

I Matter Because...

2020-2021



Timberline Middle School

Reflections Art Gallery

What is Reflections?

Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school, but in life.

Students create original works of art in response to an annual theme and submit their completed works of art in one, or all, of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. The theme for the 2020-2021 program year is *I Matter Because...*

While the primary focus of Reflections is a celebration of creativity through positive recognition, finalists from our TMS PTSA entries will move on to the council PTSA, who may then move on to the state round, and possibly then the national round.

Timberwolf Artists

Please read on to meet our amazing TMS Timberwolf Artists who participated in the Reflections program this year. Those artists who have pieces moving on to the council PTSA level are marked with a blue ribbon. Those with additional awards are listed near their names. We are so proud of all our amazing Timberwolf Artists. We thank you for sharing your talents with us and we encourage you all to continue your artistic pursuits and dreams.

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Literature

“We Matter” by

Shruti Ram 

Artist Statement:

“The work I created is how one may think that some people are not important, and in the poem, I explain how every life matters including my own. Even though we are different, we are all equal and that means I matter and we all matter.” – Shruti Ram, 6th grade

I'm trying to explain,
so, get it inside your brain,
when I say I matter,
all I hear is laughter,
you and I,
black, brown, and white,
all lives matter,
so, don't try to shatter,
the love and peace,
that we have achieved,
you can say you know,

but you really don't,
you can pretend you're all that,
but all you do is laugh,
at others' ideas,
when yours are just unreal,
so have an open mind,
and embrace all lives,
you need to know that we,
are all about diversity,
so please listen up,
because enough is enough!

“I Matter” by

Cady Wu

Artist Statement:

“My poem shows how everyone, including me, matters. It shows concisely how all human beings matter, simply because they live.” – Cady Wu, 6th grade

I matter.
I was born into this world.
I have a purpose.
Saying that I don't matter.
Won't change anything.
Because
I matter.
I matter.

“I Matter Because...” by

Rania Tuladhar

Artist Statement:

“A short poem about why I matter and why everyone matters.” – Rania Tuladhar, 6th grade

I matter because
Every single person matters
And we’re all human.

I matter because
It doesn’t matter where we’re from
Or what we look like

I matter because
I am unique and special
Only I am me

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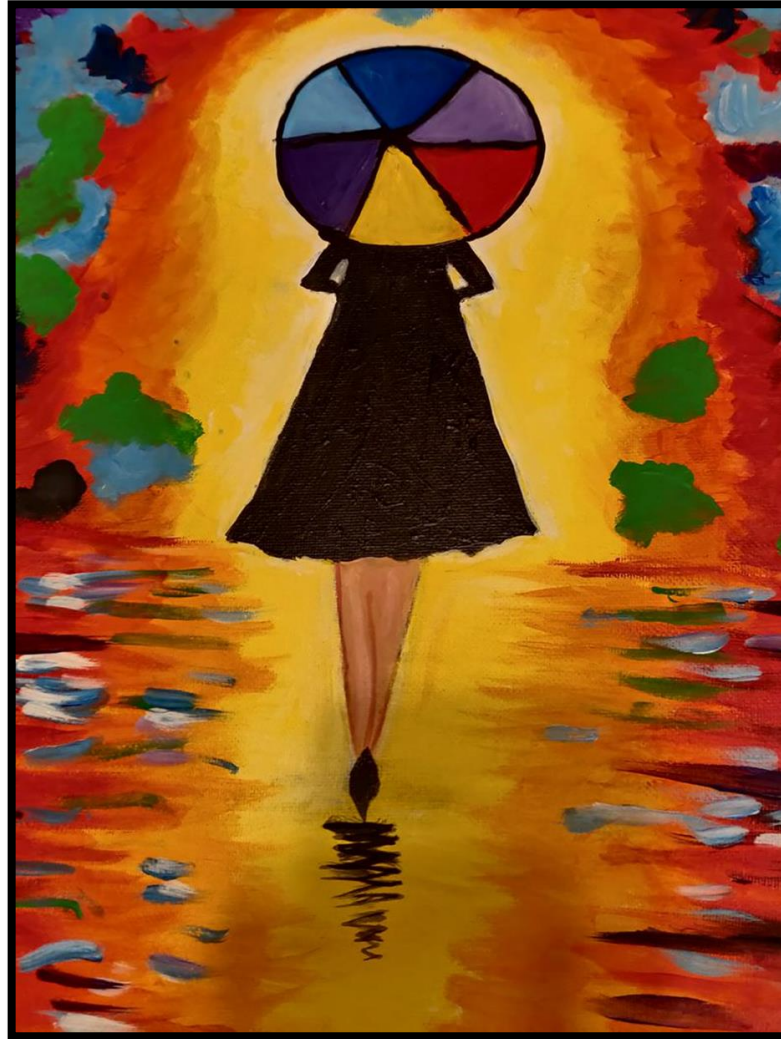
Visual Arts

“Colors of the People” by

Aanya Raghavan

Artist Statement:

“I matter because I am unique. My piece is an abstract painting showing that we all matter because we are unique yet the same. The different colors show that everybody is a unique person and that's what makes them special. You are special, no matter the color of your skin, what you look like, your race, or your gender. You never have to change yourself to fit in.” Aanya Raghavan, 6th grade



“I Bring Hope” by

Dhreeti Taneja 

Artist Statement:

“A million different pieces of polished art dust all flurried together to make a cloud of glowing light, then fragmented to create a shining array of beauty in the darkness of night sky. That's how I'd describe myself. Peering through history, there've been many dark moments as a nation, even today people are braving through one. This painting conveys a sense of brightness, that I hold a globe of light, to release into darkness, other glows of light are people that have been inspired and are on a continuous path to illuminate many more. I matter because I bring hope.” Dhreeti Taneja, 8th grade



“I Matter Because Everyone Matters” by Iris Dey

Artist Statement:

“My art piece is the world with a hand on top doing a peace sign. Plus, the hand is colored in with different skin tones to represent different races. Also includes the pride flag plus the differently abled symbol. This art relates to theme cause it shows that I (everyone) matter and it doesn't matter which race, gender, or being differently abled. And everyone should accept that, cause that's who we are, and nobody can change that. I was inspired by multiple protests going on today.” Iris Dey, 7th grade



“Always Be Kind” by

Kimberley Ong

Artist Statement:

“Kindness has always been a valuable part of our world. It's doing something nice without expecting anything in return. Acts of kindness may not always seem like much but to a friend, family, or community member it can feel like so much more. To them YOU matter. Especially now, kindness is even more significant because every single person should know that they matter in our world. The flower wreath shows how everyone is unique, but we each have our importance, and part in creating our world. And most important, always being kind, we can help build a new tomorrow.” Kimberley Ong, 7th grade



“I Matter Because...I Am Loved” by

Lea Liakovich

Artist Statement:

“This piece describes the love between two siblings and how that is a bond that cannot be broken. In my artwork it is depicted how a younger sister is hugging her brother after a long day away at school. It relates to the theme because love like that is a very good reminder that you are loved and that you matter.” Lea Liakovich, 8th grade



“Tree” by

Novyanna Bajracharya

Artist Statement:

“In “Tree” I drew a big tree in the middle of the paper with people on the side appreciating it. This relates to the theme because it shows that I matter because the choices I make impact the world. It shows this because even when you do a simple thing, like plant a tree, you can make a positive impact because so many people are happier because of the tree. The people in the picture are in awe of the beauty of the tree, making the world a more positive place.” Novyanna Bajracharya, 6th grade



“True Colors” by

Ramya Suresh 

Artist Statement:

“I matter because I see people for who they really are. My artwork represents me as the little girl looking out across the waters to see people for who they really are or in other words, their true colors. Everything else is in grayscale because the focus is on the shining, colorful people who keep themselves away from the people who “drown in lies” by faking who they are. I am looking out onto this scene as this is what I see, people staying happy because they love who they are.” Ramya Suresh 8th grade



"My Voice Is Why I Matter" by Sakina Rizvi

Artist Statement:

"A girl stands on the mountain with confidence. Why? Because she knows she matters. She says "I matter because I have a voice, I have thoughts and feelings. And most importantly, I can make a difference in someone's life. We all matter." When I heard the topic of this year's Reflections, I envisioned a girl on a mountain because that is what it reminds me of. This work of art portrays this girl, watching the teals and blues in the sky fade into each other, and standing on the rugged peak peering above the clouds." Sakina Rizvi, 7th grade



“Puzzle Pieces” by

Sidney Moore

Artist Statement:

“The world is like a giant puzzle and each puzzle piece is different and I believe each puzzle piece represents a different human or a different person on earth. Each puzzle piece is special in its own unique way and is so beautiful and wonderful no other puzzle piece is like. Without that one specific puzzle piece the puzzle doesn't look or feel as great as it could be with the missing piece. I also painted only the mouths on the people to represent that everyone has a voice and with that voice it changes the puzzle piece a little bit more to make the puzzle amazing and even bigger and better than it ever could be.” Sidney Moore, 6th grade

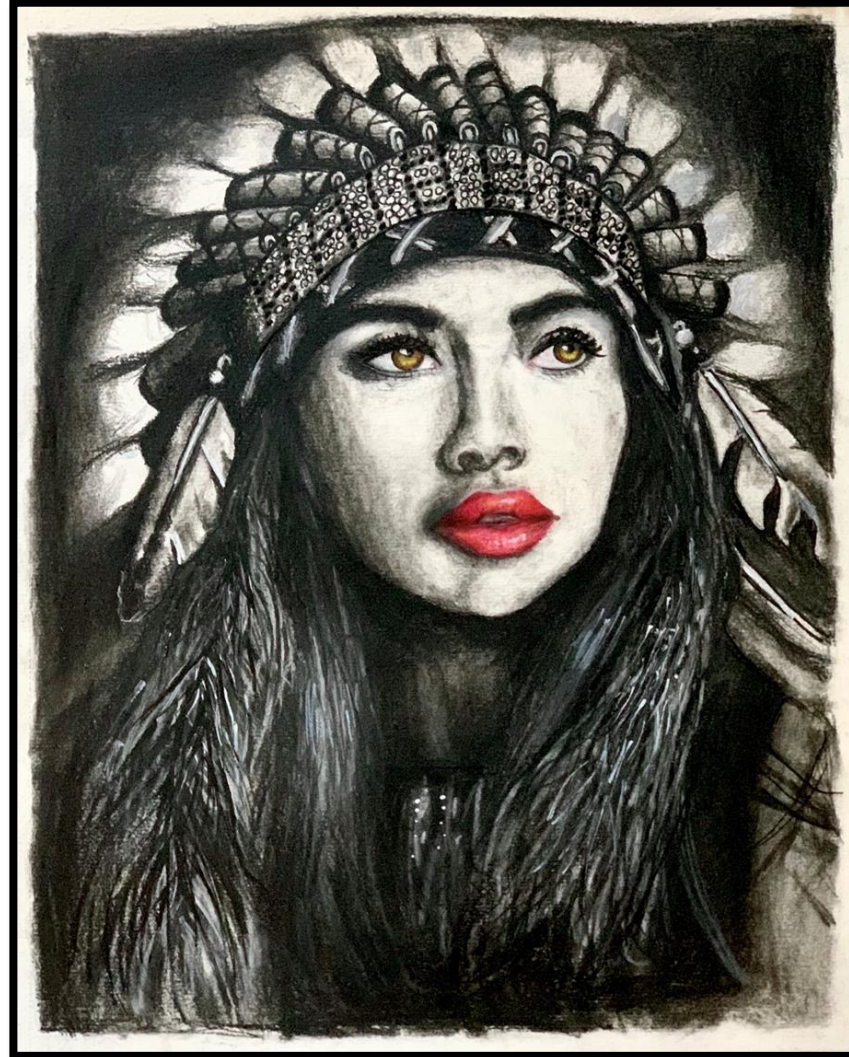


“Indigenous Beauty” by

Twisha Amit 

Artist Statement:

“This piece of artwork symbolizes why indigenous people matter. Indigenous people have gone through so much trauma and loss over the last few hundred years. Years ago, when colonists arrived in North America, the Native peoples lost 90% of their population to wars, new diseases, and enslavement by colonists. The settlers kept on taking more and more of the tribal land and attempted to Christianize all Native Americans as well. Today, we protect and honor the indigenous culture as it is still strong and thriving even after large, potentially unrecoverable losses of the past.” Twisha Amit, 7th grade



“Back to Work, the World!” by

Vivian Li 

Artist Statement:

“Waving goodbye to his wife and relaxed life, a retired doctor returns back to work. Wearing heavy PPE, he knows how risky its going to be. COVID-19 is inflicting damage to people's mental and physical health, resulting in massive loss of life. What's more it leads to global economic and social crises, making everyone's life harder. We still don't know how long this hardship will last but we do know that we can walk out of the darkness if everyone works together and makes their own possible contributions. I matter, you matter, and everyone matters. Thank you, Doctor! Thank you, everyone!” Vivian Li, 7th grade



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Photography

“In My Backyard” by

Liam Cain



Artist Statement:

“This photograph relates to this year’s Reflections theme because it shows how I care about my animals and their wellbeing; they matter to me and I matter to them. I take time to make sure they are healthy and happy, and, in a way, they take care of me by making me happy and also giving me eggs for food! When we take care of each other it shows how much we all matter because we are in this world together.” Liam Cain, 7th grade



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Music Composition

“Dear Me” by

Diya Modi 

Artist Statement:

“My song Dear Me, while it does not directly talk about why I matter it is a letter from me to myself in different stages of time. It talks about what others are saying to me, and to remember that no matter what happens, the sole reason I matter is because I am me. It is a fight song for those around the world who may forget that they are on this earth for a reason and that they have a place. This song is a message to everyone. I matter because I was put here and I am me.” Diya Modi, 8th grade

[Click here to see Diya’s entry.](#)

“I Believe I Matter” by

Varnika Bhargava 

Artist Statement:

“My song shows how flaws and imperfections don’t define you. Instead, it is what you believe in that defines you. Whether you believe in your good qualities or your bad qualities. Whether you believe in the fact that you matter or not. Even if other people tell you that you matter, the understanding has to come from within which is what my song is about. All the good qualities within me but most importantly the fact that I matter regardless of flaws and mistakes.” Varnika Bhargava, 8th grade

[Click here to see Varnika’s entry.](#)

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Dance Choreography

“This Is Me” by

Ritika Malpani

Artist Statement:

“I really liked the song. I thought it showed that you shouldn't care about what others think of you because you know you matter and you know that you are important. I choreographed a dance to this and I took the help of my friends in the final recording. Dancing is one of my great passions and I wanted to showcase that passion into this dance as well. I know I matter to my friends and to the world.” Ritika Malpani, 8th grade

[Click here to see Ritika's entry.](#)

“The Power Within” by

Priyanka Kudallur 

Artist Statement:

“I matter because I have the power to make a difference and change the world. My dance represents the ability in everyone to be a hero, which can only be tapped into by taking risks and breaking from the usual standards. The movements show a progression from being unconfident and different to embracing uniqueness with bravery. Every time I fall, I pull myself back up and understand that it is okay to make mistakes. While choreographing and dancing, my intent was to reach out to others and share the realization of the beauty within ourselves.” Priyanka Kudallur, 8th grade

***Priyanka’s entry has been chosen to move on to the State level of Reflections this year!
Congratulations and good luck to Priyanka!***

[Click here to see Priyanka’s entry.](#)

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Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to visit our 2020 Reflections Gallery.
And a very special thank you to all our Timberline Timberwolf Artists.