



Hi Colonial Hills Families!

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and have had a chance to start on your Reflections Project. If you have not started, no need to worry, you still have lots of time to get your creative ideas flowing.

“**I Will Change the World By....**” is the 2021-2022 Reflections Theme.

The PTA Reflections program is a contest that allows CHES students to enter their artwork by interpreting the yearly theme. This is a program that is not only in our school, but all of the schools in our district, the state of Ohio, and across the nation.

There are six categories: Dance, Film, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. You may enter in as many categories and as many times in each category as you wish!

In this packet, you will find program submission guidelines, an entry form, instructions for digital submissions, and Frequently Asked Questions. Each entry must have its own entry form, so please feel free to make copies if necessary. Make sure that your entry form is filled out completely, including a parent signature.

The due date for submissions this year will be **Thursday, October 14th**.

If you have any questions, contact Lynsey Pearson at [lynsey.serr@gmail.com](mailto:lynsey.serr@gmail.com) Have fun creating!

## HOW TO ENTER:

Experienced artists will review your work for interpretation of theme, creativity, and technique. Submissions are due to the school no later than **3:00 pm Thursday, October 14th.**

**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. **Video** file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4, MOV, or AVI format.

**Film Production:** Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation. Use of PowerPoint is prohibited. Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video** file must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4, MOV, or AVI format.

**Literature:** Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play 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. **Writing** must not exceed 2,000 words and may be handwritten or typed. Accepted formats: Single-sided print on 8 ½x11" paper, PDF file.

**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. An audio recording of the composition must be included and must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size. Accepted audio file formats include: MP3 and WAV. **Notation** (score/tablatore) in PDF format is only required for middle and high school divisions. In place of a notated score entrant may include a written reflective statement that provides a musically technical explanation of how you wrote the music (100 words or less).

**Photography:** Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted. Entrant must be the photographer and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Print** image dimensions must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Accepted print formats: Mounted on mat or poster board no larger than 11x14 inches. Framed prints are not accepted. **Digital** image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution). Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

**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. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **2D** artworks must be mounted on sturdy material and no larger than 24x30 inches with matting. Framed entries are not accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission. **3D** artwork submissions must contain 3 digital images of artwork at different angles. Image(s) are used for artwork identification, judging and exhibition purposes. Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

**Special Artist:** Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. See Official Rules for details.

### **Directions for digital submissions**

Option 1- upload your recording/photo of your project to google drive (this can be downloaded for free) from your phone, tablet, or computer.

Instructions:

1. Open google drive
2. Click "New" (this looks like a + sign on a phone or tablet)--- File Upload---choose the file you wish to upload
3. Open your newly uploaded file in google drive
4. Click the three dots in the upper right hand corner--- click "share" from a computer or "add people" from a phone/tablet
5. Share with ReflectionsColonialHills@gmail.com
6. Add your child's name and project name in the notes section
7. Click done

Option 2- save your recording on a flash drive and submit in an envelope with your child's entry form (*\*you will not receive your flash drive back if choosing this option*)

Option 3- email your entry in one of the approved formats to [ReflectionsColonialHills@gmail.com](mailto:ReflectionsColonialHills@gmail.com).

***\*Important note- If choosing a digital submission option (google drive or email), be sure that you have granted permission for ANY account with the link to view your file. If these permissions are not set, the judges will not be able to view your work and your project will not be eligible.***

## **FAQ**

*Q: Can I submit more than one project in the same category?*

A: Yes! You may submit as many projects as you wish, in multiple categories or the same.

*Q: Can I submit a project with a friend?*

A: Only one person can receive credit for an entry. You may use friends in your project if you wish and credit them for their help, but only one name may be entered on the project.

*Q: How are entries scored?*

A: We have six volunteer local judges. Each one is an expert in their category and unaffiliated with the school. Entries are given to each judge with no identifiable information about the student and are scored based on creativity, technique, and interpretation of the theme.

*Q: What happens if my project places at the school level?*

A: An awards ceremony will be held in November for all participants. The top three (plus honorable mention) in each category will be recognized at the ceremony. First and second place entries will move on to be judged at the district level.

