



Didion Email Blast - 10/4/21

Good evening Didion families,

Here are some important announcements and reminders from Mr. Eder.

Colder Weather and Eating Indoors

As the weather changes and becomes cooler, please dress your child in layers. We remain committed to eating lunch outdoors as much as possible in order to provide safe distancing for students while eating with their masks off. If it is chilly, but mostly dry, we intend to continue having students eat outdoors. There will be times, however, where we will need to bring some or all students inside to eat lunch because of inclement weather or poor air quality. During these times, we will do our best to maintain as much distance between students as possible, but there will be times where we will not be able to space students 6 feet or more apart from each other due to staffing and space constraints.

SEL Character Trait of the Month

This month's social-emotional learning character trait is *confidence*. Students will be learning about this character trait in their classes throughout the month. Please check out [this link](#) for ways that you can support students learning about and practicing *confidence* at home.

LCFF Applications

Every year it is imperative that we have all families submit an LCFF application for their child(ren). Only one application is required per household. These applications impact the amount of funding that SCUSD and, ultimately, Didion receives from the state. You may fill out and return the paper application that was a part of first day packets, or fill out the application online: <https://www.scusd.edu/lcffapp>

Didion School Site Council

Parents, if you are interested in running for a seat on Didion's School Site Council, please email Mr. Eder by the end of the day tomorrow. We have positions available to parents, and will hold elections if there is more interest than open positions. The School Site Council typically meets 4-5 times a year, and discusses the development of the School Plan for Student Achievement. The School Site Council also serves as the School Safety Committee.

Middle School Sports

Several of our middle school teams are already in full swing in this busy fall sports season. Girls volleyball had a big win at home today versus Sutter, the flag football team's first game is on Wednesday at Sam Brannan,

and cross country has a meet on Thursday. Just a reminder that we are allowed to have only immediate family/household members as spectators at all middle school sporting events at this time.

Lost and Found

Please ask your student to check for any Lost and Found items that they may have left behind. Lost and found items have been set out on the benches along the cafeteria during recess and lunch for students to recover their items. Parents may also check in at the main office after school to look for items. Remaining lost and found items will be donated at the end of the month.

PTA Reflections Art Contest

The Genevieve Didion PTA is proud to announce the Reflections Art Program will return this fall! In fact, October is National Arts and Humanities Month, and we hope this program helps students unleash their creative talents, be inspired, and experience the fun and joy of making art!

What is the Reflections Art Program? It's a national art competition, organized by the national PTA. It began in 1969 and has celebrated art from more than 10 million students. Each fall, students submit art entries in a variety of categories to their local school PTA. Art submissions are then judged, and the winners in each category are passed along to the district, state and national PTA level competitions. Awards are announced throughout the process!

This year's theme is **"I Will Change the World By..."**

Didion PTA is offering the following categories:

Literature
Visual Arts
Photography
Special Artist Program

Rules, guidelines and entry forms can be found below or by [visiting the PTA website](#).

Student art submissions are due to Didion PTA by **Friday, November 5**. Designated art drop off times are:

Thursday, November 4, from 7-8AM and 12:50-2PM in front of the school

Friday, November 5 from 7-8AM and 1:50-3PM in front of the school

For specific questions, please contact Alicia Adler at alicia.m.adler@gmail.com.



How To Enter

Use the arts to share your personal *Reflections* on this year's theme: **I Matter Because...**

Submissions are due to **GENEVIEVE DIDION K-8 SCHOOL** by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**.

Experienced artists will review your work for interpretation of theme, creativity and technique. We look forward to celebrating your artistry and achievement in the arts!

Literature: Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, and short story. Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Writing** must not exceed 2,000 words and may be handwritten or typed. Accepted formats: Single-sided print on 8 ½x11" paper, PDF file.

Photography: Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted. Entrant must be the photographer and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Print** image dimensions must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches. Accepted print formats: Mounted on mat or poster board no larger than 11x14 inches. Framed prints are not accepted. **Digital** image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution). Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

Visual Arts: Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **2D** artworks must be mounted on sturdy material and no larger than 24x30 inches with matting. Framed entries are not accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission. **3D** artwork submissions must contain 3 digital images of artwork at different angles. Image(s) are used for artwork identification, judging and exhibition purposes. Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

Special Artist: Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division **or** grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. See Official Rules for details.



Official Rules

By submitting an artwork to the “**National PTA Reflections Program**,” entrants accept and agree to be bound by the official rules for participation as well as the entry requirements for their specific arts category and division. Additional state program requirements may apply. Any violation of these rules may, at PTA’s discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the reviewers regarding this program are final and binding in all respects. (The “PTA” referred to in these rules include all PTAs reviewing the submission).

- 1. ELIGIBILITY.** Students must participate through a local PTA/PTSA. Each student’s eligibility is determined by the state and local PTA/PTSA. A student may develop an entry inside or outside of school.
- 2. ARTS CATEGORIES.** There are four arts categories—literature, photography and visual arts, as well as Special Artist. Students may enter the National PTA Reflections Program in one or more arts categories. See each arts category rules for additional entry requirements.
- 3. GRADE DIVISIONS.** Students may enter in the appropriate division for their grade (Primary: Preschool-Grade 2; Intermediate: Grades 3-5; Middle School: Grades 6-8; Special Artist: All grades welcome).

The **Special Artist Division** welcomes students from all grades and abilities and offers non-artistic accommodations (e.g. adaptive technology; transcribing; holding a camera) for students to participate fully in PTA Reflections. Assistants must refrain from being involved in the artistic process (e.g. developing an artist statement, choreography, music lyrics, storyboards, etc.) Student recognition and awards are announced as part of the Special Artist Division.

- 4. HOW TO ENTER.** Entrants must submit their artwork and student entry form to their local PTA/PTSA program according to local and state PTA procedures. Entrants must follow requirements and instructions specific to each arts category and division. Contact local PTA programs for deadlines and additional information.
- 5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.** (All participants must also follow arts category and if applicable, Special Artist Division rules)
 - Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the current year’s theme may be submitted.
 - Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student’s work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student’s individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed except in the Special Artist Division. Other individuals may appear in or perform a student’s work, but the work itself must be the creative product of one student only. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. *See the specific arts category rules and special artist division rules for details.*
 - Each entry must contain a title and all entries must include an artist statement. The artist statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work. The statement must include at least 10 words and not exceed 100 words.
 - Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for background music in dance choreography and film production entries. If used in dance choreography and film production entries, background music must be cited on the entry form. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of PowerPoint templates are prohibited.



- 6. FINALIST SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION.** Entries are reviewed at local, regional, state and national levels. Each PTA determines its own reviewers for the program. Entries will be reviewed primarily on how well the student uses their artistic vision to portray the theme, their originality and creativity. The National PTA Reflections® program makes no restrictions on content or subject matter in artwork submitted by the local, regional or state levels. National PTA reserves the right to use its sole discretion in selecting the submissions to be recognized at the national level. Under no condition may parents or students contact a reviewer to dispute the status/score of any entry. Each PTA in its sole discretion will select finalists for exhibition and provide awards/prizes. Awards are announced per local and state procedures. National awards and events are announced May 1, 2021 at [PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/Reflections).
- 7. OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE.** Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions.
- 8. PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.** This program is administered by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and PTA affiliates. Parent groups not affiliated with National PTA are not eligible to sponsor this program.



Entry Form

To be completed by PTA before distribution.

LOCAL PTA _____ LOCAL PTA ID _____
LOCAL PROGRAM CHAIR _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
COUNCIL PTA _____ DISTRICT PTA _____ REGION PTA _____ STATE PTA _____
MEMBER DUES PAID DATE _____ INSURANCE PAID DATE _____ BYLAWS APPROVAL DATE _____

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ AGE _____ CLASSROOM _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

- PRIMARY (Pre-K-Grade 2)
- INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5)
- MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)
- HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)
- SPECIAL ARTIST (All Grades)

ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM PRODUCTION
- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS

TITLE OF WORK _____ DETAILS _____

If background music is used in **dance/film**, citation is required. Include word count for **literature**. List



ARTIST STATEMENT (In 10 to 100 words, describe your work and how it relates to the theme)
