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PLEASANTON PTA COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE YOUNG ARTISTS

Pleasanton, CA: The Pleasanton PTA Council will hold its eighth annual Reflections Arts Recognition Program on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at the new Firehouse Art Center. The reception and showcase will begin at 6:30pm with the ceremony to follow at 7pm.

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. It provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by this year's theme, "Together We Can..."

"Pleasanton PTA Council is very excited to be having our annual Reflections Arts Recognition Program at the Firehouse Arts Center this year," said Jodie Vashistha, Pleasanton PTA Council President, "and we are grateful to our sponsor Bay Area Academy of Music for helping to make that possible. PTA feels very strongly that the arts are an important part of our children's education, but budget cuts make it increasingly difficult to include any art in the curriculum. Our hope is that holding the ceremony at the Firehouse Arts Center will help to increase community awareness of the importance of arts education."

Our local students, from Kindergarten through 12th grade, entered their work in six categories: photography, visual arts, literature, musical composition, dance choreography, and film/video production. More than 310 young artists from eight Pleasanton schools submitted entries for this year's program to their local PTA or PTSA sponsored program.

Reflections Committees at each school identified students in each category and age level to represent their school at the Council level. Over 60 entries were submitted to the Pleasanton PTA Council for recognition and will be showcased on December 1st. Entries advancing to the next level, Peralta PTA District, will be announced at this event.

This is a free event and the community is invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP to the event, please contact Diane Van Wagner at d.vanwagner@comcast.net. Attendance capacity is limited to 220.

About our Sponsor: Bay Area Academy of Music provides private music instruction for children, teens and adults in a professional studio environment. They are located in Pleasanton and currently offer lessons in electric guitar, acoustic guitar, violin, viola, fiddle, vielle, voice/singing, flute, piccolo, saxophone, clarinet, and piano/keyboard.
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The Pleasanton PTA Council began in 2003 as an umbrella group for all PTAs in Pleasanton. The mission of the PTA is to represent their members and to empower and support them with skills in advocacy, leadership, and communication to positively impact the lives of all children and families. More information is available at www.pleasantonpta.org.