

Hello Arts in Education Chairs!

The 2018-19 Reflections theme is Heroes Around Me



This year we have two Katy Council Coordinators for this program. Kelly Melancon will be the Elementary level coordinator. Kelli has a third grade daughter, Millie. She served two years as Jenks Elementary opening president and her passion is art and design. Kelly's e-mail address is fak4541@yahoo.com.

Usha Machiraju is the Secondary Level coordinator. Usha has a sophomore and a senior in Cinco Ranch High school and she has been a Reflections chair since her oldest was in Beck Junior High. Her e-mail address is ushalm@hotmail.com

In this e-mail you will find important information about the Reflections Program such as deadlines, important dates, resources and links.

Please review the resources below, but do not hesitate to contact Keli or Usha for further information, via email.

Important Dates:

- Katy Council Training session for all Arts in Education/Reflections chairs – **September 6th, 10am to 12pm, Location Katy Junior High**
- Student Entry Deadline at the school level - each PTA determines date at least a week before Nov 16 deadline
- **Advancing Entry Deadline at Council Level - Nov16, 2018 – Location will be announced later**
- Advancing Entries to Texas PTA & Results: Jan15, 2019
- Advancing Entries to National PTA: Mar1, 2019
- **Katy ISD Council of PTAs Reflections Celebration - Mar22nd 2019 at the Legacy Stadium**
- **Return Art work to local schools- 1st PTA President Meeting after March22nd**

Start by registering your PTA by October 31, 2018.

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

You will need the following info from your school principal to register:

- Official PTA/PTSA Name:

- Please enter your 8-digit National PTA ID #
- Don't know your PTA ID#: <https://member.pta.org/Get-Involved/PTA-Local-Unit-Lookup>
- Number of Students Enrolled:
- Title I School? * Yes No
- % of students in the school who receive free/reduced priced lunch

Go to <https://www.txpta.org/reflections> to find the following information:

Student Eligibility and Participation

<http://www.txpta.org/reflections-participation>

Reflections Overview and Participation Rules

<https://www.txpta.org/reflections-participation>

Reflections Flyers and other promotional materials:

<https://www.txpta.org/reflections-promotion> Post these flyers around the school where. Mainly in the areas where students are will see them every day. Provide a link to the Texas PTA website where they can download the entry from

(https://www.txpta.org/uploads/filemanager/Reflections%202018/2018-19%20Reflections%20Student%20Packet_English.pdf)

Make sure the deadline for turning entries and the location where they can be turned in are clearly stated on the flyer. Also make sure to mention that this program is for members only. At least one member of the student's immediate family needs to be a PTA member. Some additional ways to promote the program are:

- Be sure to post on your school PTA website & social media
- share info/fliers with your school principal so the Reflections Program is available through the school website
- add Reflections information in the school newsletters and grade-level newsletters/calendars too
- display deadline dates on the school marquee
- morning announcements and video feed
- bring your Arts Teachers on Board: Art, Music, Band, Orchestra, Theater, Librarian, Literature, etc.... Some teachers will give extra credit to students who submit an entry.

Once you have done the above the following pointers will make your job easier:

- COMPLETE Chair info in top box. Save as PDF and upload on your PTA website once this is complete.
- ADD DEADLINE to HEADER. Great reminder.
- Need to make A LOT OF COPIES for less \$\$\$? KATY ISD PRINT SHOP 281-396-6250
- **This way you will AVOID having to fill out each entry you receive by hand.**

Training:

Keli and Usha will be presenting a training session on September 6th from 10am to 12 pm at Katy Junior High. Please plan to attend.