

Montana PTA *Reflections*

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Congratulations to the 2022-2023

Show Your Voice!

Local, State and National Reflections Winners



Close to 4,000 local PTAs registered for the 2022-2023 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 over 900 student entries from 44 states including **16 entries from Montana**. There were 223 winners announced by National PTA on May 1st and **2 Montana students** were among them.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jahzarra Scheafer

Mariyah Hicks

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



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.

2022-2023 “Show Your Voice!” National Reflections Winners and Awards

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Reflections winners on their national achievements in the arts! National PTA announced [winners of its 2022-2023 Reflections® student art program](#).

The awards honor creative interpretations of the theme **“Show Your Voice!”** in the categories of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts for students in Pre-K through Grade 12 including a Special Artist division. 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 the virtual exhibition
- **Award of Excellence:** \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in the virtual exhibition
- **Outstanding Interpretation Award:** \$800 Young Artist Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; Work featured in the virtual exhibition; \$200 Prize for Local PTA Unit



2022-2023 Montana PTA State *1st Place* Reflections Winners

Literature:

Jahzarra Scheafer
Aleiah Paul
Celtie Schuler
Mariyah Hicks

2nd Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade
11th Grade

Treasure State PTA
Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Treasure State PTA

Film Production:

Eliza Hansen
Madilyn Dahlstrom

5th Grade
6th Grade

Riverview PTA
Riverview PTA

Music:

Anders Knowles
Jaelynn Hansen

1st Grade
5th Grade

Lincoln Elementary PTA
Riverview PTA

Visual Arts:

James Cook
Anela Petley
Marlie Pereira

Kindergarten
4th Grade
6th Grade

Alkali Creek PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Photography:

Alivia Bulluck
Carter Marshall
Tesla Trystianson

1st Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade

Alkali Creek PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Dance:

Emme O'Brien
Audri McGregor

2nd Grade
3rd Grade

Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Riverview PTA



JAMES — ALKALI CREEK PTA
1st Place in Visual Arts at State—Primary Division



Beauty I See

I use my voice to share about the beauty I see in the world.



James is 6 years old from Billings, Montana. He loves to be outside, practice taekwondo, do science experiments and draw. He's a great friend and big brother. James has a contagious smile and lights up a room.

ANELA — LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in Visual Arts at State—Intermediate Division

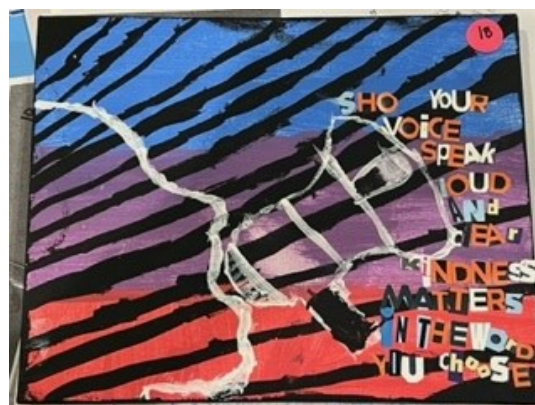
My name is Anela Lani Petley. I'm a 4th grader at Lincoln Elementary School in Great Falls, Montana. When I get older, I'd like to work with dogs and other animals. But for now I just want to have fun being a kid and going camping and traveling with my family. Winning the 2022-2023 PTA Reflection Program is the first time that I have ever been recognized for my artwork. One interesting fact about me is that I like to look up life hacks online and try them out with my mom.



My Voice

My voice is soft, so I used a megaphone to show my voice loudly. I used different colors to show that everyone has a voice.

The black lines are there to show my voice carries out far and wide. Saying I wrote is just to remind us to use our words for good. So when you show your voice, do it with color and kindness.

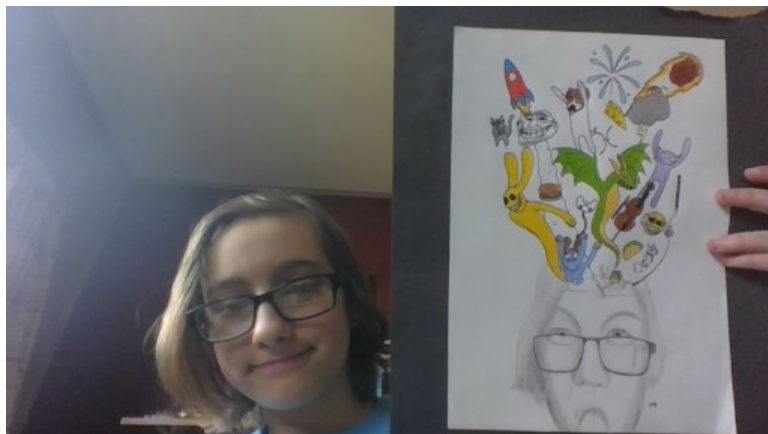


MARLIE — GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA**1st Place in Visual Arts at State —Middle School Division***In My Head*

At the bottom, its a picture of me, and the things I like/describe my personality, are exploding out of it. It relates to the theme because it shows my personality in picture form.

Hi. My name is Marlie Pereira. I am the winner of 'Visual Arts' for the state of Montana. I am in sixth grade and I am twelve years old.

I am a unique person to say the least. I like memes, drawing, outer space, video games, monsters, and really anything weird like that. So yeah, I'm definitely weird.

**ALIVIA — ALKALI CREEK PTA****1st Place in Photography at State —Primary Division**

My name is Alivia Bulluck. I am a 1st grader at Alkali Creek Elementary in Billings, Montana. I spend the majority of my time doing gymnastics, playing with my sisters, and doing different art projects. I absolutely love school and my family.

My Best Sister

I took this photo because I love my sister. My sister is looking while holding a candle made by my Aunti Roni here in our town.



CARTER — LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA

1st Place in **Photography** at State—Intermediate Division

Gecko

This picture is a beautiful example of how you can share your voice without vocally speaking. Their relish, orangish throat is used to attract mates, but also can be used for authority and respect. These red throats do a similar job to our vocal chords, but in a completely different way. It is a very interesting way to share your voice, but it works extremely well, plus it is amazing and beautiful at the same time. This is, among many more, a good way to show your voice with others, besides vocally.



Carter Marshall is a 5th grader at Lincoln Elementary in Great Falls, Montana. He is an avid reader, and can often be found playing soccer, tennis or on the ski hill. Carter finds science and engineering fascinating, and at any given moment is taking something apart or building a new creation. He has a contagious smile, is fantastic at finding ways to have fun in life and brings a positive energy to most anything he tries.



TESLA — GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA

1st Place in **Photography** at State—Middle School Division

Tesla Rose Trystianson is a 6th grader at Giant Springs Elementary in Great Falls, Montana.

She loves taking pictures, listening to music, participating in theatrical plays, playing cello, karate, and playing soccer. She was selected to be a part of the school's leadership council, and has excelled in this role—especially as a public speaker. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and her four younger brothers, and she loves caring for her pets—two dogs, a cat, a ball python, and several fish.



You're not Alone

My photo is of a cello with an LED



lamp of roses in the upper left corner. This picture shows four of my favorite things: photography, music, lights, and roses. It relates to the theme because when I play the cello, I sound better if I play with other instruments. When you are by yourself you can do good things, but when you are in sync with others you can do better. Working with others can be hard, but once you get it right you are unstoppable. I thrive with I am working with others.

JAHZARRA—TREASURE STATE PTA**1st Place in Literature at State and Award of Merit at National —Primary Division***I'm Showing My Voice With Kindness*

I wrote a short story about being kind to the homeless boys from our church.

[Jahzarra's Literature](#)



My name is Jahzarra Scheafer; I am 7 almost 8 years old. I am in 2nd grade at Trinity Lutheran school in Billings. I enjoy reading and writing and dance. I hope my short story will touch some hearts and help to make someone smile.

ALEIAH—GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA**1st Place in Literature at State—Intermediate Division***Snowglobe*

My Story is about a girl named Emily that gets a beautiful snowglobe and gets trapped in the snowglobe, meets a fairy and goes on adventures in the snowglobe with the snowglobe fairy and deals with bullies in her school. My story relates to snow and a snow globe. And my snowglobe story relates to literature because it is an interesting story that is handwritten by me and has 600 or more words.

[Aleiah's Literature](#)



Hi, my name is Aleiah Paul. I'm 11 years old. Some of my interests are listening to music and acting. I love to hang out with all of my best friends! One of my best talents is writing. I enjoy writing poems, essays, and now I'm working on writing fictional stories of my own!

CELTIE—LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA

1st Place in **Literature** at State—Middle School Division

Save the Elephants

My reflection is on saving the elephants. I have always been passionate about elephants and I've been learning about ways to save them from going extinct so they can be around for generations to come. This relates to the theme of this year's reflections, show your voice, because this is my voice. It's something I love and I'm passionate about and I'm using my voice through literature to spread the word.

Celtie's Literature

My name is Celtie Schuler. I am 11 years old and in 6th grade. Though I have many hobbies, some of my favorites are playing basketball, crafting, dancing, drawing, skiing, hula hooping, hanging out with my friends and family, swimming, playing saxophone, gaming, singing hamilton, and making jewelry. I love staying active and involved by doing things such as sports, being on student council at school, and Reflections.



MARIYAH—TREASURE STATE PTA

1st Place in **Literature** at State and Award of Excellence at National—High School Division

Black History 101

Black History 101 is a writing that indicates that pain, trauma, and simply just history about my history.

This piece relates to the theme because it's very hard to talk about the heartache and suffering black people had to go through and how it effects us today. People don't get told the struggles of black people often or correctly, so I want to be able to use my voice when my ancestors couldn't. This piece isn't for sympathy, but to give insight to ignorance.

Mariyah's Literature



My name is Mariyah Hicks, I'm a junior at Great Falls High and I am 16 years old.

In my spare time I like to dance, cook, sing, write, and much more. I am part of the Great Falls High Track & Field, IMB Diversity Group, Peer Mental Health Group, and Student Council.

EMME — GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA

1st Place in **Dance Choreography** at State—Primary Division

Emme has been dancing since her little feet could walk! She has a fiery ,spunky, and 'light up the room' personality in all things she does. Emme ,a second grader heard about this Reflections project at school this year and said "I can't wait to do it!" She was so fearless taking on this opportunity to do something creative to represent not only her school, but have a chance to showcase what she loves for her peers. The day the Reflections packets came home, she headed up stairs to the upperclass wing of the school and asked a 6th grade friend (Miss London Miller) if she would join her, Emme told the 6th grade friend, that she would make up the dance, figure out the costumes and pick the music--she just needed another bold friend to join her! She is for sure a natural born performer who loves to entertain. When I asked Emme what she wanted to share with this bio she said **"I chose to do a Dance because I LOVE IT, it gives me a feeling inside my bones that makes me soooooo happy!"** That is truly the genuine heart of this bold 7yr old. When she picked the music and the costumes for this piece she said she wanted to make people smile , feel happy and make sure there was a good message behind the song. She said there are so many kids in schools that are sad, lonely, have hard homes and don't know how to be Happy or good friends to one another. Emme's motivation was to make them smile and get their feet tapping....and that she did! We are so Proud of her fearless spirit to make others smile, even her 4th grade brother (Tuff) was cheering her on the whole way! What an exciting opportunity for her to be creative and be an 'example for others' not only in her school and local area, but to receive recognition at a state level was just the cherry on top, her cup is runneth over!



Feel Good

We chose the song "Feel Good" because it tells you that you can feel good and do anything you set yourself to. We can show our emotions and what you can do.

AUDRI — RIVERVIEW PTA

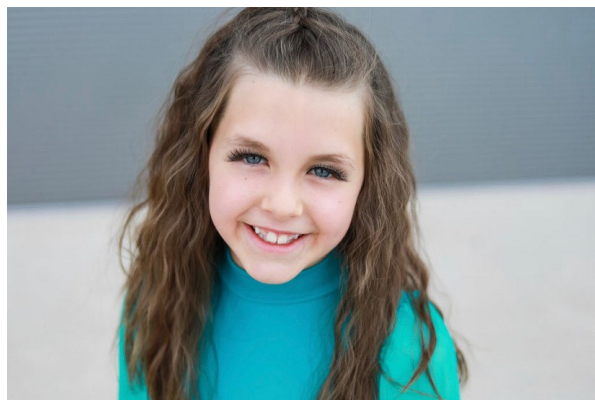
1st Place in **Dance Choreography** at State—Intermediate Division



Be True To You

When I listen to this song it reminds me to just be me. People don't care what I wear or if I have make-up on, if I just be me that's enough.

Audri is a 3rd grader at Riverview Elementary in Great Falls, Montana. She enjoys all things art, but especially dance. She competes with Sole Dance Company under the direction of Cortnee Doll. Audri has been dancing since she was two years old and has been competing since she was five years old. She enjoys jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop. When she's not dancing at the studio, she is usually dancing at home with her little sister by her side. Audri loves trying other fitness activities, especially running, traveling to explore new places, and learning to cook.



ANDERS — LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA
1st Place in **Music Composition** at State—Primary Division

Show Your Voice

I like creating my own songs and playing chords with words that share kindness and encouragement. Playing the piano makes me proud of myself because I create my own songs. I want people to feel ready for a hard task after they hear my song.

Anders is a 7 year old first grader. He loves reading anything nonfiction, building Lego creations, and everything Pokemon. In August, he began taking piano lessons and has always had a love of music. He composed his piece by playing chords, then added the lyrics, and finally wrote the music for his song.



JAELYNN — RIVERVIEW PTA
1st Place in **Music Composition** at State—Intermediate Division



Candy Cane

This song is a relation song to something that has happened to me. It reminds me of showing my voice.



Jaelynn Hansen, 11 years old.
5th grade, Riverview Elementary
Great Falls, MT

ELIZA — RIVERVIEW PTA**1st Place in Film Production at State—Intermediate Division*****Helping Others***

The stop motion video is about a little baby band playing and the tree falls over and wrecks the scene and the audience comes together to help remove the fallen tree. This shows that we can be unified by doing small things and big things when we work together.



My name is Eliza Hansen. I am in fifth grade at Riverview Elementary School in Great Falls, Montana. I enjoy sports, including softball, basketball, and tennis. Other activities I enjoy are reading, playing the piano, and traveling with my family. I also enjoy collecting rocks as a hobby and would like to be a gemologist someday. I think helping others is very important and makes our world a better place.

MADILYN — RIVERVIEW PTA**1st Place in Film Production at State—Middle School Division*****Sisters***

This shows the things I like. The film will show how much I love my sister.



Hi! My name is Madilyn and I am 12 years old. I am in the 6th grade at Riverview Elementary. I have a little sister named McKenzie. She is my best friend. I also have a cream-colored golden retriever named Milo. My favorite subject is math and science. Some hobbies I enjoy are sewing, camping, swimming, hiking, violin, piano, and gymnastics. My dad is currently training me in archery and basketball. When I am older I would like study robotics and design prosthetics for animals.

2022-2023 Montana PTA State *2nd Place* Reflections Winners

Literature:

Kash Scott-Kidrick
Blakely Brown
Sydney Trunkle
Mariyah Hicks

2nd Grade
3rd Grade
6th Grade
11th Grade

Lincoln Elementary PTA
Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Treasure State PTA

Film Production:

Liam Fowler
Aisling Balch

3rd Grade
6th Grade

Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Riverview PTA

Visual Arts:

Mary McGillivray
Colton Wydra
Tenley Schneider

2nd Grade
3rd Grade
6th Grade

Treasure State PTA
Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA

Photography:

Brooks Brown
Carter Marshall

2nd Grade
5th Grade

Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA

Dance:

Jahzarra Scheafer
Zoey Lee

2nd Grade
4th Grade

Treasure State PTA
Giant Springs Elementary PTA



2022-2023 Montana PTA State *Judges' Choice Award* Reflections Winners

Literature:

River Rodengen
Macey Marshall
Lars Louk
Mariyah Hicks

Kindergarten
3rd Grade
4th Grade
11th Grade

Alkali Creek PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Broadwater PTA
Treasure State PTA

Visual Arts:

Josie Buchanan
Lucie Schuler
Kennedy Bramlette
Maricela Wilson
Taylee Proud
Olivia Bogner
Madilyn Dahlstrom

1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd Grade
4th Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade
6th Grade

Alkali Creek PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Riverview PTA
Centerville PTA
Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Treasure State PTA
Riverview PTA

Photography:

Ella Sholes
Emma Allen
Christina Veltkamp

2nd Grade
5th Grade
5th Grade

Riverview PTA
Riverview PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA

Dance:

Tessalyn Proud
Claire Jackson
Sawyer Kelly
Olive Louk

1st Grade
2nd Grade
5th Grade
5th Grade

Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Lincoln Elementary PTA
Riverview PTA
Broadwater PTA



2022-2023 Montana PTA State Reflections *Participation Award* Winners

Literature:

Addison Taylor	3 rd Grade	Riverview PTA
Taylee Proud	5 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Visual Arts:

Tanner McCarvel	Kindergarten	Riverview PTA
Maren Miller	1 st Grade	Riverview PTA
Jace Lauderdale	2 nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Sawyer Pfeifferberger	2 nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Scobey Nelson	2 nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Taya Pederson	3 rd Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Addyson Hobbs	3 rd Grade	Riverview PTA
Alex Watson	3 rd Grade	Broadwater PTA
Henry Rogers	3 rd Grade	Broadwater PTA
Sydney Boerboom	3 rd Grade	Alkali Creek PTA
Sophia Coughlin	4 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Kaylin Seavers	4 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Logan Domgaard	5 th Grade	Alkali Creek PTA
Lilly Wright	6 th Grade	Riverview PTA
Joslyn McMullen	6 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Lillian Scrivener	6 th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA

Photography:

Nikala Mertz	2 nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Macey Marshall	3 rd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Kaylee Hoehn	3 rd Grade	Riverview PTA
Alexis Bilbrey	4 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Laramie Moog	4 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Dance:

Joplyn Jahrans	4 th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
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The 2023-2024 Reflections theme is *I am Hopeful Because...*



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 2023-2024. 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, 2024 [Register Here!](#) Get more details about the Reflections program here:

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

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! 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! 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. Your dedication and support does not go unnoticed and it is truly important to Montana PTA and National PTA's mission to elevate the voices of all children.

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

We are excited to begin another Reflections program year with our amazing Local Reflections Chairs and students in Montana!



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