



**GLENDALE COUNCIL PTA**

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**GUSD STUDENTS REFLECT ON “THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE IF....”  
Students shine in Arts and Literature at Glendale Council Level**

Over 500 GUSD Students turned out to participate in the National PTA Reflection Program. Students were asked by the PTA to reflect on the theme “The World Would Be A Better Place If...” Local Unit PTAs, along with Teachers and administrators, encouraged students to participate and reflect on what would make the world a better place. Students had the opportunity to participate in the categories of Film Production, Visual Arts, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography and Photography. A panel of esteemed judges in each field selected the top three in each category. The top students from Glendale Council are as follows:

**FILM**

Primary:	1 <sup>st</sup>	James Fehr	Glenoaks Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alexis Faieta	Mark Keppel Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lazaro Tio	R.D. White Elementary
Intermediate:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Quinn Hurd	Lincoln Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fiamma Creimer	Benjamin Franklin Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Piper Victor	Mark Keppel Elementary
Middle:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Kruegermann	Mountain Avenue Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lusin Yengibaryan	Toll Middle School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Adam Sharp	Mountain Avenue Elementary
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Austin Borusiewicz	Clark Magnet
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mackenzie Holmquist	Crescenta Valley HS

**VISUAL ARTS**

Primary	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christina Park	Mountain Avenue Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brady Yu	Mark Keppel Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isabel Arechiga	Valley View Elementary
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellen Choi	Mark Keppel Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maggie Camacho	Columbus Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gianna Caudillo	Fremont Elementary
Middle	1 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret Kim	Mountain Avenue Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aditya Saravanan	Rosemont Middle School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Naree Kim	Monte Vista Elementary
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Megan Mirkhanian	Clark Magnet
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hyemin Jang	Crescenta Valley HS

Special	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jennifer Bae	Crescenta Valley HS
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Boiajian	Glendale High School
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Darius Hadden	Glendale High School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eddie Ibarra	College View

**LITERATURE**

Primary	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Dermondy	Dunsmore Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mia Gonzales	R.D. White Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evan Tapper	Edison Elementary
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alex Tambascia	Dunsmore Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam Daly	R.D. White Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daniel Simon	Mark Keppel Elementary
Middle	1 <sup>st</sup>	Amanda Rush Bova	Mountain Avenue Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Linda Jurdi	Toll Middle School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Seidfathi	Rosemont Middle School
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Titash Biswas	Crescenta Valley HS
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lauren Harvey	Crescenta Valley HS
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Areil Rezazadeh	Crescenta Valley HS

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Primary	1 <sup>st</sup>	Grant Smith	Valley View Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kyle Ivanyi	Valley View Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lana Darmanian	Fremont Elementary
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eva Porter	Mark Keppel Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leo Bentivegna	Mountain Avenue Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parker Velazquez	Balboa Elementary
Middle	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alexander James	Lincoln Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amanda D'Ambrosio	Rosemont Middle School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ani Sargsyan	Thomas Jefferson Elementary
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Isabella Magdeleno	Crescenta Valley HS
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vanessa Ochner	Crescenta Valley HS
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Siena Lee	Crescenta Valley HS

**DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY**

Primary	1 <sup>st</sup>	Liam Zadoorian	Mark Keppel Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlotte Hopkins	Glenoaks Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew Blood	Mountain Avenue Elementary
Intermediate TIE	1 <sup>st</sup>	Stella Cockrum	Benjamin Franklin Elementary
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Natalie Avakian	Glenoaks Elementary
Middle	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evelyn Dube	Mark Keppel Elementary
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kimberly Blood	Mountain Avenue Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lori Bodnar	Mountain Avenue Elementary
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hank Schmidt	Glendale High School
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lara Singzon	Glendale High School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alyssa Cancilla	Glendale High School

## MUSIC

Primary	1 <sup>st</sup>	Andres Engleman	Benjamin Franklin Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Mnatsakanyan	Thomas Jefferson Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easan Hamkins	Dunsmore Elementary
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lucas Sterling	Benjamin Franklin Elementary
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Angelo Israel	Mark Keppel Elementary
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reegan Tribble	Mark Keppel Elementary
Middle	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ella Beyer	Verdugo Woodlands
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Willam Ozeas	Rosemont Middle School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nolan Brown	Mountain Avenue Elementary
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Johnson	Crescenta Valley HS

The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner in each division/category will advance to the next level of competition at 1<sup>st</sup> District PTA. 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. PTA is a large geographic area stretching across the foothill regions of the greater San Gabriel Valley of Los Angeles County.

If chosen from 1<sup>st</sup> District (on or around January 9<sup>th</sup>), entries will then move on to the state level and potentially national in Washington D.C.

The PTA Reflections Program is a nationally recognized arts and achievement program for students. This national program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education.

Participation in the Reflections Program provides a great outlet for students to explore and learn about various art forms. Creating art is a valuable learning process that challenges students to use their critical thinking skills as well as their creative talents to create art that supports a specific theme.

Glendale Council PTA will honor these winning students at an Awards Presentation on two separate occasions at the Board of Education. GUSD will honor those who placed in the categories of FILM, VISUAL ARTS and LITERATURE on February 3, 2015 and will honor those in the categories of PHOTOGRAPHY, DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY and MUSIC on February 17, 2015. GUSD and the Glendale Council PTA is very proud and congratulates every student that participated in this year's program.

If you would like more information about the program, please contact Kevin Cordova- Brookey, Glendale Council PTA, VP of Education and Programs at [klcordovabrookey@gmail.com](mailto:klcordovabrookey@gmail.com) or Monna Johnson, Glendale Council President at [monna.johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:monna.johnson@yahoo.com).