

PTA Reflections Contest 2014-1015 **Awardees**

Contest theme:

**“The World Would Be a Better Place If...”**

**“El Mundo Sería Un Lugar Mejor Si...”**

Mount Vernon Community School

**key:**

Outstanding Interpretation = First Place

Award of Excellence = Second Place

Award of Merit = Third Place

*ties listed alphabetically*

**\* *Dance Choreography***

Grades K-2

<b>Outstanding Interpretation</b>	<b>Celeste Bernstein - grade 2</b>	<b><i>“... If Everyone Worked Together”</i></b>
<b>Award of Excellence</b>	<b>Jahdiah Sturge - grade 2</b>	<b><i>“Own It”</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>Laina Gammon - grade ?</b>	<b><i>“Happy”</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>James Libresco - grade 2</b>	<b><i>“Leave It Alone”</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Gia Verhoeven - grade ?</b>	<b><i>“Free Dance”</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Kit Vontz - grade 1</b>	<b><i>“Thousand Years”</i></b>

Grades 3-5

<b>Outstanding Interpretation</b>	<b>Molly Quigley - grade 5</b>	<b><i>“Molly’s Aerial Dance”</i></b>
<b>Award of Excellence</b>	<b>Evelyn Sirois - grade 3</b>	<b><i>“...If More Schools Had Gymnastics Teams”</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>Turé Duprey - grade 5</b>	<b><i>“Let’s Celebrate”</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Evan Bellanca - grade 4</b>	<b><i>“Maps!”</i></b>

**\* *Film Production***

Grades K-2

<b>Outstanding Interpretation</b>	<b>James Libresco - grade 2</b>	<b><i>“Iran and United States of America”</i></b>
<b>Award of Excellence</b>	<b>Payeton Werner - grade 2</b>	<b><i>“The World Would Be a Better Place If...”</i></b>

**\* Film Production**

Grades 3-5

<b>Outstanding Interpretation</b>	<b>Miranda Tonsetic - grade 3</b>	<b><i>"The World Would Be Better If..."</i></b>
<b>Award of Excellence</b>	<b>Evie Rinehart - grade 3</b>	<b><i>"My Animal World"</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>Thalia Sidley - grade 3</b>	<b><i>"...If Together We Gave The World An Ark"</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Evelyn Sirois - grade 3</b>	<b><i>"... if The World Had More Colorful Leaves"</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Jackson Werner - grade 4</b>	<b><i>"Stop Pollution and Global Warming"</i></b>

**\* Literature**

Grades K-2

<b>Outstanding Interpretation</b>	<b>Tess Sidley - grade 1</b>	<b><i>"The World Would Be A Better Place"</i></b>
<b>Award of Excellence</b>	<b>Fiona Sullivan - grade 2</b>	<b><i>"Love of Nature"</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>Alex Eissenstat - grade 2</b>	<b><i>"...If There Were Better Things On The Planet"</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Katherine Hartell - grade 2</b>	<b><i>"World A Better Place With Cake"</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Katherine Jarsulic- grade 1</b>	<b><i>"iPoem"</i></b>

Grades 3-5

<b>Outstanding Interpretation</b>	<b>Maggie Atkins - grade 4</b>	<b><i>"Many Things Could Help The World"</i></b>
<b>Award of Excellence</b>	<b>Leila Abarca - grade 4</b>	<b><i>"Hear is How"</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>Isabel Penner - grade 5</b>	<b><i>"Zipline"</i></b>
<b>Award of Merit</b>	<b>Taryn White - grade 5</b>	<b><i>"The World Would Be Better"</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Hunter Harris</b>	<b><i>"...If There Was An Alternative Fuel"</i></b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Alexandrina Hogan</b>	<b><i>"...If People Recycled More"</i></b>

**\* Music Composition**

Grades K-2

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence**

**Evelyn Hess-Nelson - grade 2  
Ellie Lawson - grade 1**

***"Mixed Up Letters"  
"Boom Box"***

Grades 3-5

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention**

**Sasha Dafkova - grade 3  
Judah Bawcombe - grade 4  
Turé Duprey - grade 5  
Kaela Huheey - grade 5**

***"Tropical Beat"  
"Drum Quartet"  
"Opus No. 1"  
"Another Cinderella Story"***

**\* Photography**

Grades K-2

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention**

**Alexis Morrison - grade 2  
Samuel Abbott - grade 1  
Ailinn Colarulli - grade 1  
Emily Krustapentus - grade 1**

***"Music is Joy + Fun"  
"Because She's Happy"  
"Opening Your Eyes"  
"Kindergarten Trees"***

Grades 3-5

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention  
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**Christopher Alers - grade 5  
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Rachel Windmuller - grade 3  
Jackson Werner - grade 4  
Christopher Alers - grade 5  
Claire Beekman - grade 4  
Jasper Lavan - grade 4  
Rachel Windmuller - grade 3**

***"No More Pollution"  
"Living Tree"  
"Single Pink Fungi"  
"Tree Brothers"  
"Fallen Red Leaf"  
"Stop Pollution Sensation"  
"Fun!"  
"Full Moon"***

**\* Visual Arts**

Grades K-2

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention**

**Celeste Bernstein - grade 2  
Kit Vontz - grade 1  
Lola Carpio - K  
Sophia Bassingthwaite - gr 2**

***"Recycling"*  
*"No More Mosquitoes!"*  
*"...Being A Good Citizen"*  
*"A World of Good And Bad"***

Grades 3-5

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention  
Honorable Mention**

**Isabella Portillo - grade 5  
Jack Briscoe - grade 3  
Luca Jovovic - grade 3  
William Hernandez - grade 4  
Eva Reumann - grade 4**

***"The Children World"*  
*"Diving Catch"*  
*"Husky Pulling Sled"*  
*"We Save More Trees"*  
*"You Can Reach  
For The Stars"***

**\* Sculpture**

Grades K-2

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention**

**Ella Graf - grade 1  
Piper Maccubbin - grade 1  
Isabel Josendale - grade 2  
Alice Ward - grade 1**

***"Love Butterfly"*  
*"Cupid"*  
*"Clean Up"*  
*"The Eyeglass"***

Grades 3-5

**Outstanding Interpretation  
Award of Excellence  
Award of Merit  
Honorable Mention**

**Anna Windmuller - grade 5  
Maggie Atkins - grade 4  
Claire Beekman - grade 4  
Owen Ward - grade 3**

***"Our Eagle Earth"*  
*"Keep The Earth Clean"*  
*"Drop It In"*  
*"Bus Conserve"***

***\* MVCS Artistic Merit Award  
Reflections Chair Award \****

Grades 3-5

**Thalia Sidley - grade 3**

***"Gift Ark" Project***

**Visual Arts/Film**

**Katherine Winstead - grade 3**

***"Bunny in the Sun"***

**Sculpture/Visual Arts**

***Judging:***

***Contest entries were judged using National PTA guidelines.***

***Judges are professionals in their fields with no affiliation to MVCS.***

***Judges followed the National PTA Rubric, requiring Interpretation of Theme to factor as half the total score, based on the artwork itself and artist statement. Artistic Merit/Creativity and Mastery of Medium make up the other half.***

***First place entries advanced to the City of Alexandria competition.***

***The sculpture category, unique to MVCS, does not advance to the City.***

***Artistic Merit Awards are selected by Reflections Chairs to honor entries deserving of noteworthy recognition.***

***Winners will be recognized at a ceremony on February 20, 2015.***

***Thanks to all who participated!***

***Carolyn Alers/Karen Ross***