



Lake Washington PTSA Council Reflections Art Competition Winners 2025-2026 “I Belong”

We're delighted to announce that this year's Council Reflections competition saw 287 entries from 39 PTAs. Each entry was evaluated by independent judges, and these selections earned the highest rankings and will advance to the Washington State PTA round of competition (*Note: Students winning Honorable Mention awards will not proceed to the State competition*). Congratulations to all participants!

Visual Arts

Grade Division	Award	Title	Student	PTSA
Primary (k-2)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Home of Dreams</i>	Joanna Yang	Samantha Smith El.
Primary (k-2)	Award of Excellence	<i>The Taste of Belonging</i>	Nora Wang	Horace Mann EL
Primary (k-2)	Award of Merit	<i>Belonging in My Storybook</i>	Ling Yao	Peter Kirk El
Primary (k-2)	Honorable Mention	<i>I Belong Here</i>	Arya Singhal	Redmond El
Primary (k-2)	Honorable Mention	<i>My Favorite</i>	Shrivi Sunkari	John Muir El
Primary (k-2)	Honorable Mention	<i>Together We Shine Bright</i>	Bella Fan	Lakeview El
Primary (k-2)	Honorable Mention	<i>SOAR High with Strong Roots</i>	Saashvi Jain	Redmond El
Intermediate (3-5)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Peeking Out of a Crack</i>	Lucas Chen	Lakeview El
Intermediate (3-5)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>The Zipper That Opens Two Worlds</i>	Reyansh Prabhu	Margaret Mead El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>Whenever You Wander, Wherever You Go...</i>	Iris Wang	Rockwell El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>My True Harmony</i>	Anaya Murshed	Samantha Smith El



Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Merit	<i>Belonging In Every Part of Me</i>	Minseo Jo	Elizabeth Blackwell El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Merit	<i>Everybody belongs</i>	Amaira Beri	Rosa Parks El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Merit	<i>A whale with a dream</i>	Avantika Ved	Rosa Parks El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>Be you!</i>	Mishka Baranwal	Rosa Parks El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>Color Me Connected</i>	Tanisha Manna	Redmond El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>China Meets Seattle</i>	Shuru Wang	Alcott El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>I belong in the Ocean</i>	Akshara Sharan	Rosa Parks El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>Bubbles of Love</i>	Yuna Son	Elizabeth Blackwell El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>One World, We Belong</i>	Jocelyn Yu	Samantha Smith El.
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>Home Beneath the Waves</i>	April Lou	Alcott El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>I Belong Among My Thoughts</i>	Viraj Raheja	Margaret Mead El
Intermediate (3-5)	Honorable Mention	<i>I Belong Between Earth and Stars</i>	Bella Huang	Ben Rush El
Middle (5-8)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>My Place in the World</i>	Lily Chen	Redmond MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Excellence	<i>Across the World in One Tap</i>	Miso Kim	Redmond MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Excellence	<i>Holding Space</i>	Anika Manna	Redmond MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>Daughter of Nature</i>	Aisena Zabolotskaia	Kirkland MS

Middle (5-8)	Honorable Mention	<i>The Story I Wore</i>	Srividya Valluri	Inglewood MS
Middle (5-8)	Honorable Mention	<i>I Belong - Bridging My Worlds</i>	Taylor Liu	Inglewood MS
Middle (5-8)	Honorable Mention	<i>Hey Venus, of all Kinds ...</i>	Raina Wang	Redmond MS
Middle (5-8)	Honorable Mention	<i>Reflection of Me</i>	Rena Lin	Rose Hill MS
Middle (5-8)	Honorable Mention	<i>My Happy Place</i>	Anika Alampally	Kirkland MS
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Where the Light Touches</i>	Shiwen Wang	Redmond HS
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Painting Through the Years</i>	Qianhui Kaitlyn Ma	Eastlake HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Excellence	<i>Man's Best Friend</i>	Isabella Chang	ICS MSHS
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>Whispers of Belonging</i>	Niharika Vutukuri	Redmond HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>I Belong in a Better World</i>	Emily Huang	Eastlake HS
High School (9-12)	Honorable Mention	<i>Common Ground</i>	Jia H Katageri	ICS MSHS
High School (9-12)	Honorable Mention	<i>Threads of Hope</i>	Alicia Lin	Tesla Stem
High School (9-12)	Honorable Mention	<i>Nothing Gold Can Stay</i>	Elaine Qian	Eastlake HS
High School (9-12)	Honorable Mention	<i>Float in Your World</i>	Rebecca Lee	Redmond HS

Literature

Primary (k-2)	Award of Excellence	<i>My Poem - I Belong</i>	Shloka Pingali	Bell El
Intermediate (3-5)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>The Journey to Belong</i>	Miya Ma	Horace Mann El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>The Wild and The Worthy</i>	Siyi Li	McAuliffe El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Merit	<i>A Wave of Belonging</i>	Chloe Zhang	Horace Mann El
Middle (5-8)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Idris</i>	Shuhan Yin	Evergreen MS
Middle (5-8)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Learning to Stay</i>	Alaynaa Shriraj	Inglewood MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Excellence	<i>Belonging Is</i>	Matthew Choi	Kirkland MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Excellence	<i>My Path to Belonging as a Stray Dog</i>	Yuhan Huang	Evergreen MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>Off The Bench: The Long Journey to Belonging</i>	Nehaan Ferdous	Evergreen MS
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Asserting Acceptance</i>	Aishani Kar	Redmond HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Excellence	<i>All with me</i>	Samanyu Tirumale	Tesla Stem
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>Alone and Infinite</i>	Himadyuthi Gowda	ICS MSHS

Photography

Intermediate (3-5)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Step Into My Universe</i>	Anika Parson	Samantha Smith EI
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>Alive</i>	Tanisha Manna	Redmond EI
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Merit	<i>Together We are Brighter</i>	Arianna Maharaj	Rosa Parks EI
Middle (5-8)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Voices Within</i>	Inaya Ahuja	Timberline MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Excellence	<i>Best of Both Worlds</i>	Dharanidhru Gowda	Timberline MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>I Belong to the Horizon</i>	Manveer Singh	Inglewood MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>Social Mask</i>	Vivienne Byskal	Renaissance school
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Written/Received/Remembered</i>	Ella Ferris	Lake Washington HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Excellence	<i>Night Lights</i>	Anika Bhadra	Eastlake HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Excellence	<i>Sailing As One</i>	Mitchell Hickey	Lake Washington HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>Rainbow Road</i>	Arron Randhawa	Lake Washington HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>A Heart that Belongs</i>	Vivaan Bansal	Tesla Stem

Dance Choreography

Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>Better Together</i>	Ishani Bhat	Horace Mann El
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>I Belong to a Community, Rooted in Unity!</i>	Preema Desai	Rose Hill MS
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Harmonies of Belonging</i>	Anuka Samanta	Eastlake HS

Music Composition

Primary (k-2)	Award of Excellence	<i>I Belong Where Hearts Can Sing</i>	July Qiao	Samantha Smith El
Intermediate (3-5)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Family love</i>	Yekta Edraki	Carl Sandburg El.
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>I Belong</i>	Max Hu	Ben Franklin El
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>Two Worlds, One Song</i>	Shria Mahesh Sridharan	Timberline MS
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>I Will Find Home</i>	Christine Lee	Redmond HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Excellence	<i>This is Sonata</i>	Zachary Lew	Redmond HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>The Unseen Thread</i>	Misha Madhu Sudanan	Eastlake HS

Film Production

Primary (k-2)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>True Police</i>	Jude Pollack	Peter Kirk EL
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Intermediate (3-5)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>The Village of Ballons</i>	Mika Chang	Rockwell El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Excellence	<i>I belong: Civil rights for Black people</i>	Akshay Gupta	Horace Mann El
Intermediate (3-5)	Award of Merit	<i>Creating a World Where You Belong</i>	Lucy Henry	Peter Kirk El
Middle (5-8)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Flutter</i>	Maria Sagalaeva	Renaissance school
Middle (5-8)	Award of Excellence	<i>Togetherville</i>	Vaishnavi Hemant	Redmond MS
Middle (5-8)	Award of Merit	<i>A Billion Drops in the Sea</i>	Ishika Bhadra	Evergreen MS
High School (9-12)	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>Never Alone</i>	Anika Bhadra	Eastlake HS
High School (9-12)	Award of Merit	<i>Am I a Sheep in Wolf's Clothing?</i>	Hria Karthikeyan	ICS MSHS

Accessible Arts

Category	Award	Title	Student	PTSA
Visual Arts	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>My Favorite Island</i>	Kingston Chin	Renaissance school
Music Composition	Outstanding Interpretation	<i>I Belong in The Beats</i>	Liam Valentin	Emily Dickinson El
Photography	Award of Excellence	<i>Finding myself in nature</i>	Rishav Das	Redmond El
Photography	Award of Merit	<i>Stars</i>	Horus Cooney	Horace Mann El
Visual Arts	Award of Merit	<i>Beautiful Contradiction of fall</i>	Rishav Das	Redmond El