



Merrylyn Daniel | "A Tree Gives us so Much" | Visual Arts

Reflections Program Exhibition:

"I Can Make a Difference by..."
2007–2008 Theme

Program

U.S. Department of Education
LBJ Education Building
Washington, DC

Tuesday, February 10, 2009
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Welcoming Remarks

U.S. Department of Education

Address to Audience

PTA National President, Jan Harp Domene

Performance

CeCe Peniston

Ribbon Cutting

Reception to follow in the LBJ Auditorium

The PTA logo consists of the letters 'PTA' in a bold, white, serif font, centered within a dark olive green square. The background of the entire page features a light beige color with large, faint, swirling patterns in a slightly darker shade of beige, creating a sense of movement and artistry.

PTA

believes that all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual

Reflections Program. In its nearly 40-year history, the Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students to create art related to specific themes suggested by students.

The Reflections Program is structured for PTAs to recognize students at the local, council, district, state, and national levels. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film production, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include, but are not limited to, art forms such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage).

Reflections Program Outstanding Award recipients are recognized at the annual PTA National Convention and, along with the national award of excellence and award of merit winners from all six arts areas, are displayed in a virtual gallery on PTA's website. This exhibit offers a sampling of the photography and visual arts pieces created for the 2007–2008 theme, "I Can Make a Difference by..."

To view the Reflections Program online gallery, please visit <http://pta.browsermedia.com>.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Fiona Bisoffi

"I can make a difference by not smoking"
Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary School PTA
Albuquerque, NM

Ashton Bruce

"Save Water, Save Money"
Ball Ground Elementary School PTA
Ball Ground, GA

Kimberly Chancellor

"Please Love Me."
South Bosque Elementary PTA
Waco, TX

Kendall Felps

"Take matters into your own hands."
Smithson Valley Middle School PTA
Spring Branch, TX

Elijah Forslof

*"I can make a difference by
'Feeding the homeless'"*
Carl Cozier Elementary PTA
Bellingham, WA

Cassidy Gierschke

"Pinky Promise"
Lutz Elementary PTA
Lutz, FL

Bridget Hall

"Helping Hands"
Galaxy Middle School PTA
Deltona, FL

Kate Hehmann

*"I Can Make a Difference by
Changing My Perspective"*
Union Intermediate High School PTSA
Broken Arrow, OK

Luke Hein

"Peace, Love and Happiness"
Taylor Hicks PTA
Prescott, AZ

Andrew Johnson

"Drip, Drop, Save our water"
Buckner Elementary PTA
Buckner, KY

Bailey Kitts

"Would you pay to die?"
West Valley Middle PTSA
Knoxville, TN

Yimeng Li

"Every Drop is Precious"
East Forsyth High PTSA
Kernersville, NC

Katelyn Low

"Being A Friend"
James Lewis Elementary PTA
Blue Springs, MO

Micayla Miles

"Golden moment"
Logan-Rogersville PTA
Rogersville, MO

Katelyn O'Mara

"Recycling Brings Life"
Perry Meridian Middle School PTA
Indianapolis, IN

Levi Pearson

"Wasting water is bad"
Forest Hill Elementary PTA
Shreveport, LA

Adam Pond

"Remembering the Forgotten"
Hillside Middle School PTSA
Northville, MI

Aliese Poole

"Pep Talk"
Kamiakin Junior PTSA
Kirkland, WA

Elizabeth Priebe

"Soldier's Letter"
Fairview Middle/High School PTA
Fairview Park, OH

Justin Quan

"Every drop counts"
San Marino High School PTSA
San Marino, CA

Zach Robinson

"Nurture"
Kennesaw Mountain High School PTSA
Kennesaw, GA

Colleen Seeley

"I can make a difference by keeping trash away from the beauty of nature"
Creekside Junior High PTA
Pearl River, LA

Santina Telio

"I Love to recycle"
Mountainview Elementary PTA
Saugus, CA

Hunter Thornberg

"Sacrifice"
River Mill PTA
Estacada, OR

Donald Turnbull

"Clean Bill of Self"
Northshore High PTA
Slidell, LA

Gretchen Wagner

"I can make a difference by picking it up."
Alexis I. DuPont High School PTSA
Greenville, DE

John Wells

"I can make a difference by sacrificing my life for my country."
Haskell Middle School PTA
Broken Arrow, OK

VISUAL ARTS

Harrison Astrup

"I can make a difference by being an Inventor!"

Longfellow Elementary PTA
Fargo, ND

Danielle Bartholet

"I Can Make a Difference by Helping the Hungry"

Martinez Middle School PTSA
Lutz, FL

Meagan Benz

"Awareness."

Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts PTSA
Greensboro, NC

Jordana Cahen

"Working Together"

Brewer Island Elementary PTA
Foster City, CA

Jade Carpenter

"Community Clean-Up Project"

League Academy of Communications and Arts PTA
Greenville, SC

Sakun Chitraacharige

"I Can Make a Difference by Saving Water"

Woodlands Elementary PTA
Longwood, FL

Merryn Daniel

"A Tree Gives us so Much"

Rogers Park PTA
Anchorage, AK

Tiffany Eckroth

"A helping hand"

Greer High School PTSA
Greer, SC

Matthew Goodman

"I Can Make a Difference by... Leaving Only My Footprints"

Myles Elementary PTA
New Hartford, NY

Laura Guerin

"Healing Touch"

Bay Village Senior PTA
Bay Village, OH

Kevin He

"I can make a difference by my hands."

Brentfield Elementary School PTA
Dallas, TX

Ana Hilleboe

"Living in Harmony"

Paul Revere PTSA
Los Angeles, CA

Markell Houser

"Respecting Others"

Baldwin Junior High PTSA
Montgomery, AL

Joshua Jeon

"I can make a difference by donating blood."

Shakerag Elementary School PTA
Duluth, GA

Danielle Keys

"Color of Kindness"

Allen Park High School PTSA
Allen Park, MI

Hansub Kim

"I can make a difference by making global warming vanish"

Wonderland Avenue PTA
Los Angeles, CA

Jun Lee

"I can make a difference by planting more trees."

Daves Creek Elementary School PTA
Cumming, GA

Katelyn Lewis

"Helping the Homeless"

Roland Grise Middle PTA
Wilmington, NC

Rebecca Morris

"I can make a difference by walking the other way"

Sylvester Middle School PTSA
Burien, WA

Thien Nguyen

"My World"

Savannah Arts Academy PTA
Savannah, GA

Erin O'Brien

"Voting"

Fountain Valley High School PTSA
Fountain Valley, CA

Sun Paek

"I can make a difference by... listening to others, myself, my friends, family & more."

Garland High PTSA
Garland, TX

Alexander Park

"Start out with small deeds of love and caring will make a difference too."

Joyce Kilmer Middle School PTA
Vienna, VA

Michael Park

"Untitled"

Lanier Middle School PTSA
Buford, GA

Rebecca Powell

"Donating my hair"

Hector P. Garcia Elementary PTA
Grand Prairie, TX

Nanako Takeyama

"saving precious animals & plants"

Evening Street Elementary PTA
Worthington, OH

Michelle Xu

"Untitled"

Village School PTA
West Windsor, NJ

Cindy Zhao

"Untitled"

Sunny Hills PTA
Sammamish, WA

About PTA

PTA comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

History of ED's Exhibit Program

The U.S. Department of Education's Student Art Exhibit Program, now in its sixth year under the direction of the Office of Communications and Outreach and the Office of Innovation and Improvement, features visual art created by students in U.S. and international schools, and provides students and teachers the opportunity to display creative work from the classroom in a highly public space in order to honor this work as an effective path to learning and knowledge for all. The works also provide Department employees and visitors with both a beautiful environment and the means to be in touch with the Department's principal customers—students.

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