

Montana PTA Reflections

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Congratulations to the 2021-2022

I Will Change the World By...

Local, State and National Reflections Winners

Around 3,800 local PTAs registered for the 2021-2022 Reflections program. Thank you for your tremendous efforts in promoting and supporting the Reflections program in our state to provide all children the opportunity to explore and learn through the arts!

National PTA received nearly 900 student submissions from 39 states this year including 20 First Place entries from Montana.

The awards honored creative interpretations of the theme “I Will Change the World By...”. There were 223 winners announced by National PTA on May 1st and 3 Montana students were among them.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Maren Marshall

Sammy Hurin

Sebastian Evans-Stocking

***CONGRATULATIONS to all
Local, State and National winners!!!***



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2021-2022 “I Will Change the World By...” National Reflections Winners and Awards

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Reflections winners on their national achievements in the arts! National PTA announced [winners of its 2021-2022 Reflections® student art program](#). The awards honor creative interpretations of the theme “I Will Change the World By...” in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts as well as a special artist division for students in Pre-K through Grade 12. Seven students have been honored with the Outstanding Interpretation Award, and over 200 students have been recognized with Awards of Excellence and Merit. Students representing 39 states were selected for national-level recognition.

- **Merit Award:** Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in virtual celebrations and exhibits
- **Award of Excellence:** \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in virtual celebrations and exhibits
- **Outstanding Interpretation Award:** \$800 Young Artist Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; \$200 awarded to local PTA to support arts and culture in their community; Work featured in virtual celebrations and exhibits

The celebration of the 200+ students who earned national-level awards for the 2021-2022 Reflections program continues!

Enjoy their artwork through this link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nationalpta/collections/72157720675599093/>

and visit [PTA.org/Reflections Awards](http://PTA.org/ReflectionsAwards) for more information and upcoming recognitions!



2021-2022 Montana PTA State *1st Place* Reflections Winners

Literature:

Jaymie Brown	2 nd Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Tristen Zartman	3 rd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Maia Montgomery	6 th Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Aspen Britt	9 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
James Morris	Special Artist	Sacajawea Elementary PTA

Film Production:

Sammy Hurin	2 nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Porter Willette	4 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Grayson Napolitano	Special Artist	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA

Music:

Connor Shea	5 th Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
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Visual Arts:

Mary McGillivray	1 st Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Brooklyn Maxwell	3 rd Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Nessa Wible	6 th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Gabrielle Thorsen	9 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Kayley Campbell	Special Artist	Bigfork Schools PTA

Photography:

Sebastian Evans-Stocking	2 nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Tesla Trystianson	5 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Maren Marshall	6 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Silvestre Rodriguez	12 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

Dance:

Jahzarra Scheafer	1 st Grade	Treasure State PTA
Sawyer Kelly	4 th Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA

MARY MCGILLIVRAY — BIGFORK SCHOOLS PTA**1st Place in Visual Arts—Primary Division at State*****Little Helpers***

The picture shows how bees pollinate to help the world. I will change the world by planting flowers for bees to pollinate. The heart shows where I live.



Mary Liv McGillivray is a first grader at Bigfork Elementary School. She loves to play outside with her dogs, making other people laugh and swimming in nearby Flathead Lake. Mary Liv also enjoys painting and sketching. Her favorite things to draw are bugs and animals, just like the happy bees in her PTA art submission. When she grows up, Mary Liv wants to be a veterinarian and an artist.

BROOKLYN — SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY PTA**1st Place in Visual Arts—Intermediate Division**

Brooklyn Maxwell is a spunky 8-year-old girl with a heart the size of Montana and an attitude to match. She lives in Ulm, Montana, and is in the 3rd grade. She is the second oldest of 5 children, in which the other 4 were all adopted from foster care. Her siblings have changed her life in many ways, one of which is to open her eyes to the differences and similarities between people. She looks at the world through the lens of love and often wonders why we can't just all love each other. Her parents and family are so proud of what she has accomplished and are looking forward to seeing what great things she will accomplish.

***Love Each Other***

People come in all sorts of colors black, brown, white, tan. Sometimes they're treated bad because of their skin color. But I don't think that's okay. I'm white and I have 2 brown sisters, 1 tan brother and 1 black brother. We prank each other sometimes but we love each other. My sculpture is about showing the world you can love people who are different than you. So I say love each other.

KAYLEY — BIGFORK SCHOOLS PTA
1st Place in **Visual Arts** at State—Special Artist Division



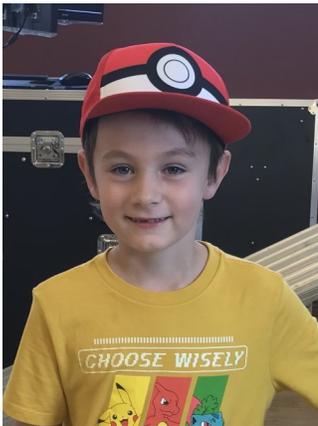
The Farm

I love to take care of animals. A cat and dog is my favorite. I love to see the animals in the farm. That I show I will change the world by taking care of the animals.

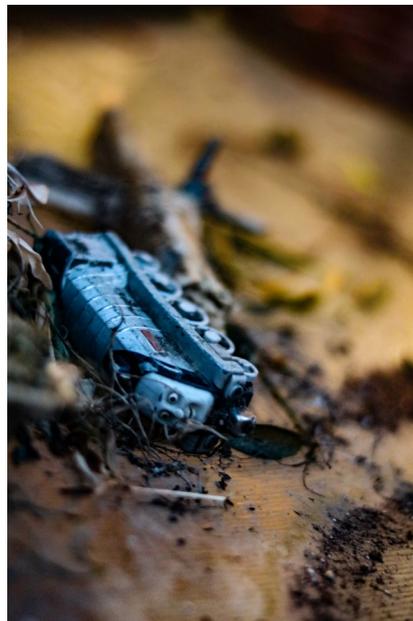


My name is Kayley. I like to take care of animals and draw them. I like to draw flowers and other outdoor things. I am 15 years old and I am in the 9th grade at Bigfork High School. I like to hang out with my friends. I do sports for Special Olympics. I ski, run track, and play bocce, soccer and basketball.

SEBASTIAN — GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in **Photography** at State—Primary Division AND Award of Merit at National



Sebastian is a second grader at Giant Springs Elementary School in Great Falls, Montana. He is a kind-hearted, thoughtful, outdoor-loving kid, who loves to pick up a camera and shoot photos. He enjoys taking photos of scenes that he creates from his collection of trains and cars, as well as, anything in nature. When not in school he loves hanging out with his family and playing Pokémon.



Forgotten Rusty Engine

My photograph shows how things that we love can be forgotten and get rusty. It also shows how people can be wasteful. I will change the world by not being wasteful, not littering and trying to reuse and recycle.

TESLA — GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA1st Place in **Photography** at State—Intermediate Division*Save The Trees*

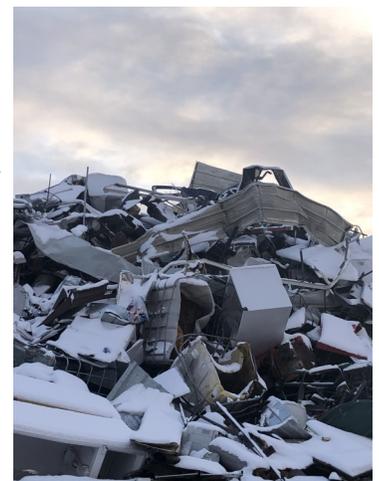
I will change the world by planting more trees. Trees have always been so beautiful. However, trees aren't just for looking at they also play an important role in producing air. Last year's horrible fires burned and killed hundreds of trees in Montana. We need to plant more trees because what if we have twice the number of fires this summer? That could create a huge problem like all the trees could be burned in Montana. We would have thinner air and even more smoke would come in. That's why we need to plant more trees.



Tesla Trystianson is a 5th grader at Giant Springs Elementary in Great Falls, Montana. She loves photography, camping, hiking, riding her bike, playing cello, karate, movies, cooking, and hanging out with her four younger brothers. She is a very astute and self-reflective person and is always willing to help wherever needed. Last summer she was very disappointed that she wasn't able to camp as much as she did in 2020 due to the number of fires that erupted around the state early in the season. Disappointment lead to serious concern over the campsite she loves the most at Jefferson Creek near Monarch and Neihart because a massive fire threatened the area. Thankfully the fire died down before impacting the campsite. Her project for Reflections illustrates her ongoing concern about preserving the natural beauty of the forest and what people can do to help.

**MAREN — LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA**1st Place in **Photography** at State—Middle School Division AND Award of Excellence at National*Recycled Removed and Renewed*

My picture is of the recycling center. Recycling can be a big part of helping to change the world. Changing the world can be as simple as taking a piece of plastic, cardboard, or soda can, and putting it in a bin. When I take something that can be recycled to the recycling center, and recycle it I know I am changing the world in some way. When we do something like this and help to change the world, we are making a big difference.



Maren Marshall is a 6th grader at Lincoln Elementary in Great Falls, Montana. She enjoys dance, especially ballet, and loves to play the flute and piano. You will often find her in the kitchen making a delicious dessert or trying a new recipe from Pinterest! She is known for her kind and gentle demeanor, and contagious laughter.

SILVESTRE — BIGFORK SCHOOLS PTA
1st Place in Photography at State—High School Division



Acetylene

I will change the world through industry, building things to make ones life better.



Silvestre Rodriguez is a Senior student at Bigfork High School who has always had a passion for photography. Tre has taken Photography classes and has helped with Yearbook classes and is always freelancing work when people ask for photos. Tre has dabbled in portraiture, wildlife photography, landscapes, but his passion is action! You will usually see Tre on the court or on the field with his camera when he is not playing the sport himself. Tre has a creative eye and a great grasp on photography concepts. Sports Photography is something that he loves to focus on and one day would love the opportunity to "shoot" a professional team.

JAYMIE—SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in Literature at State—Primary Division

Jaymie is a 2nd grader at Sacajawea Elementary School. She is 7 years old. Jaymie enjoys reading chapter books, riding her bike, and playing with her puppies. Her favorite subjects are math and art.



Cleaning Up the Sea

By: Jaymie Brown

I will change the world by cleaning up the sea.

It is important for you and me.

It helps make air for us to breath.

We can even make medicine with things from the sea.

Sharks, squids, dolphins and whales;

Our ocean friends who need our help.

Pick up your trash and throw it away.

Cleaning up after yourself makes our ocean friends day.

Cleaning Up The Sea

I wrote this poem because the ocean is important. Cleaning up the sea will change the world because we can use it for a longer time.

TRISTEN — LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in Literature at State—Intermediate Division

Helping

In my story it talks about how we need animals and plants as humans.

I'm helping. Do you? I love to pick up trash! I like to pick up trash to help the environment. It helps plants by letting them get water and sunlight. If trash blows over it. It would block sun and water and could ruin the roots.

It doesn't just help plants it helps animals too. One way is by making sure animals don't get buried under trash. Another way would be to make sure their natural habitat doesn't get covered in trash. So, they don't have to leave and go somewhere else that doesn't have what they need to live. If animals eat trash, it could kill them. If the trash blows on them, they would suffocate and die.

Trash doesn't just effect things on the land it effects sea life. It can affect dolphins by killing the pray they eat. The rings on pop bottles could get stuck on turtles. A water bottle cap could get stuck in a fish's mouth and block them from eating. Too much trash could block river from flowing around the world, All the water on earth is connected some way and somehow and effects everyone.

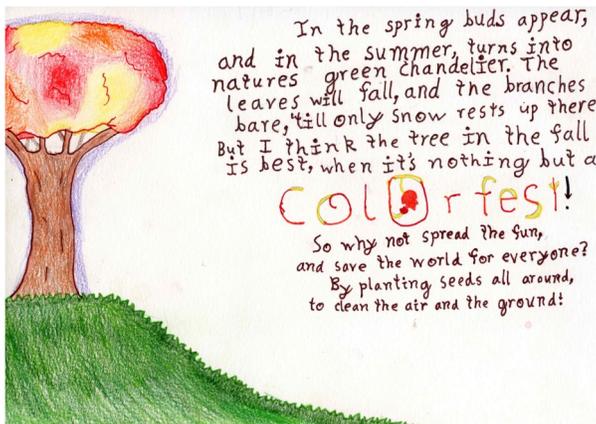
Everyone can make a difference by picking up a few items of trash a day. This will help the animals from going extinct. There are many things we can do to help and this is just one of them. We are all interconnect and we couldn't survive without plants or animals. We can all do something to help each other.

The end

My name is Tristen Zartman. I am 9 years old. What started my love of conservation was when my dad was stationed in Indianapolis Indiana. We went to the zoo. They talked about how everything we do even in a land locked state effects our oceans. In my free time I like to play football a d ride my bike. I also like to play hot wheels with my little brother. I also enjoy playing Xbox with my uncles and aunt and my cousin. We live far away from each other so it's fun to be able to play with them.



MAIA — LAUREL ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in Literature at State—Middle School Division



Colorfest

It relates because it's about trees, which clean the air and are all around good for life, but my art also adds a colorful tinge to it.

Hi, my name is Maia Montgomery. I'm 12 years old and the oldest of four girls, no brothers! I have two awesome parents and two big, goofy dogs named Bruce and Boone. I love to sketch, paint, watch movies, play video games, write, and play outside with my sisters and friends, especially kick the can. I also really LOVE to read! My favorite book series are Harry Potter, Eragon, and Fablehaven. I'm really into fantasy books, as you can see. And, obviously, I really like to write poems. I'm really excited to be part of the PTA reflections contest this year.

ASPEN — BIGFORK SCHOOLS PTA
1st Place in Literature at State—High School Division



Suture of Pain

This poem relates to the theme, because although it doesn't represent me individually, I can make the world better by uniting us under one dream of giving our families a better future. We all must take it upon ourselves to push through our pains and do our part in this life, so one day we can have a better future.

Aspen's Poem

As a writer I would describe myself as being very flexible with my genre of writing. I change between horror, drama, mystery; whatever my emotions at the time of influence. Writing helps me get thoughts out onto paper and lets me express my creative side without any fear of judgment. Writing, for me, is a way to cope with stress.

JAMES — SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in Literature at State—Special Artist Division

Ocean's Our Problem

My essay is about saving the oceans and how I could change the world in my essay.

I Can Change The World By...

Saving The Ocean. The issue with the earth is that we throw items away but rarely reuse or recycle them. Consider the Pacific Trash Island. The whole thing is made of junk. It is not even connected. This is a sign that we need to do something about the earth and its waste problem.

Sure, people are helping with this problem, but more trash is ending up in the ocean than being picked up. Other businesses such as Greenpeace and Oceana are helping with this issue, but we need more than just two world-saving companies to help with our situation. We need everyone, and I mean, EVERYONE. Please, keep in mind that we need to save the world and ourselves.

- James Morris C6



James Morris is a 12-year-old 6th grader who enjoys many things. He doesn't really fit in any category.

Some of the things he enjoys is sports such as golf, bike riding, camping, football and tennis. For his artistic side drawing, playing piano, guitar and clarinet, singing and reading are some of the things he enjoys. In fact he loves reading so much he sometimes gets in trouble. When James becomes an adult he isn't quite sure what he wants to be yet. But he can't wait to figure that out. For now he will just enjoy the many things he loves to do.

JAHZARRA — TREASURE STATE PTA
1st Place in Dance Choreography at State—Primary Division

I will change the world by feeding the homeless

I like to give food or money to people I see.

Jahzarra's Dance

My name is Jahzarra Scheafer, I am seven years old. I have been dancing since I was three. I like to help people and I thought the dance would be a good demonstration of my caring for others. Thank you Montana PTA!



SAWYER — RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in Dance Choreography at State—Intermediate Division



A Million Dreams

This dance reminds me how to change the world because I can achieve my dreams and my dreams will make the world a better place.

Sawyer's Dance



Hi! I'm Sawyer and I just turned 10 years old! I am in 4th grade at Riverview Elementary in Great Falls. My favorite subject is math. I have a 3 year old Goldendoodle named Teddy, a 6 month old Dachshund named Murphy, and a 10 year old cat named Raja. I have been dancing since I was two and will be competing in my 4th year of dance competitions this year. Along with a passion for dancing, I also enjoy playing basketball and volunteering at our animal shelter. I was recently awarded youth philanthropist of the year because of my volunteer work at the shelter. When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian or a NICU nurse.

CONNOR — ALKALI CREEK PTA**1st Place in Music Composition at State—Intermediate Division***Importance*

Living in the moment is important. I wrote this song to slow the world down. I find we have thing after thing and never stop to enjoy things as much as we could have. I find when I listen or play music I really live in the moment. I forget the thing I'm supposed to be looking forward to and just relax and enjoy. That is so important, and we sometimes forget that. I can change the world by slowing it down. [Connor's Music](#)



My name is Connor Shea. I'm 11 years old and from Billings, Montana. I go to Alkali Creek Elementary School. I have 1 sister, Gracie who is 13, and two awesome parents, Erica and Brian. We also have a dog named Rui Hachimura Shea. Rui means "kind" in Japanese and is also the name of one of my favorite basketball players. Me, Mom, Dad, Gracie, and Rui all cheer for Gonzaga University's basketball team. Mostly I play soccer and tennis, but I also play basketball, ping pong, and pickle ball. I have been playing the violin for 4 years. I am so excited to share my composition! I think that it is important to share our thoughts and ideas, even at my age.

SAMMY — GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA**1st Place in Film Production at State—Primary Division AND Award of Merit at National***Littertron*

I chose to made this video because 2 of challenges in our world are littering and homelessness. I thought if a robot could be made it could change the world.

[Sammy's Film Production](#)

Sammy Hurin (8) is a second grade student from Great Falls, Montana. He loves playing soccer, building Legos and hanging out with his dog, Remy. He learned about stop motion animation for this project. From the storyboard to the script Sammy learned about what it takes to create a movie.

PORTER — BIGFORK SCHOOLS PTA
1st Place in Film Production at State—Intermediate Division

Kindness Reaction

I did a kindness where different people are helping each other. It relates to the theme in peoples kind reactions. 1. The soup guy comes to stop the car for the guy in the wheel chair so he does not get hit. 2. The guy in the wheel chair gives the homeless person a soup cup. 3. The homeless person helped the medic heal the people that were hurt. 4. The medic puts out the fire on the security camera. 5. The bank security guard holds the door open for the medic.



My name is Porter Jackson Willette, from Bigfork, MT. I am 10 years old and am in 4th grade. I like to play sports, especially football and baseball. I also like being outdoors to enjoy what MT has to offer; like skiing, fishing, hunting and hiking. I really enjoy being creative and hanging out with my friends. We like to be creative together! I was inspired to do a kindness reaction stop motion video because, kindness inspires people to do good and pass it on to others. And it costs nothing!

[Porter's Film Production](#)

GRAYSON — ALKALI CREEK PTA
1st Place in Film Production at State—Special Artist Division



Help Make the World Healthy

I am changing the world by helping the whole world.

[Grayson's Film Production](#)

To our amazing local Reflections Chairs and State Judges...

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! We appreciate YOU and are so very fortunate to have you volunteer to run the Reflections program at the local level and to judge the Reflections entries at the State level this year! THANK YOU for all of your hard work! There would be no Reflections program in Montana without the many hours invested by you. This program means so much to the school communities in Montana and we want you to know that your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THE STUDENTS AND REFLECTIONS!

2021-2022 Montana PTA State *2nd Place* Reflections Winners

Literature:

Kathryn Levine	2 nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Isla Stark	5 th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Ashlee Rook	6 th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Piper Lee	9 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

Film Production:

Evelynn Williams	2 nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
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Visual Arts:

Senna Hilden	2 nd Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Nolan Budge	3 rd Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Brody Henion	7 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
E.V. Everson	11 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

Photography:

Tessalyn Proud	Kindergarten	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Carter Marshall	3 rd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Avery Passons	10 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

Dance:

Bronte Evans	4 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
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2021-2022 Montana PTA State *Judges' Choice Award* Reflections Winners

Literature:

Macy Hurin	2 nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Macey Marshall	2 nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Luke Hurin	4 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Audrey Small	5 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Corin Wohlgehagen	5 th Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Makayla Radcliff	6 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA

Visual Arts:

Scobey Nelson	1 st Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Blakely Brown	2 nd Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Brynley Johnson	2 nd Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Kensington Cummings	3 rd Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Carter Marshall	4 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Delaney Everhart	5 th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Liliana Mansfield	5 th Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA
Decker Schuler	6 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Ben Crow	6 th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Evan Hamburg	8 th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

Photography:

Reese Figarelle	4 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
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2021-2022 Montana PTA State Reflections

Participation Award Winners

Literature:

Brooke Painter	5 th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Soren Grundel	4 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Visual Arts:

Avery Nelson	1 st Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Colton Wydra	2 nd Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Elianna Walsh	4 th Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Ethan Burt	5 th Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Fynnly Dyk	4 th Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Jaycee Spry	3 rd Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA
Jayci Despain	3 rd Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Jordan Arnold	5 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Kennedy Bramlette	2 nd Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA
Laramie Moog	3 rd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Mollie Knowles	2 nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Noah Williams	Kindergarten	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Ronan Gallagher	4 th Grade	Poly Drive Elementary PTA
Ronan Stubbs	1 st Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Scout Dyk	2 nd Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Tenley Schneider	5 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Venecia Flores Smith	2 nd Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Violet Miller	4 th Grade	Alkali Creek Elementary PTA
Zoey Turner	5 th Grade	Poly Drive Elementary PTA



National PTA's **Reflections** program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The 2022-2023 Reflections theme is *Show Your Voice!*

Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. Students participate in the appropriate division for their grade: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), Special Artist (All grades welcome).



Now is the time to be thinking about your PTA's involvement in Reflections for 2022-2023. If your **local PTA/PTSA** would like to participate, please contact Montana PTA with the name of your local unit Reflections Chair and his/her contact info. Registration is OPEN until February 1, 2023 [Register Here](#) Get more details about the Reflections program here:

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

We realize how much work goes into running your Local PTA's Reflections program and we could not do it without the leadership and hard work of our amazing Local Reflections Chairs! Your dedication to the arts in education does not go unnoticed and it is truly important to Montana PTA and National PTA's mission to elevate the voices of all children.

We are excited to begin another Reflections program year with you!



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