



PTA REFLECTIONS

**Reflections Committee Report  
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**Recent & Ongoing Activities**

- Compiled the scoring rubric from judges in all six categories to select our honorees for this year.
- Delivered 54 pieces to MD PTA in Glen Burnie representing works recognized for Excellence and Merit in interpreting the theme of "Within Reach" as well as our Honorable Mention honorees. A list is attached to this report.
- Coordinating with MCPS about a spring showcase for all participants in the 2017-2018 program, and to set the plan for the program in the next school year.

**Future Activities**

- Spring Reflections Showcase – date and place TBD.

**Contacts/Correspondence**

- Ongoing email communications and Yahoo Group activity.

**Issues for Discussion and/or Approval by MCCPTA BOD at February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 Meeting**

- None that I have noted.

**Important Dates**

- None for now.

**On behalf of the Montgomery County PTA, it is my pleasure to announce the 2017-2018 Montgomery County PTA Reflections honorees celebrating this year's theme "Within Reach."**

James Modrick  
MCCPTA Reflections Chair

**MCCPTA 2017-2018 Reflection Program Honorees  
"Within Reach"**

**DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY**

*Primary Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Riaan Ahuja, Cold Spring ES (The World Within Reach)

*Intermediate Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Jana Miller, Potomac ES (Hall of Fame)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Kimia Haghighiyan, Seven Locks ES (The Light Takes You Away)

*Middle School Division*

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Vaishnani Banda, Roberto Clemente MS (Kuchipudi Dance Inspired to Reach God)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Carolyn Lee, Julius West MS (Chinese Yoyo Dance – Dream Catcher)

*High School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Sofia Balance, Winston Churchill HS (Infinite Possibilities)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Grace Chen, Winston Churchill HS (Stand By You)

**FILM PRODUCTION**

*Primary Division*

**Honorable Mention Award**

Ruby Siegal, Cold Spring ES (Get the Cookies)

*Intermediate Division*

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Ananya Shaima, Rock Creek Valley ES (Survival – Within Reach – Team Work)

*Middle School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Aman Myrsten, Julius West MS (Dare to Dream: Within Reach)

*High School (Senior) Division*

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Fabio Garay, Albert Einstein HS (Immigrant Students (ESOL Students))

**LITERATURE**

*Primary Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Anika Sikka, Bells Mill ES (Reach the Stars)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Senna Lee, Bells Mill ES (What We Can Reach)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Sarayu Penchala, Travilah ES (A Cure for Cancer)

*Intermediate Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Aanya Tiwari, Travilah ES (When nothing was left except hope)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Sophie Huang, Cold Spring ES (Wind)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Isabella Arana, Rock Creek ES (A Better Place)

*Middle School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Rehan Kabir, Roberto Clemente MS (Within Reach: The Championship)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Anna O'Connor, Herbert Hoover MS (Waiting)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Elias Nelson, Shady Grove MS (Heart of Stone)

*High School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Kathryn Stames, Albert Einstein HS (Almost There)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Keira DiGaetano, Richard Montgomery HS (Out Loud)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Grace Chen, Winston Churchill HS (Baby Steps)

**MUSICAL COMPOSITION**

*Intermediate Division*

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Ruby Siegal, Cold Spring ES (Get My Teddy Bear!)

*Middle School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Zoe Fischthal, Roberto Clemente MS (Tantalus)

*High School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Yardley Borten, Quince Orchard HS (Reaching Out)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Grace Chen, Winston Churchill HS (Remember)

*Special Needs Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Maximilian Steubl, Winston Churchill HS (Anything is Possible if You Never Give Up)

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Primary Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Caroline Fiske, Rock Creek Valley ES (Reach for the Wall)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

James Dadisman, Flower Hill ES (Reach for the Stars)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Julia Miller, Woodlin ES (Leaves in Reach!)

*Intermediate Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Zain Qureshi, Woodlin ES (Reaching Out to Your Dreams)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Will Quackenboss, Seven Locks ES (God is Within Reach)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Kate Mizushima, Cold Spring ES (The Highest Rock)

*Middle School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Lauren Ty, Herbert Hoover MS (The World is Within Reach)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Genevieve Cowl, Julius West MS (Reaching Out)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Caroline Chou, Herbert Hoover MS (An Unknown Treasure)

*High School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Jietong Wang, Winston Churchill HS (Simple Act)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Megan Wormald, Quince Orchard HS (Escape)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Margaret Regan, Quince Orchard HS (1-800-799-7233)

**VISUAL ARTS**

*Primary Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Jessica Tang, Seven Locks ES (The loving hands)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Riley Cypes, Bells Mill ES (Reaching to the sky)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Christina Kim, Poolesville ES (A Bird's Dream)

*Intermediate Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Audrey Gunnar, Potomac ES (Always Together)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Nina Krishnan, Wayside ES (Wish)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Jemie Pollack, Bells Mill ES (Peace is Within Reach)

*Middle School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Iris J. Yang, Cabin John MS (Practiced Melody)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Nathan Kalinsky, Julius West MS (Reaching for my goals)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Kaylen Chang, Herbert Hoover MS (A Colorful Monochrome)

*High School Division*

**Award of Excellence for Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme**

Riya Ashby, Albert Einstein HS (Girl Transplanted)

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Jeffrey Brown, Quince Orchard HS (Keiyon's Smile)

**Honorable Mention Award**

Eleftheria Ann Eschenburg, Richard Montgomery HS (One Fish, Two)

*Special Needs Division*

**Award of Merit for Interpretation of the Theme**

Lucas Verdah Martinho, Damascus HS (Map of Colors)