MS (Grandpa)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

William Lu, Roberto Clemente MS (We)
Ha-tien Nguyen, Hoover MS (What We Are Taught)
Arushi Singh, Julius West MS (Melody of My Life)

High School (Senior) Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Mae McDermott, Clarksburg High School (Tom the Turtle) ***
Cindy Song, Richard Montgomery High School (Between Marble Covers)
Emily Tian, Richard Montgomery High School (Dandelion Bouquet) *

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Edward Hunter, Winston Churchill HS (Quietly Marked)
Robert Qian, Clarksburg High School (Solved or Solved)
Pamela Steimel, Northwest HS (A Year in the Life)

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

Primary Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Opal Siegal, Bells Mill ES (Riding the Waves) *

Intermediate Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Aspyn Buchanan, College Gardens ES (Midnight Drive)

Maya Siegal, Cold Spring ES (At the Playground) **

Ruby Siegal, Cold Spring ES (Rollercoaster)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Julio Cupe, Bells Mill ES (My Song of Happiness)

Middle School Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Austin Chen, Cabin John MS (Days)

Zoe Fischthal, Roberto Clemente MS (Welcome to our Mouse Circus)

Phoebe Hong, Hoover MS (Night's Moon Lullaby) **

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Kirsten Petersen, Roberto Clemente MS (More Complicated)

High School (Senior) Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Yardley Borten, Quince Orchard HS (Where Your Story Begins)

Grace Chen, Winston Churchill HS (Variety of Ways) **

Kevin Su, Poolesville HS (Memories of Halloween) ***

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Catherine Gao, Poolesville HS (Do What You Love, The Rest Will Follow)

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme, Special Artist

Maximilian Steubl, Winston Churchill HS (I Need You) *

PHOTOGRAPHY

Primary Division

Awards of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Elizabeth Kinney, Poolesville ES (Dogs Are Amazing)

Yuto Teramoto, Bells Mill ES (The Life of a Tree)

Owen Thompson, Woodlin ES (Love for All)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Alexis Cook, Bells Mill ES (Saving Big Cats)

Elsa Palsson, Dr. Sally K. Ride ES (My Sharpies)

Ananya Sherma, Rock Creek Valley ES (Discovery and Family)

Intermediate Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Arianna DeCamp, Potomac ES (Paris, Je t'adore)
Lauren Levine, Potomac ES (Stella Blue)
Christopher Lindsay, Potomac ES (The King's Mouth)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Charlotte Liu, Wayside ES (The Corner of D.C.)
Jonah Ramos, Bells Mill ES (TAKING Steps)
John Wang, Stone Mill ES (Walking in Fall)

Middle School Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Kyle Dalrymple, Julius West MS (Unlimited Possibilities)
Sabrina Miller, Cabin John MS (When I Was Younger)
Spencer Swetlow, Cabin John MS (Logan's Lady Bug)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Caroline Chou, Hoover MS (My Creative World)
Parvathy Nair, Roberto Clemente MS (Pride of Nature)
Todd Zhou, Hoover MS (The Beauty of Nature in Shenandoah)

High School (Senior) Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Jeremy Chang, Winston Churchill HS (Shooting Monster)
Mae McDermott, Clarksburg High School (Space)
Jietong Wang, Winston Churchill HS (Straw Hat) *

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Alyssa Argyropoulas, Damascus HS (Tranquility)
Gwenyth Asbury, Winston Churchill HS (Generations)
Weston Sirk, James Hubert Blake HS (True Tulip)

VISUAL ARTS

Primary Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Alma Boritz, Rock Creek Valley ES (House)
Simone Ramos, Bells Mill ES (Shapes and Colors)
Jessica Tang, Seven Locks ES (Fairies Going Apple Picking in My Tree House)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Aysha Gilmetdinova, Bells Mills ES (Daddy, Me and the Ocean)
Gianvito Pogue, Potomac ES (The Washington Monument)
Gavin Tang, Potomac ES (Seeing a Shark)

Intermediate Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Angie Chen, Potomac ES (The Fitting Pieces)

Ridge Johnson, Seven Locks ES (The Story of My Life)
Allison Zhang, Wayside ES (Into the Sunset)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Sabrina Feldberg, Wayside ES (Through My Window of Life)
Remy Groenendaal, Woodlin ES (The Dream of America)
Lydia Kim, Poolesville ES, (Inside the Garden)

Middle School Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Marley Adams, Julius West MS (Disconnected) ***
Kseniia Volkova, Hoover MS (I am my dreams that I see in the night) *
Iris Yang, Cabin John MS (Escapes)

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Nadula Kadawedduwa, Roberto Clemente MS (Flying to a New World)
Brielle Taubenblatt, Cabin John MS (Quiet Not Silent)
Amberly Wu, Hoover MS (Dream)

High School (Senior) Division

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Benjamin Dale, Albert Einstein HS (Into the Nightmare)
Emily Hirsch, James Hubert Blake HS (In Bloom)
Karis Lee, Winston Churchill HS (A Race Against Time) *

Award of Merit/Honorable Mention

Sayma Islam, Damascus HS (Welcome Home Dad)
Katherine Klinger, James Hubert Blake HS (Self Portrait Montage)
Sabrina Sisveira, Albert Einstein HS (Purpose Exploration)

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme – Special Artist

Howard Payne IV, College Gardens, (Train Station)

* MDPTA Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme
** MDPTA Award of Excellence
*** MDPTA Award of Merit