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Students **REFLECT** on a common theme and use their imagination to **CREATE** original works of art.

All participants **CELEBRATE** and share their artistic works with their family, school and community.

THEME

**I Matter  
Because...**

2020-2021

## **Contest Levels** (Winners Announced)

- Northvail School (end-Nov)
- Parsippany District (TBD)
- Regional Level (TBD)
- New Jersey State (TBD)
- National Level (May 2021)



# CATEGORIES & GENERAL OVERVIEW



## Dance Choreography

- Solo and ensemble works of all dance styles are accepted.
- Entrant must be the choreographer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers.
- If background music is used, cite it on the entry form.
- File must not exceed 5 mins and 1 GB in size.
- Accepted formats: AVI, FLV, WMV, MOV, MP4



## Film Production

- Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation.
- Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form.
- File must not exceed 5 mins and 1 GB in size.
- Accepted formats: AVI, FLV, WMV, MOV, MP4.
- Use of PowerPoint is prohibited.



## Literature

- Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screenplay and play script, narrative, and short story.
- Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached.
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
- Must not exceed 2,000 words. May be handwritten or typed.
- Single-sided print on 8 ½ x 11" paper .



## Music Composition

- All music styles and combinations of instrumentation are accepted.
- Entrant must be the composer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers.
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
- File must not exceed 5 mins. And 1 GB in size.
- Accepted formats: MP3, WMA, WAV, ACC, FLAC



## Photography

- Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted.
- Entrant must be the photography and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram.
- Must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Framed prints are not accepted.
- Dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels and 300 dpi (resolution)



## Visual Arts

- Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture.
- Mounted on sturdy material; no larger than 24 x 30 inches with matting.
- Framed entries are not accepted.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

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Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. During the evaluation process, judges will consider the following criteria:

1. **Interpretation:** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the work itself and the artist statement.
2. **Creativity:** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
3. **Technique:** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Judges strongly consider the interpretation of the Reflections theme during the evaluation process. It is suggested that students give their submissions a title that stands out and describes how the piece relates to the student's personal interpretation of the theme. The following guiding questions can be useful when developing a title and artist statement:

- How does your work relate to the theme?
- What is your personal connection to the theme?
- What did you use to create your work (e.g., supplies, technology, instrumentation, props, etc.)?
- What/who was your inspiration?

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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1. **Sign up** to be a [Northvail PTA Member](#) (requirement to participate)
  2. **Determine which art category\*** your child would like to participate in.
  3. **Read the guidelines** in the [Student Entry Participation Rules & Packet](#) for that specific art category
  4. **Complete the Student Entry Form** (included in the Student Entry Packet)
  5. **No later than the October 30, 2020 deadline**, submit the following:
    - Your Student's Reflections Art Submission
    - Student Entry Form
    - Art submission meets the guidelines as outlined in rules (Refer to [Student Packet](#))
    - \*All submissions within the photography and visual arts categories must be glued onto a sturdy cardboard material (no larger than 24x30)
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<b>THEME</b>	<b>I Matter Because...</b> 2020-2021	<b>Northvail School Submission Deadline</b> Friday, October 30, 2020
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**Email your questions directly to the  
Northvail-PTA-Reflections@googlegroups.com**

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