The PTA Reflections Theme for the 2012-13 school year is

"The Magic of a Moment...".

What is the PTA Reflections Program? Why should my child try it?

- Reflections is an arts program sponsored by the national PTA.
- Students enter original works in one or more of these categories: Visual arts (painting, drawing, collage, etc.), music composition, literature, dance choreography, photography, or film. The entry deadline is Oct. 19th this year.
- Artworks interpret a different theme each year. The 2012-13 theme is "The magic of a moment...".
- Works that best interpret the theme may go on to county, district, state and national competitions. Every student that enters will receive recognition at the school level. In the past a breakfast has been held to celebrate the participants and distribute awards (details for this year TBA).
- Reflections involves awards, but the real focus is simply on getting students interested and involved in the arts. Just participating gives students confidence, experience, and constructive feedback -- and it's fun!

Allow your student plenty of time to work on their entry by getting them started now! They will not be so pressed for time when that October 19th due date comes up. Less stress, more creativity, you can't beat that! If your student wants another challenge they can enter the 2014-15 Reflections Theme Search Contest!

BEFORE your child begins creating their entry, please read the rules (links are below)!

- Dance Choreography Rules
- Film Production Rules
- Literature Rules
- Music Composition Rules
- Photography Rules
- Visual Arts Rules

Email reflections@thoreaupta.org to request the Entry forms for the Reflections Theme Contest and/or the Reflections Arts Program. You can also request Spanish versions of rules/forms and information about the new Special Artist division or visit www.vapta.org.

There will be a box placed in the school office in early October for entry drop-off for both contests. Entries for the theme contest are due by Oct. 15th. Entries for the Arts contest are due by Oct. 19th.

*****Judges needed! If you or someone you know can volunteer to judge entries, please contact me! Thanks! - Reshma Eggleston*****