



**Reflections -  
LIST Training 5/1/21**

# Hello!



I am Jen Griffith and I was council PTA Reflections chair last year and have served as Reflections chair at the site level for several years in the past. I teach 2nd grade here in BUSD and am a mama to 3 kiddos. Reflections is by far one of the most rewarding PTA positions...in my opinion :)

# 1. So you signed up for Reflections

Let's start with WHAT Reflections is and WHY it's such an awesome job

# REFLECTIONS- The WHAT and WHY

## WHAT:

Reflections is the national PTA art contest that started in 1969. Watch this great video on the history and development of the Reflections Art Program.



## WHY:

To give our kiddos the opportunity to have a platform to express themselves creatively.

### Arts Categories

-  **Dance**  
Choreography
-  **Film Production**
-  **Literature**
-  **Music**  
Composition
-  **Photography**
-  **Visual Arts**

## 2. Now What....

So now you know WHAT Reflections is and WHY we do it...now what...let's look at the timeline

# The Timeline for Reflections

- ✓ Gather your people- this job is not a solo one
- ✓ Get your packets together (student entry form and rules) VIRTUAL FORM/ GOOGLE
- ✓ CAPTA REFLECTIONS - where all forms can be found
- ✓ Advertise to your families- social media, teachers, principal calls, posters etc. (all found on the above link)
- ✓ Give yourself a good 3 week turn around from having art due at your site to when it needs to go to council (so you can get it judged)
- ✓ Turn in your 1st place winners to council (November 2nd) (make sure to take pictures or make copies to keep for yourself if you haven't done your reception/awards ceremony)
- ✓ Celebrate your artists!!

# 3. Judging and Celebration

Tips for judging and celebrating your artists

# Tips for Judging

## Tip Number 1:

Try to get a solid group of judges, not parents at the school but reach out to community members, artist friends, council PTA members. Try to get 3-5 judges.

## Tip Number 2:

Have clipboards with the judging rubric and sheet of artists (by number).

Assign your judges to specific sections to judge. Example K-2, 3-5 or photography, VA at the secondary level etc.

## Tip Number 3:

Set your art work up in a space where judges can walk around. Make sure to cover artists name and make sure their statement is easily seen. I always numbered my artists on spreadsheet.



# Celebrating your Artists

## Prizes

Make sure to know your site's budget for reflections and decide how you want to spend it. I recommend certificates for ALL participants and recognition of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners.

## Ceremony

Make it a big deal, show off the artists work, invite teachers of students who participated, principal, council PTA and families. If you are doing the ceremony after you have turned in your winners make sure you have pictures to have on display.

# 2020-2021 Reflections Theme



I encourage you to visit the  
CAPTA Page:

CAPTA REFLECTIONS

# Thanks!

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PTA Reflections Page:

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

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