

Arkansas PTA Reflections 2007-2008

"I Can Make A Difference By . . ."

There continue to be six categories in the National PTA Reflections contest: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film/Video Production.

1. Fort Smith City Council entry deadline is Friday, December 14, 2007. ALL entries must be received by this date.
2. Send your entries to:
**Felicia Smith, Instructional Services Supervisor
Service Center, Building B**

Questions about Arkansas PTA Reflections contest –

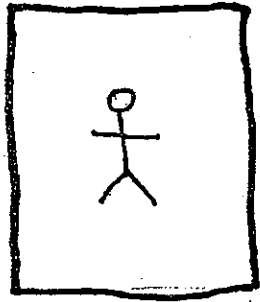
Please contact: **Teresa Turner at 648-3473**

or **Jenn Douglas by email: Douglasjenn0718@aol.com**

3. **Carefully** follow the rules for each category that the students are entering.
4. **Please print or type to complete the entry forms.** Place your local unit information on the forms before you make copies for the students. Encourage your students to print their information as well.
5. **Make copies** of your **literature, musical composition, dance/choreography** and **film/video** entries. State and National PTA **WILL NOT** return them.
6. Group all **Literature** entries according to their age/grade divisions and **package them separately from the other entries.**
7. **Do not glue entry forms to the back of any work.**
8. **DO NOT use plastic food wrap to cover Visual Arts or Photography entries.** Use only real Shrink Wrap to cover the entry. Then place the entry form in a plastic sheet protector on the outside of the shrink wrap.
9. Local units must include a Local PTA Participation form and Councils should include all of the Local PTA forms along with their Council form and send them in together with the entries.
10. All work can only be submitted by a PTA/PTSA in good standing with Arkansas PTA. Your dues and bylaws **MUST BE CURRENT** to enter.

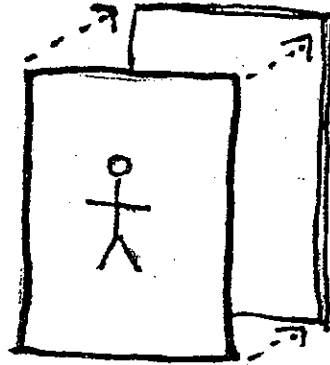
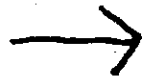
11. It is highly recommended that each student write an artist's statement and title their work on the Official Entry Form. It helps the judges relate the work to the theme.
12. The judging of entries on the state level begins shortly after the entry deadline. The winners and local PTA Reflections Chair will be contacted as soon as the judging is complete. It is the local unit Reflections Chair's role to contact their local unit President with the results. The judging of the musical composition, literature, dance/choreography, and film/video production takes several weeks. **PLEASE be patient**, and please **DO NOT call the State PTA Office for the results of the judging!**
13. Local Reflections chairs should assist any or all teachers willing to help with their Reflections Program. Reflections should be a learning and creative experience and should not be a one day in-class activity. Work with teachers to find a variety of materials so the students will not all be working with the same medium at the same time.
14. Please pre-qualify your entries and send only those entries that meet the rules set by National and State PTA. It is very helpful to the State PTA if you have some judging done at the school level and send only the winning entries on to state, although this is not required.
15. **ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE SHOULD RECEIVE RECOGNITION AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL.** All participants who will receive a State PTA award will be notified by their local Reflections Chair or their local PTA President.
16. Another way your students can participate in a National PTA contest is by entering the "Theme Search for 2009-2010". The state deadline for this contest is **October 31, 2007**. The student who submits the winning entry will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be presented at the 2008 PTA National Convention in San Diego, California.
17. The National PTA website, www.pta.org, has downloadable flyers you can use to promote the Reflections contest at your school.

Visual Arts

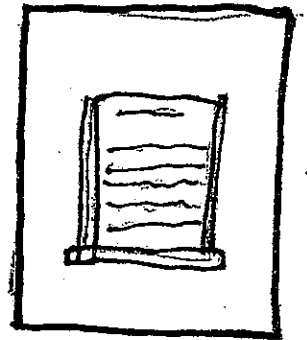


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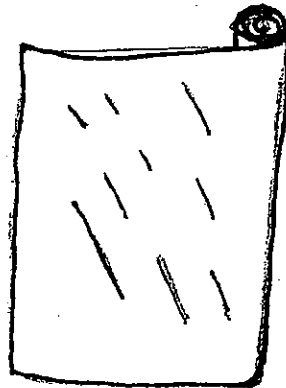
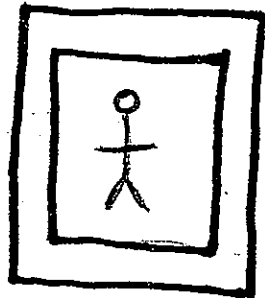


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BACK

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FORM IN CLEAR
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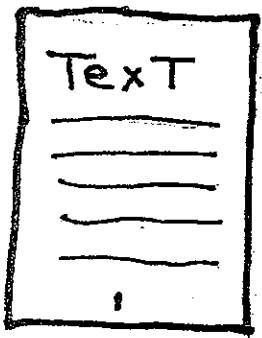


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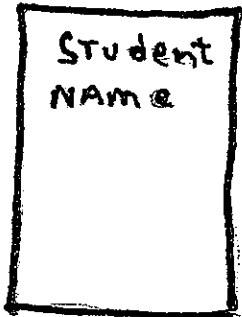
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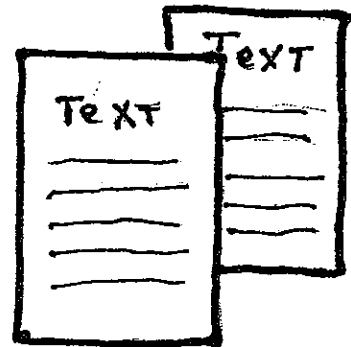
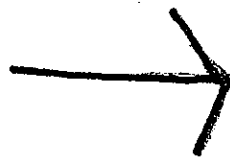
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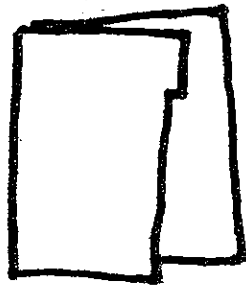
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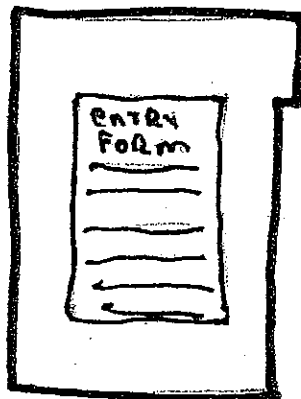
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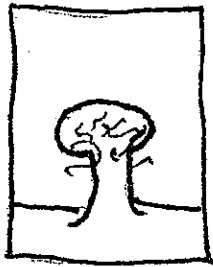


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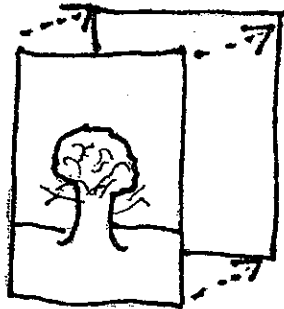
STAPLE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM TO FOLDER

Photography

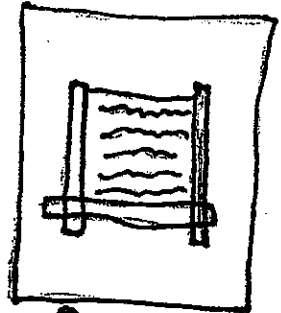


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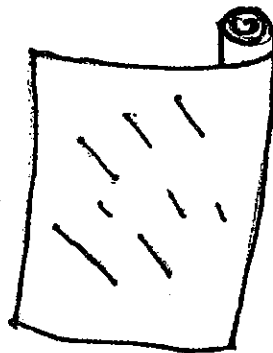
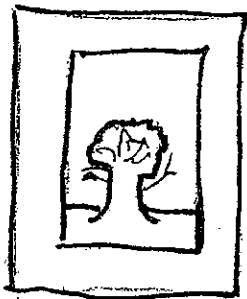


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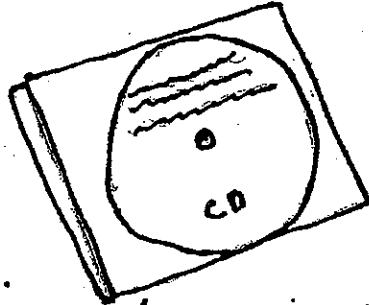
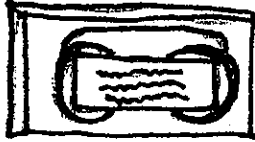
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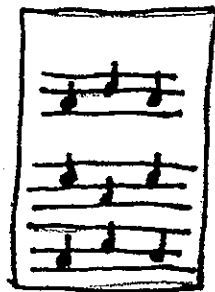
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Music



Student information and running time
on tape or CD.

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Score for
Middle + Jr. High and
Senior levels.



Place in envelope
with entry form
attached.