

## Creative Connections Contest Rules and Guidelines

### **RULES:**

- Participants must reside in the Downingtown Area School District.
- People can enter individually or in a group.
- Work must be an original piece of visual art, written word, music, dance, or video that relates to the monthly theme outlined on the contest page.
- Only one entry per participant or group
- Must enter online. Do not mail art as it will not be entered in the contest or returned.
- All entries are due by the last day of the month
- All entries and participants will be highlighted on our website and social media outlets

### **JUDGING AND PRIZES:**

- One prize will be awarded in each of the following groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and adults (i.e. staff and community)
- Winners will be notified by email by the 7th of the following month.
- All entrants will be listed on the website as participants and winners highlighted in the virtual showcase.
- Note: Due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty around public gatherings, there will not be an exhibition or in-person ceremony. Winning entries will be selected by the committee and community and corporate partners. Winner announcements and prizes will be announced via email and electronic communication platforms.

### **FORMAT:**

- Entries submitted are encouraged to include one explanatory paragraph about the entry of no more than 100 words.
- Use jpg or PDF format if submitting a photo.
- Filename to include the participant's full name or group name.
- Students using research material should include citation information for their sources.
- For film/video/dance/music entries, please upload your entry via YouTube (unlisted to protect your privacy). Copy and paste the URL in the text box on the form provided or share the URL in an email submission.

### **ENTRY DETAILS:**

#### Visual ART ENTRIES

- Students may submit work in any media including sculpture, painting, printing, photography, etc.
- Please upload a photo of your 2D entry and 3D entries should include a 360-degree video of the artwork.

#### CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES

- Students may submit an essay, short story, poem or dramatic script.
- All writing entries must be uploaded on-line in Google Docs or as a PDF with an entry form.
- Please number all pages at the bottom; the title and participant/author name(s) should be included on the first page.

#### MUSIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An original vocal or instrumental work written for solo, ensemble, band or orchestral presentation
- If there are lyrics, please upload text of lyrics with entry form.

#### FILM/VIDEO/DANCE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Students may perform solo or in a group.
- Presentations will be judged on the ability of the dancer(s) or the film and video to express the selected theme.