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PLEASANTON PTA RECOGNIZES YOUNG ARTISTS

The Pleasanton PTA Council held its fourth annual Reflections Arts Recognition Program on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at Harvest Park Middle School. The National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. Our local students, from Kindergarten through 12th Grade, have entered their work in six categories: musical composition, literature, photography and visual arts, film/video production and dance choreography. The theme of this year's program is "My Favorite Place..."

A total of 337 young artists from 7 Pleasanton schools submitted entries for this year's program to their local PTA or PTSA sponsored program. The participating schools were Alisal Elementary PTA with 26 entries, Fairlands Elementary PTA with 27 entries, Hearst Elementary PTA with 52 entries, Mohr Elementary PTA with 90 entries, Vintage Hills Elementary PTA with 65, Harvest Park Middle School PTA with 5 entries and Amador Valley High School PTSA with 72 entries.

Reflections Committees at each of these schools identified students in each category and age level to represent their school at the Council level. A total of 55 entries were submitted to Pleasanton PTA Council for recognition and were presented with certificates at the December 5th Recognition program.

Of these, the work of **16 students were chosen to represent Pleasanton PTA Council at the next level, Peralta District PTA, which encompasses all of Alameda County:**

Literature

Miyuko Carballo	Fairlands Elementary	Primary Division,
Kailey Sanchez	Vintage Hills Elementary	Intermediate Division
Marie McCoy-Thompson	Harvest Park Middle School	Middle/Jr. Division
Jeysree Ramachandran	Amador Valley High School	Senior Division



Photography

Jenilee Chen	Vintage Hills Elementary	Primary Division
Daniela Williams	Fairlands Elementary	Intermediate Division
Chase Partridge	Amador Valley High School	Senior Division

Visual Arts

Brain Park	Mohr Elementary	Primary Division
Anuja Joshi	Mohr Elementary	Intermediate Division
Amanda Wu	Harvest Park Middle School	Middle/Jr. Division
Kendra Knudsen	Amador Valley High School	Senior Division

Musical Composition

Jenilee Chen	Vintage Hills Elementary	Primary Division
Christine Xu	Mohr Elementary	Intermediate Division
Max Loh	Amador Valley High School	Senior Division

Film/Video Production

Vincent Tantra	Mohr Elementary	Primary Division
Piyush Patil	Mohr Elementary	Intermediate Division

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