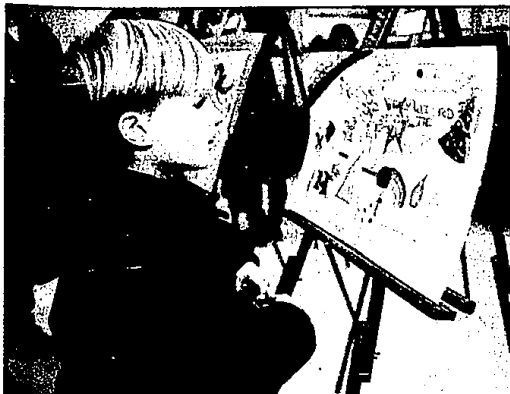




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Beholder: Kevin Miller looks at work by student Olga Prushinskaya.

■ Eagle Reflections participants

Eagle Elementary School students participating in the PTA Reflections program were as follows:

■ Literature: Jason Berger, Zachary Berlin, Nicole Dalley, Colleen Doherty, Erica Dominic, Alec Goldsmith, Melissa Hawkins, Katie Holland, Rachel Hollander, Isha Iyer, Joshua Stone, Matthew Woerdeman.

■ Photography: Josh Opfen, Melissa Hawkins, Leah Jacobs, Sonya Loy.

■ Visual arts: Danny Agar, Mitchell Barnett, ten Beneman, Jordan Berman, Erik Boldo, Danielle Dalen, Nicole Dalley, Abby Davidson, Linda Dealbes, Allison Enright, Jon Gerno.

Veronica Golec, Hiroyuki Gondo, Yumi Gondo, Sam Gottlieb, Solange Gottlieb, Miranda Jarosa, Patrick Jarosa, Erin McConnell, Brian Miller, Kevin Miller, Jenna Millstead, John Nickelhoff, Oho Nozomi, Olga Prushinskaya, Michael Race, Kelsey Randall, Jon Rivard, Carly Rosen, Alana Siefman, Chelsea Sporn, Alex Stone, Abby Trolz, Max Trolz, Erin Vinsky, Marisa Vinsky and Renea Wrenbeck.

■ The lone participant in the music category was Thomas Doherty.

Local businesses and parent contributed items for a drawing that was held during the gallery presentation.

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photography and visual arts, entrants had to answer the "strange if?" question, Barnett explained.

For fifth-grader Jon Rivard, that meant a drawing featuring Ralph Nader at the podium, as American president.

For fourth-grader Max Trolz, that meant Harry Potter characters jumping to life right out of the book pages.

Kindergartners Jordan Berman and Sam Gottlieb were big on making colorful drawings. Jordan's was that of the aforementioned smiling strawberry, which took first place districtwide in the visual arts/primary level (grades K-2). Sam's captured what life would be like if a "big blob of color took over your TV set."

(Eagle students also earning district honors were Alec Goldsmith, second place, literature/primary level and Thomas Doherty, honorable mention, music/intermediate level.)

On a nearby table were entries for the literature category. Fifth-grader Katie Holland wrote about flying fish, talking animals and "alien" relatives.

Third-grader Matthew Woerdeman wrote an essay about Legos that were alive. Another essay, by fourth-grader Erica Dominic, detailed the wonders of Halloween being a daily occurrence.

"I'm having fun with writing and doing creative stuff," said Erica about her effort.

Performing music for gallery guests were Eagle students Diana Carter on flute and piano-playing Thomas Doherty. Thomas was the school's lone participant in the music category, with his original song, "Bad Masterpiece."

Other students said they enjoyed the experience, no matter if they won a Reflections award or not.

"It's fun to use your imagination," said fourth-grader Colleen Doherty, author of a story about leprechauns.

Another fourth-grader, Mitchell Barnett, said creativity is worthwhile. "I'm having fun doing things."

"I like to enter because it's a lot of fun," said Max Trolz. "And you get to see how other people think."

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