

## 2020-2021 Theme: “I Matter Because...”

### Rules;

All entries, at the school level or national level, must follow these rules: <https://www.vapta.org/programs/arts-and-education/reflections-top>.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE forward these rules to your families. When you receive the entries make sure they comply. It is heartbreaking to tell a child their entry cannot be included because it does not follow the rules--especially once it gets to the County level!

Note that this year there is an exemption that allows you to accept all entries electronically.

Every entry must be accompanied with a completed entry form found on page 3 of the student entry Packet. (Follow the above link)

### Submitting Entries to HCC PTA;

We are only accepting entries virtually this year. You are welcome to accept physical entries but they must be submitted to HCCPTA via a virtual platform. All of the winning first place entries along with the coinciding entry forms should be submitted via a Google Drive folder shared with HCCPTAReflections@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions to the HCC PTA is **4:00 PM November 13th, 2020** (this date was revised on September 21). In order to catalog all of the entries and get them out to judges we cannot accept any late entries.

### How to submit via Google Drive:

If you do not have a gmail account it is easy to create one and it is free.

- Go to <https://google.com>
- Click on the 9 little boxes in the upper right corner
- Click on Account
- Then click on Create Account

If you already have a gmail account either your own or your Schools Reflections gmail account, just click on the 9 little boxes in the top right and go to “Drive”.

- Once in Drive, click “+New” and then choose Folder. Please name the Folder your School Name. E.g. Twin Hickory ES. (Please no acronyms. I can never be sure if TES is Twin Hickory or Tuckahoe or ...)

### How to Label Entries;

Below is a list of how first-place winning entries in each category are to be labelled for submission to HCC PTA...

- Dance Choreography - The rules state the file format must be AVI or MP4 however MP4 seems to work best. Video must not be longer than 5 minutes. Rename the file with the Category\_Level\_Title of the Entry\_Students Name. (E.g. Dance\_Pri\_Boogie Shoes\_Bob Napples)
- Film Production - The rules state the file format must be AVI or MP4 however MP4 seems to work best. Again, no longer than 5 minutes and must be filmed by the student. Rename the

file with the Category\_Level\_Title of the Entry\_Students Name. (E.g. Film\_HS\_The Masked Student\_Shila Boof)

- Literature - It states in the rules that this is to be submitted on paper or PDF; however, an exemption this year allows for virtual submission, which is the only way HCC PTA accepting entries. I can accept any digital version, Word, Pages, PDF, JPEG or JPG. Please ensure the entire entry is in a single document file. Rename the file with the Category\_Level\_Title\_Students Name. (E.g. Literature\_Int\_Ode to Amazon\_Bart Simpson)
- Music - The rules state MP3 and WAV files are the only type accepted. No longer than 5 minutes. Middle school and above must submit the written music with the recording. Rename the file with the Category\_Level\_Title of the Entry\_Students Name. (E.g. Music\_Pri\_Quarantine Blues\_Larry Ngitus). If you are also including written music name it the same with a \_2 at the end (E.g. Music\_Pri\_Quarantine Blues\_Larry Ngitus\_2)
- Photography - The rules state the file must be JPEG, JPG or PNG. Please also note collages are not accepted. Rename the file with the Category\_Level\_Title of the Entry\_Students Name. (E.g. Photo\_Pri\_Out my Window\_Aby Normal)
- Visual Arts - As we are not accepting anything physical all submissions must be via a photograph. For 2D art work, one photo must be submitted. If the submission is 3D art work, then 3 photographs from different angles must be submitted. Rename the file with the Category\_Level\_Title of the Entry\_Students Name. (E.g. Visual Arts\_MS\_The Persistence Year\_Dolly Salvador). If it is 3D please try to submit all 3 photos under one file or name the files with \_1, \_2, \_3. (E.g. Visual Arts\_MS\_The Persistence Year\_Dolly Salvador\_1, Visual Arts\_MS\_The Persistence Year\_Dolly Salvador\_2, etc.
- Special Artist - This is an option for any student who receives services under IDEA or ADA; Section 504. Students in this category would also submit either a Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography or Visual Arts piece but will mark their entry form Special Artist so they are judged against their peers. Please make sure to look at the rules closely for this category. The entries should be labelled Category\_SA\_Title of the Entry\_Students Name. Note you are replacing PRI, INT, MS, HS with SA.

Once all winning entries are uploaded to your Google Folder, click on the little man with the plus sign beside his head in the upper right side of the screen. This brings up a "Share" screen. Share this with [HCCPTAReflections@gmail.com](mailto:HCCPTAReflections@gmail.com).

Thank you and best of luck to all of your Artists.