



Reflections Committee Report October 2008

Our year is off to a good start. This year's theme is "Wow!". The official Reflections guidelines were sent by MDPTA to the local presidents in September. The guidelines and other resources (flyers, posters etc) are also available in .pdf format on the National PTA website, the MDPTA website, the MCCPTA website, and my MCCPTA Yahoo! Group listserv.

I participated in the MCCPTA Fall Training Session on September 6, 2008, and although attendance was low, several new local chairs contacted me and I forwarded the training handout via e-mail.

Last year, a total of 39 Montgomery County Public Schools participated in Reflections, with a total of 541 entries. 350 entries moved forward to participate in the Maryland competition, and Montgomery County students were well represented in the 'winners circle' at the state level.

This year 55 schools have indicated an interest in participating in Reflections (33 elementary, 14 middle schools and 8 high schools), so this could be a banner year for total number of submissions, as well as winners at both the state and National level.

All of last year's artwork left at the MCCPTA office has been returned to the local chairpersons. As a courtesy to our local chairs, many were hand-delivered by me.

A committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

MCCPTA Reflections Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

Respectively submitted,

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