



2017-2018

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®

WITHIN REACH

Calling all Artists! Writers! Photographers!

Entries
due:
Nov
3rd!



STUDENT ART COMPETITION

THEME: *“Within Reach”*

CATEGORIES:

- Photography
- Literature
- Visual Arts (2D)

Newcastle Elementary PTSA
Parent Teacher Student Association

Questions? Email Yvette Blauvelt @ ykblauvelt@gmail.com

Be a part of the National PTA's annual Reflections Program!

Students of all abilities are encouraged to express their creativity with original works related to this year's theme "Within Reach"

Are there rules specific to each category?

Yes! Email Yvette Blauvelt at ykblauvelt@gmail.com to have the rules and entry form emailed to you.

What are the categories being offered this year at Newcastle?

- **Literature** – works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories and lyrics.
- **Photography**: color or B&W, incl: photo-gram, retouched, montage, sandwich and multiple exposure.
- **Visual Arts**: drawing, painting, computer generated art, collage, printmaking.

Why are all the categories not being offered this year?

It is at the discretion of each school as to what categories they offer, based on what expert judges they have available to them.

What happens to my artwork once I have submitted it to Newcastle PTSA?

Experts in each category will judge the entries and those with the highest scores will continue to the Issaquah School District competition. Top scoring entries from the District will move to the Washington State Competition and then on to Nationals.

How will my artwork be judged?

Entries are judged on technique (25%) creativity (25%) and **interpretation of the theme (50%)**

How are they fairly judged?

Participation is organized by student age and grade levels. Student works are critiqued against others in the same grade division. This allows judging of artworks by appropriate developmental age and skill levels.

The grade divisions at Newcastle are:

Primary: Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Intermediate: 3rd Grade—5th Grade

Will my art be returned to me?

Visual Arts and Photography entries WILL be returned. Literature will not.

What is the deadline?

All entries must be submitted by **FRIDAY November 3rd**. There will be a box outside the PTSA office.

Can I enter more than one category?

Absolutely! You may enter up to 3 entries. **BUT!** You may NOT enter more than once per category.

Can an adult help?

Adults may encourage students, but they are asked NOT to assist in any way with their child's interpretation of the theme or artistic expression.

Have fun and get those creative juices flowing!