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PTA Reflections  
April 28 through May 21

Global Warming, 9-11, pollution; all subjects worthy of artistic commentary. But wait, the artists here in West Valley Art Museum's exhibition are in grades pre-kindergarten through 12! It is startling to wander through this exhibition and realize the gravity of the subjects on the minds of these children.

PTA Reflections is a National PTA sponsored arts program. It is designed to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents and to express themselves through the arts. The areas for entry are: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Although the Reflections Program follows a "contest" format, winning is not the emphasis. The learning process in creating art is the most important component of the program. Participation in the Reflections Program is open to all students in attendance at a PTA/PTSA school in good standing where the program is sponsored. Entries are advanced through PTA channels and all entries at the National PTA are submitted by a state PTA. This exhibition represents Arizona's entries. This year's theme for the 2006 exhibition is entitled "I Wonder Why".

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“I Wonder Why Global Warming?”  
Digital collage by Benjamin Reeves Laney  
6th grade, Desert Springs Elementary  
Middle Jr. Award of Merit



“Feather Pens”  
Music by Nathaniel Adam Flurry  
1st grade Taylor Hicks School  
Primary Award of Merit



“9-11-01 Why?”  
Collage by Tia McCluskey  
1st grade, Desert Springs Elementary  
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