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### *Pleasanton Students Advance to State Levels in Arts Contest*

The PTA District PTA, representing Alameda County, announced the winners of the District level Reflections Arts Recognition program on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Students in Peralta District PTA schools submitted a total of 2,039 entries in this year's contest. Of the 22 entries that Peralta District will send to the California State PTA for state level judging, 7 were submitted by Pleasanton students.

| <b>Level</b>   | <b>Category</b>     | <b>Winner</b>        | <b>School</b>              |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Primary        | Film                | Vincent Tantra       | Mohr Elementary            |
| Primary        | Musical Composition | Jenilee Chen         | Vintage Hills Elementary   |
| Intermediate   | Visual Arts         | Anuja Joshi          | Mohr Elementary            |
| Intermediate   | Musical Composition | Christine Xu         | Mohr Elementary            |
| Middle/Junior  | Literature          | Marie McCoy-Thompson | Harvest Park Middle School |
| Middle /Junior | Visual Arts         | Amanda Wu            | Harvest Park               |
| Senior         | Musical Composition | Max Loh              | Amador Valley High         |

State winners will be announced at the California State PTA Convention to be held May 3-6<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.

The Reflections Program, sponsored by the National PTA, 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 pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education. Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to submit entries in visual arts, photography, literature, musical composition film and dance choreography. This year's theme was "My Favorite Place?"

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