

# "Heroes Around Me"

Reflections Contest 2018



## Get Students Creating!

- Give students time to write or draw or dance about heroes.
- Hand over the camera and let them look for heroes in photography or video.

## Help Create Great Work!

- You can't do the project or edit it for students.
- Ask them questions such as: What do you like about what you made? How could you make it better?
- And then let the student decide what to do with the information.



**Reflect!**

**Help Your Student Get Started!**  
*These questions make good dinner-table discussions and a way to start thinking about the theme.*

- Who are your heroes? Why?
- What qualities does a hero have?
- What does a hero look like?
- What do heroes do?

Pick up a copy of the rules for each category at the front office.



**Explore!**

## Share the Creation!

Give your student specific praise about their artwork and their effort.

**Submit art projects by 3:30 pm on Monday, October 22.**

Look for announcements about winners and the showcase assembly at Taylor Elementary.

**Celebrate!**



# Answers to FAQ



## What is Reflections?

Reflections is an art contest encouraging all students to create and submit artwork. All grades and ability levels are invited to participate!

## What are the categories?

- Dance choreography
- Film production
- Literature
- Music composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts (2d and 3d)



## What is the theme? "Heroes Around Me"

Make sure your student completes the artist statement describing how their work relates to the theme.

## Can my student submit more than 1 entry?

Yes! Although only one entry per category is allowed, they can submit an entry into all 7 categories.

"The cultural arts are happiness. Happiness is drawing, dancing, finger painting. Happiness is modeling with clay, making music or a poem, performing a play."

-Mary Lou Anderson, founder of National PTA's Reflections Program



## When are submissions due?

October 22 by 3:30 pm  
in the front office

## What are the rules?

The rules vary for each category. Pick up a rules sheet in the display board at the front office.



## Can I work with a friend?

No, sorry. Only one student can submit the entry, but you can talk to friends and family for ideas.



## What if I have a question?

Email

[mrspoulsen@gmail.com](mailto:mrspoulsen@gmail.com) or

look for answers at  
<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>



## Can parents help?

No. The student must hold the camera for the picture / film, do all painting / coloring / cutting, etc. Parents can help by giving feedback and support, but the student must create the work.