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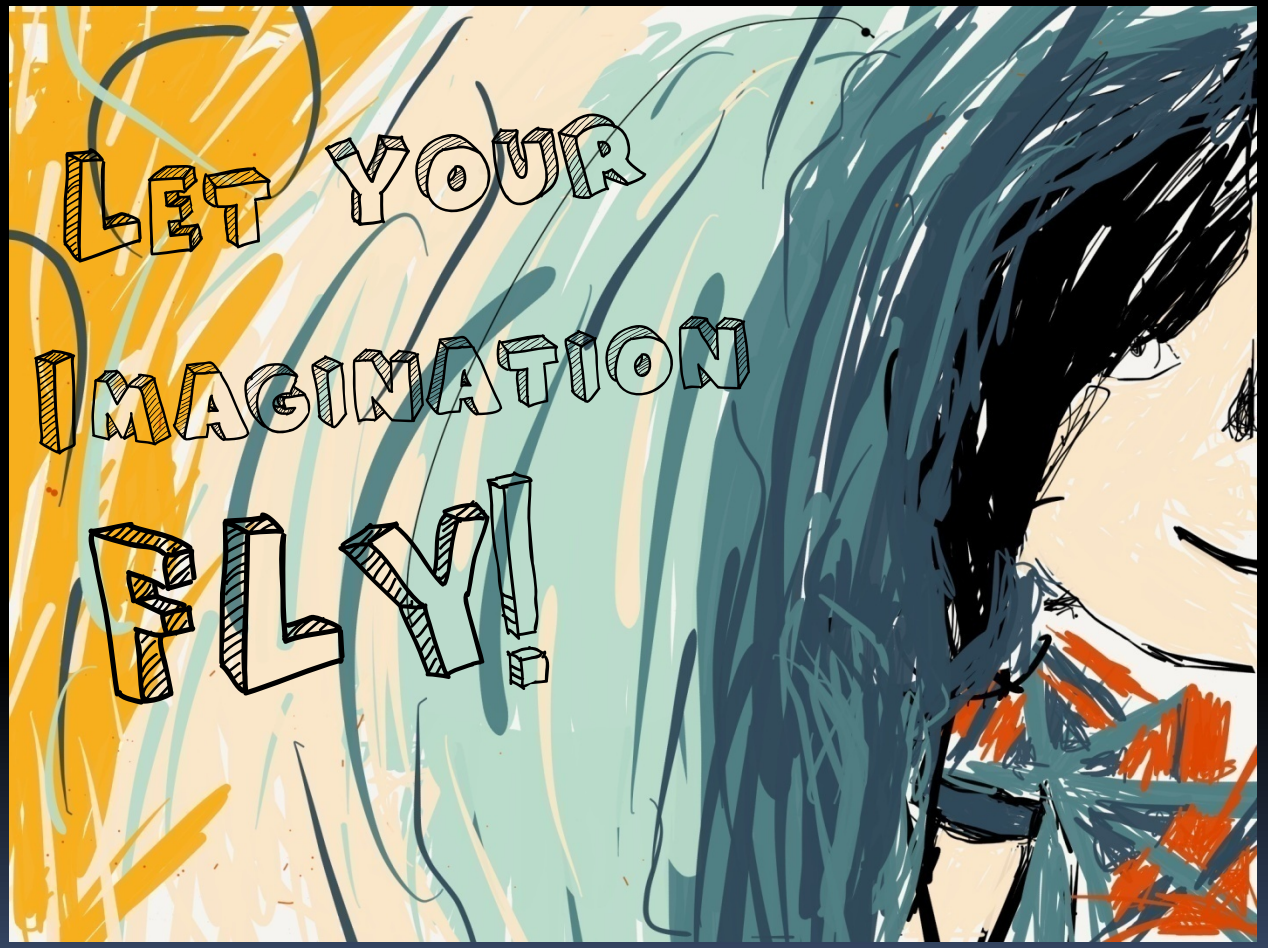
This year's theme:



Original poster art created by Matthew (Ziggy) Molteni for this year's contest!

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Presenting our 2015-2016 Division Winners!

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Dance Choreography:

Top of the World Elementary School
Intermediate, Grades 3-5
Division Winner

"I Feel Better When I'm Dancing"

Artist Statement: I relate to this song because I love to dance. I love to imagine Im a great gymnast so I can accomplish higher stunts/Give myself pep-talks. I love to use creativity when I'm dancing.

Tessa Smialowicz, **Grade 3**

Dance Choreography:

El Morro Elementary School

Intermediate, Grades 3-5

"My Imagination Is Flying!"

Artist Statement: Anything could be possible if everyone followed their dreams and worked on it with all of their heart.

Mingyue Wang, Grade 3

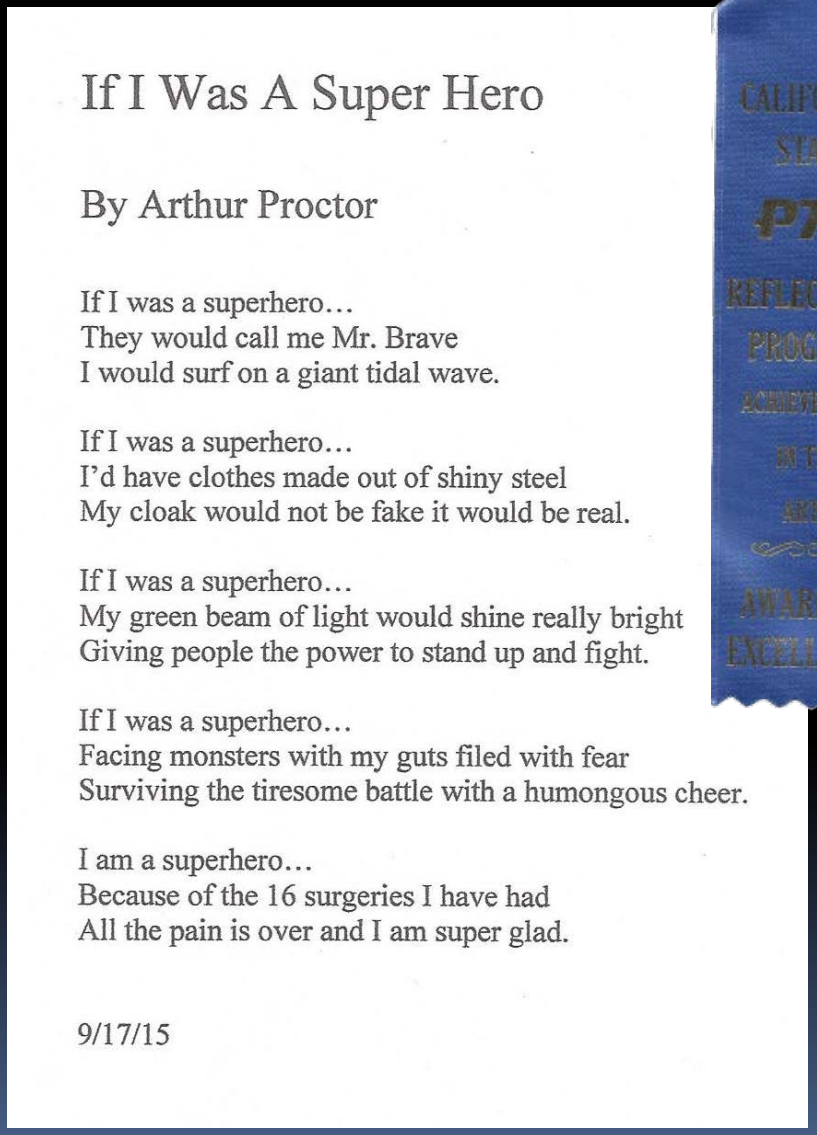
Literature:

Top of the World Elementary
Division Winner
Intermediate, Grades 3-5

"If I Was A Superhero"

Artist Statement: I think I let my imagination fly in my poem because the words came flying out of my head. Over the years, I have had to be very brave due to the 16 surgeries I have had. I think I am very strong and courageous, it's not just Super Heros that can be heroic, we can all be brave and fly high..

Arthur Proctor, Grade 4



If I Was A Super Hero

By Arthur Proctor

If I was a superhero…
They would call me Mr. Brave
I would surf on a giant tidal wave.

If I was a superhero…
I'd have clothes made out of shiny steel
My cloak would not be fake it would be real.

If I was a superhero…
My green beam of light would shine really bright
Giving people the power to stand up and fight.

If I was a superhero…
Facing monsters with my guts filed with fear
Surviving the tiresome battle with a humongous cheer.

I am a superhero…
Because of the 16 surgeries I have had
All the pain is over and I am super glad.

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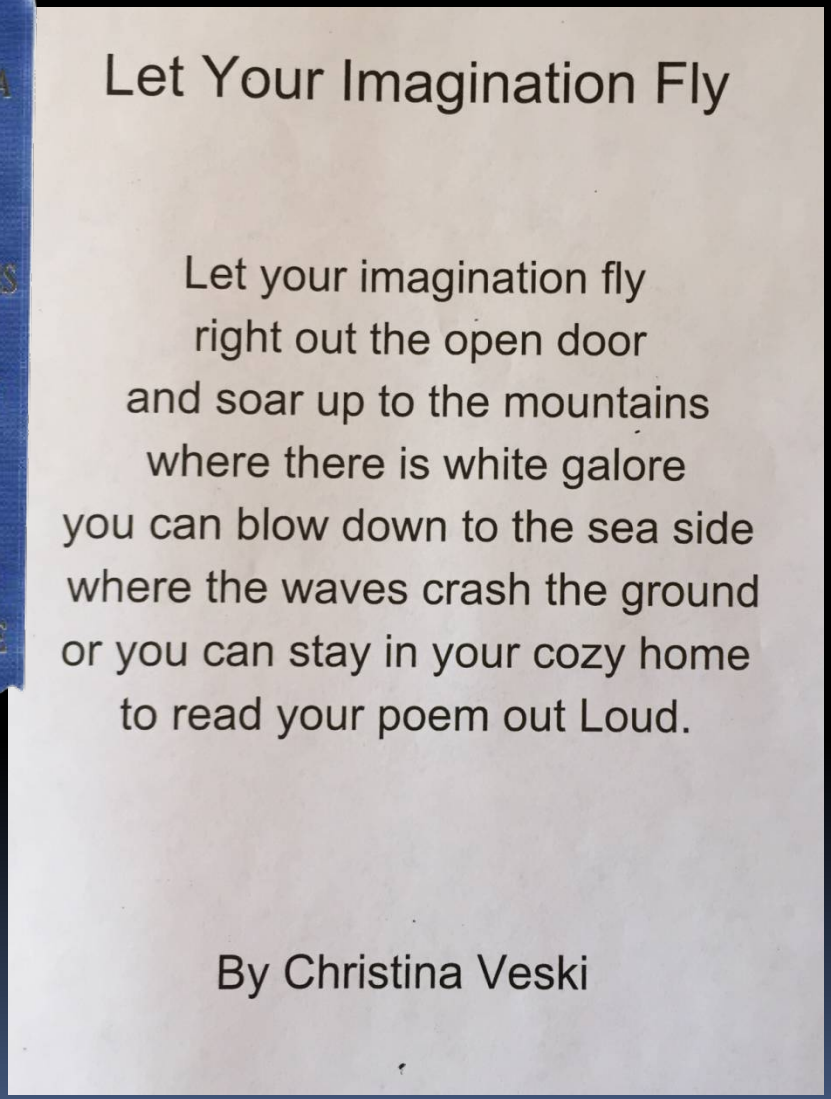
Literature:

Thurston Middle School
Division Winner

"Let Your Imagination Fly"

Artist Statement: When you let your imagination fly you can be anything you believe. So look inside and fly to your dreams.

Christina Veski, Grade 6



Let Your Imagination Fly

Let your imagination fly
right out the open door
and soar up to the mountains
where there is white galore
you can blow down to the sea side
where the waves crash the ground
or you can stay in your cozy home
to read your poem out Loud.

By Christina Veski

Literature:

Laguna Beach High School
Division Winner

"Free Bird"

Artist Statement: My work relates to the theme because it shows how beneficial one's imagination is in making a dismal situation brighter.

Hannah Neill, Grade 12

Free Bird- A Poem by Hannah Neill

I've got a story to tell about a time I fell
It's grim and and it's dismal, but I do tell it well
I'm not asking for pity, nor your sadness or tears
I'd rather just spin a tale of my ghosts and my fears
So travel back with me, to the days of my youth
Where the worst pain I suffered was the loss of my tooth
A bright and bubbly seven-year-old, chestnut brown hair
Oceanic blue irises and skin colored fair
She did not play Barbie, nor dolls, or that lot
For she watched Iron Man fly, therefore she thought
She could too, As Seen On TV!
For her imagination was locked and only she held the key
So she climbed to the tower, where dragons were slain
Made her odyssey up the staircase, only boredom to feign
She peered down on her kingdom of serfs, knights, and fiddlers
Which in reality was her mother, and a couple of babysitters
On this fateful day, Mr. had been laid off
So Mrs. sat preoccupied while her daughter tied a cloth
Of blanket perhaps, to replicate a cape on her neck
And stood at the top, oblivious to daddy's wreck
There was no time to waste! The villains were plotting!
The hero had to bound off, time was not allotting
So Iron Man placed one pink sketcher shoe out
Only thing between her and destiny, a hundred foot drop about
The next thing I remembered were the ambulance lights
Flashing a multitude of colors, I must have won the fight!
The town had come to celebrate my heroic task
And soon in glory I would be able to bask
Yet I woke up to white, and white noise as well
The faint sound of a heart monitor, voices I could not tell
One was my mothers, usually acute and strategic
Sounded so faint as she spoke the word 'paraplegic'
I longed to run, comfort her distress
Yet in my attempt to move, my legs would not press
I spent the next few months navigating the halls
Of grammar school in my fancy new wheels
I developed new names, other than my own
Which hurt much more than sticks and stones
Days flew by like a distant memory
Of all the field trips not accessible to me
Waterparks and petting zoos galore
I sat on the side as the tears would pour
I watched Iron Man roughly every other month
And watched Tony Stark fly for the billionth
As I grew older, high school became my demise
Trying to navigate halls with a thousand glaring eyes
I had never been jealous of cumulus, thunderheads, and all those clouds

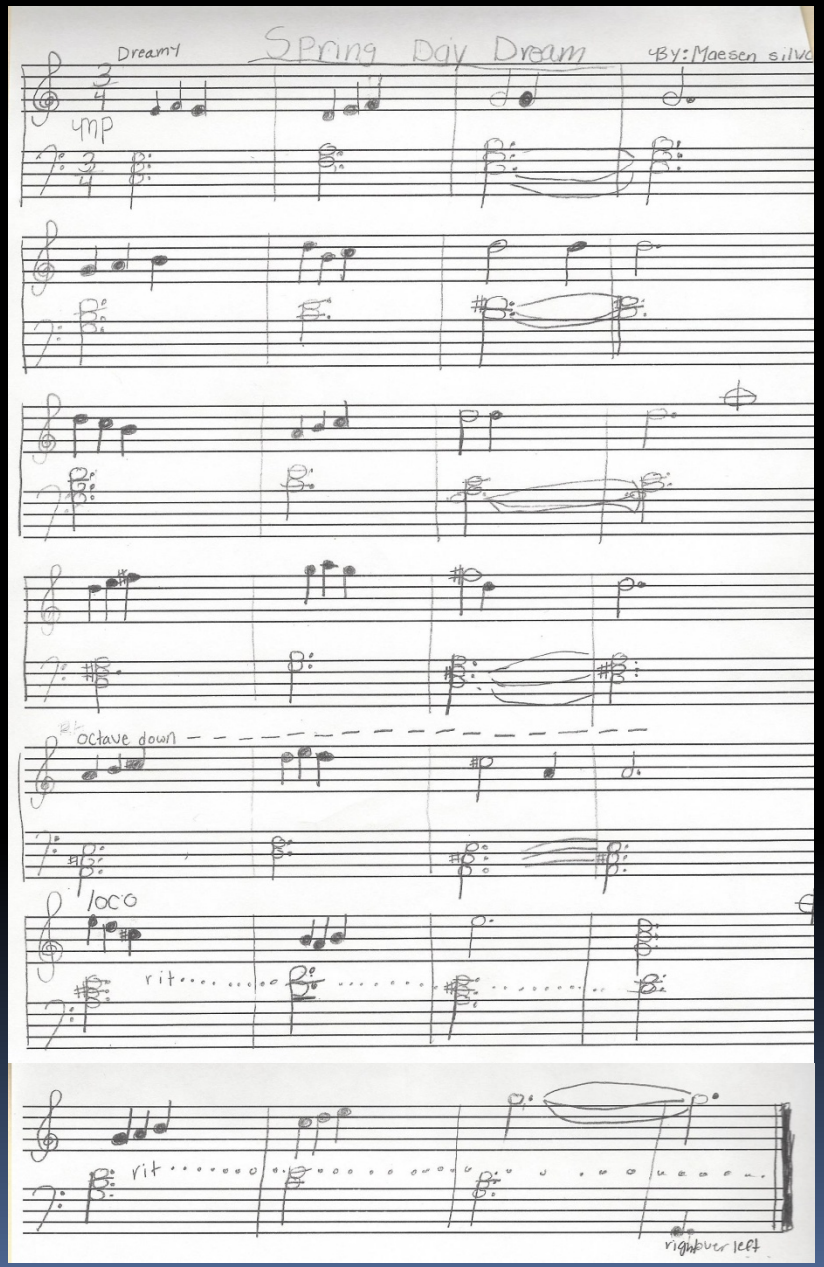
Musical Composition:

Top of the World Elementary
Intermediate, Grades 3-5

" Spring Day Dream"

Artist's Statement: My piece relates to the theme because whenever you dream you let your imagination fly.

Maesen Silva, Grade 4



Music Composition:

Thurston Middle School , Grades 6-8

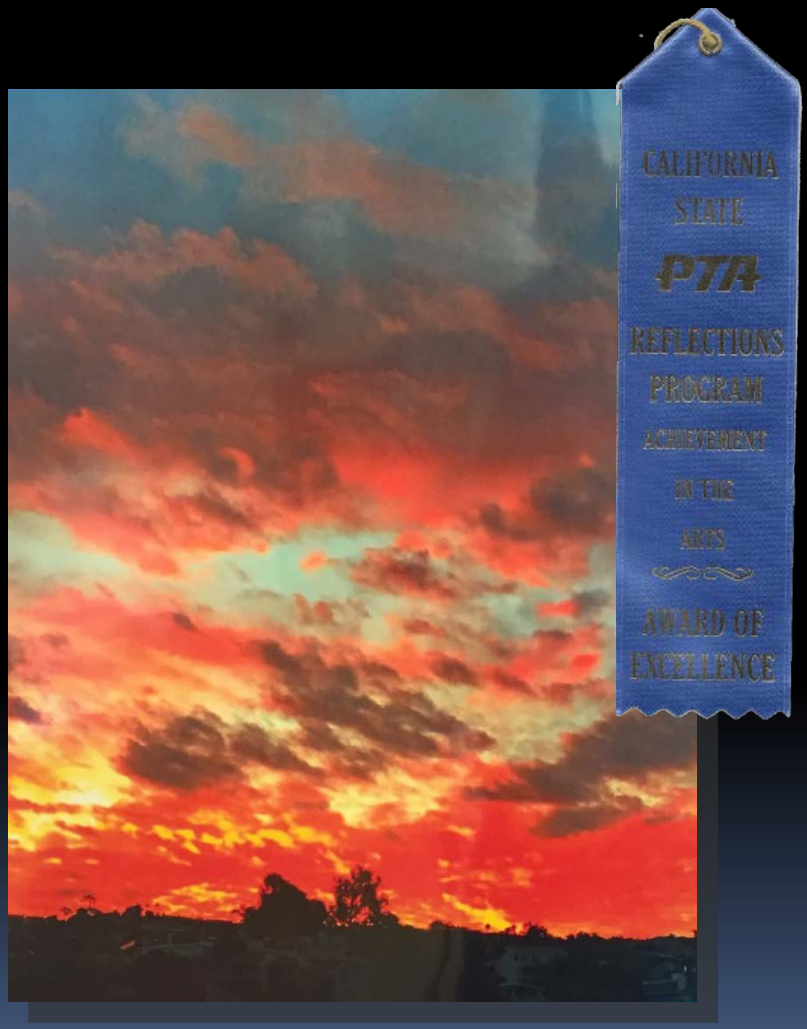
"Let Your Imagination Fly"

Artist Statement: This song is about the new school I now go to, new school, new classes, new schedules, and new year. This music has an upbeat melody and reflects the excitement of a new year. I just started with a small melody and the rest flew to me.

Alan You, Grade 6

Photography:

Top of the World Elementary School Division Winner Primary, Grades K-2



"Lava Sky"

Artist Statement: One morning the sunrise looked like lava. My imagination pictured lava sky.

Jack Pugh, Grade 2

Photography:

Top of the World Elementary School Division Winner
Intermediate, Grades 3-5

"Orange Balloon"

Artist Statement: I was having lunch with my mom and my friend and we found a small wire on the ground. I let my imagination fly and made my own orange balloon.

Katie Baker, Grade 3

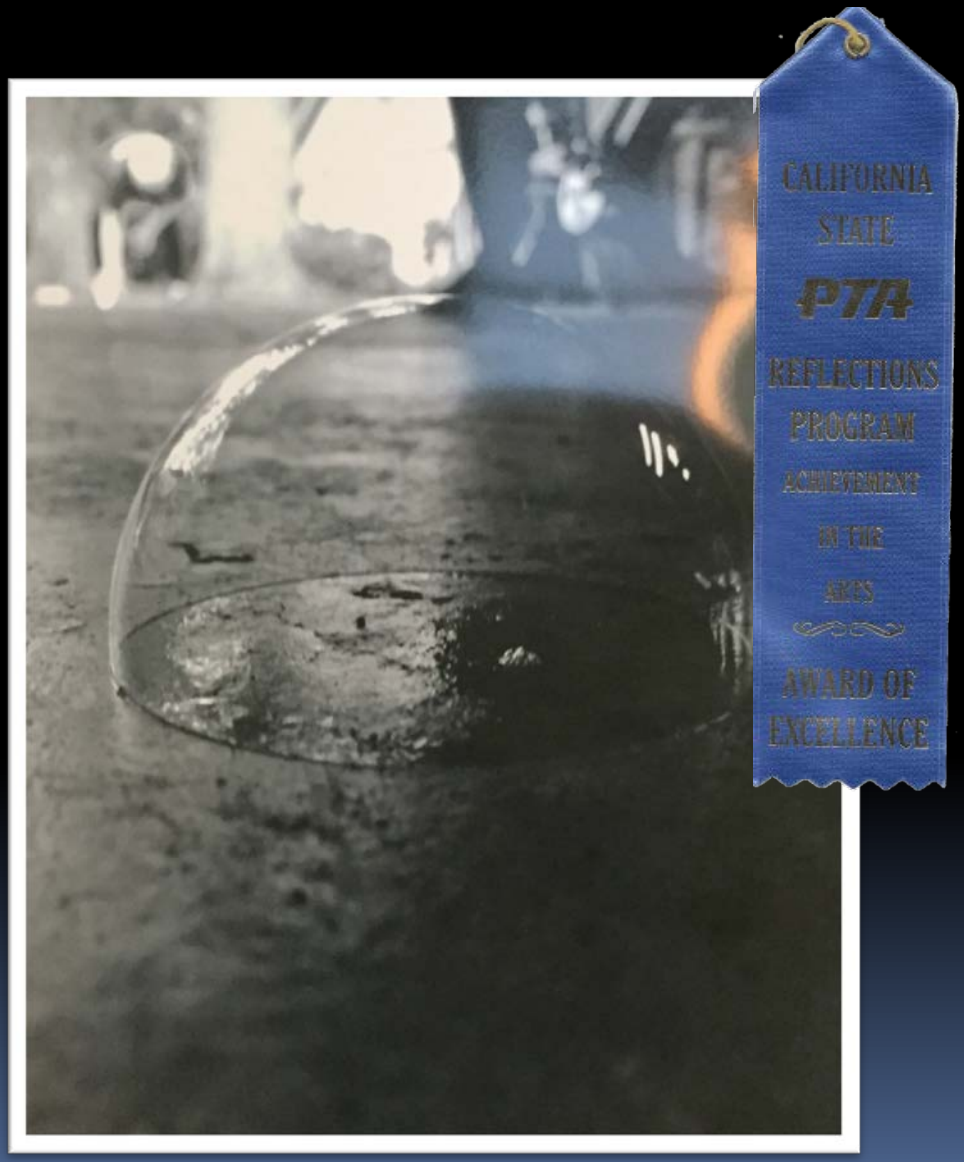
Photography:

Thurston Middle School
Division Winner

“Half Full”

Artist Statement: My photo relates to the theme "Let Your Imagination Fly" because bubbles fly around freely. Where will your bubble land?"

Grace Peterson, Grade 8



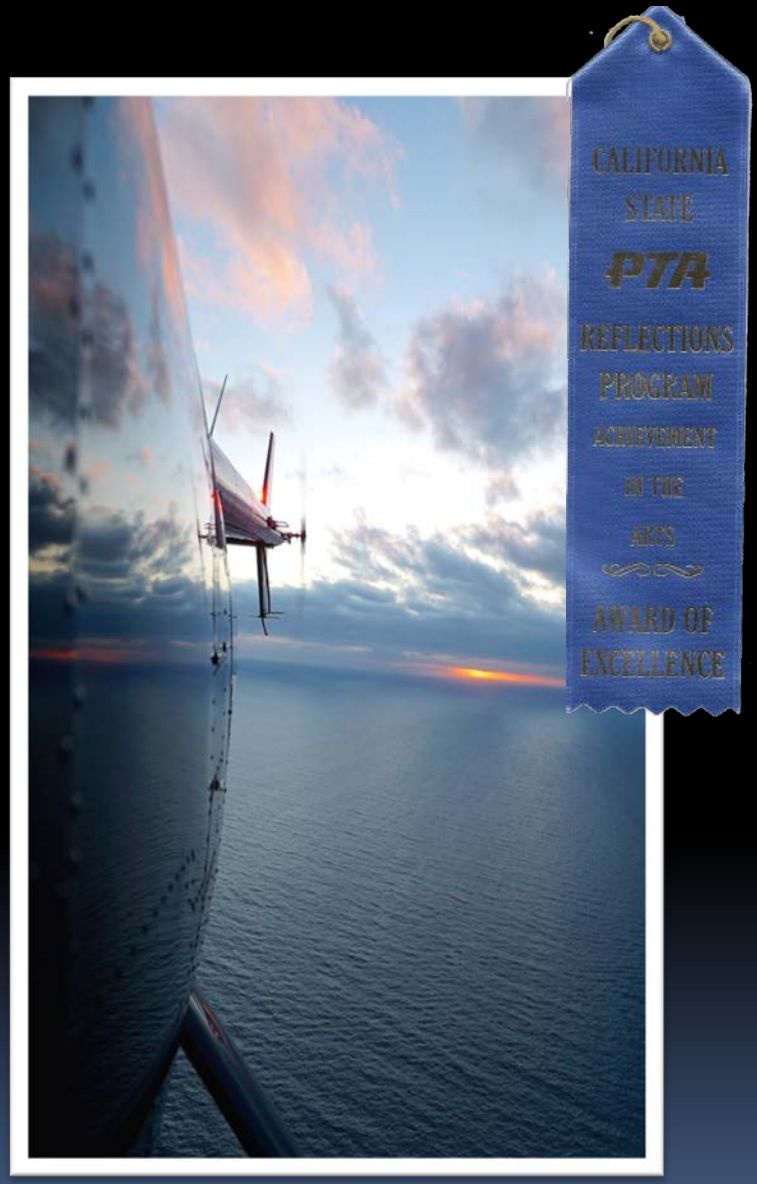
Photography:

Laguna Beach High School
Division Winner

“I Look Back and Reflect”

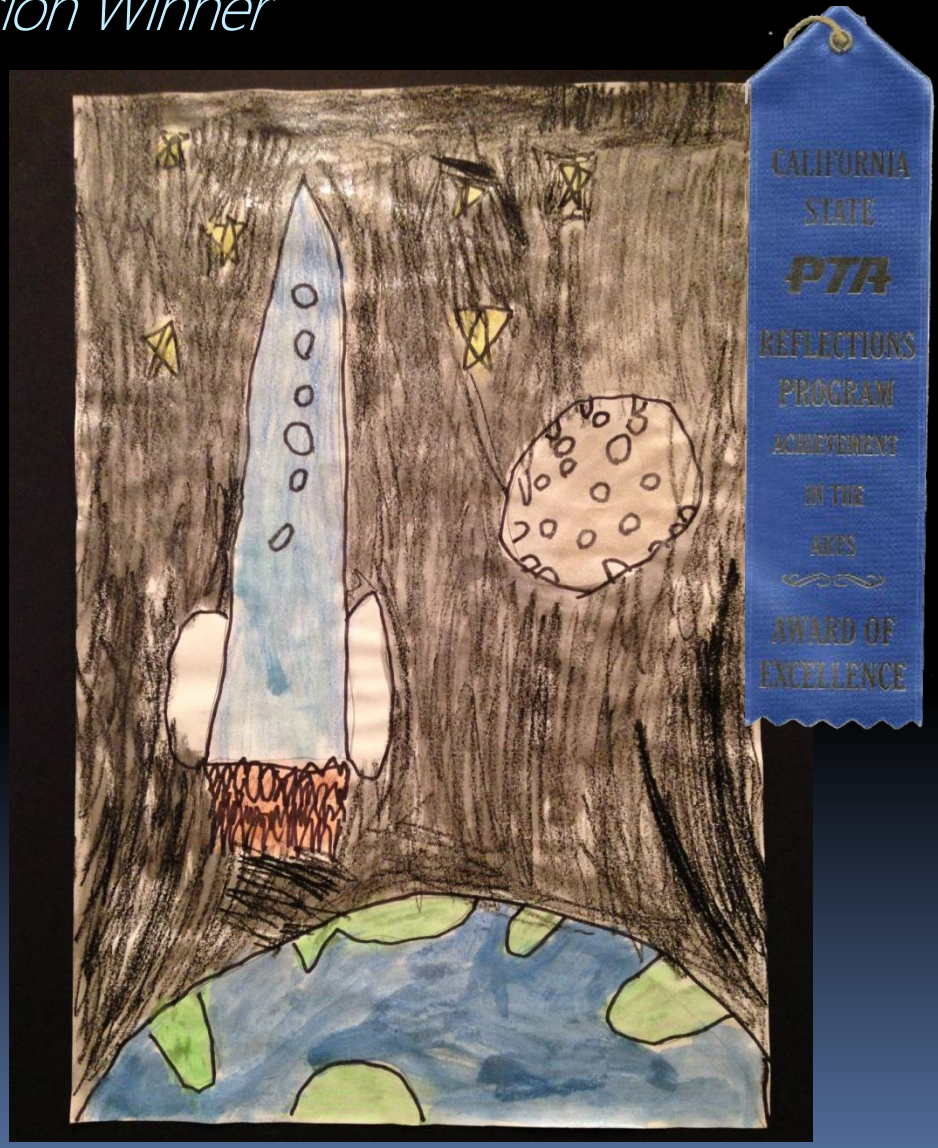
Artist Statement: My dad is a helicopter pilot and I love to fly with him and see the world through a new perspective. One of my favorite things to do is fly through the clouds as the sun sets.

Olive Galland, Grade 10



Visual Arts:

El Morro Elementary School Division Winner
Primary, Grades K-2



"Space"

Artist Statement: I really want to see a real rocket ship! I imagine what space is like.

Xander Briney, Grade K

Visual Arts:

Top of the World Elementary School Division Winner
Primary, Grades K-2

"Flying Fishes"

Artist Statement: There are eight fish underwater and one fish above. One of the fish jumped out of the water and she's jumping back in. I've never seen a flying fish before, but this is what I dreamed it would look like.

Tessa Durand,
Grade K

Visual Arts:

El Morro Elementary School Division Winner
Intermediate, Grades 3-5

"Daydreaming"

Artist Statement: When I thought of the theme "Let your Imagination Fly," I thought of something that flies… hot air balloons. I drew my eyes closed because I am imagining. The wind is blowing my hair. Each hot air balloon has something I used my imagination for. The balloons are for music, art, school, writing, stories, nature, and Disneyland. Using my imagination is fun!

Alexa Briney, Grade 3

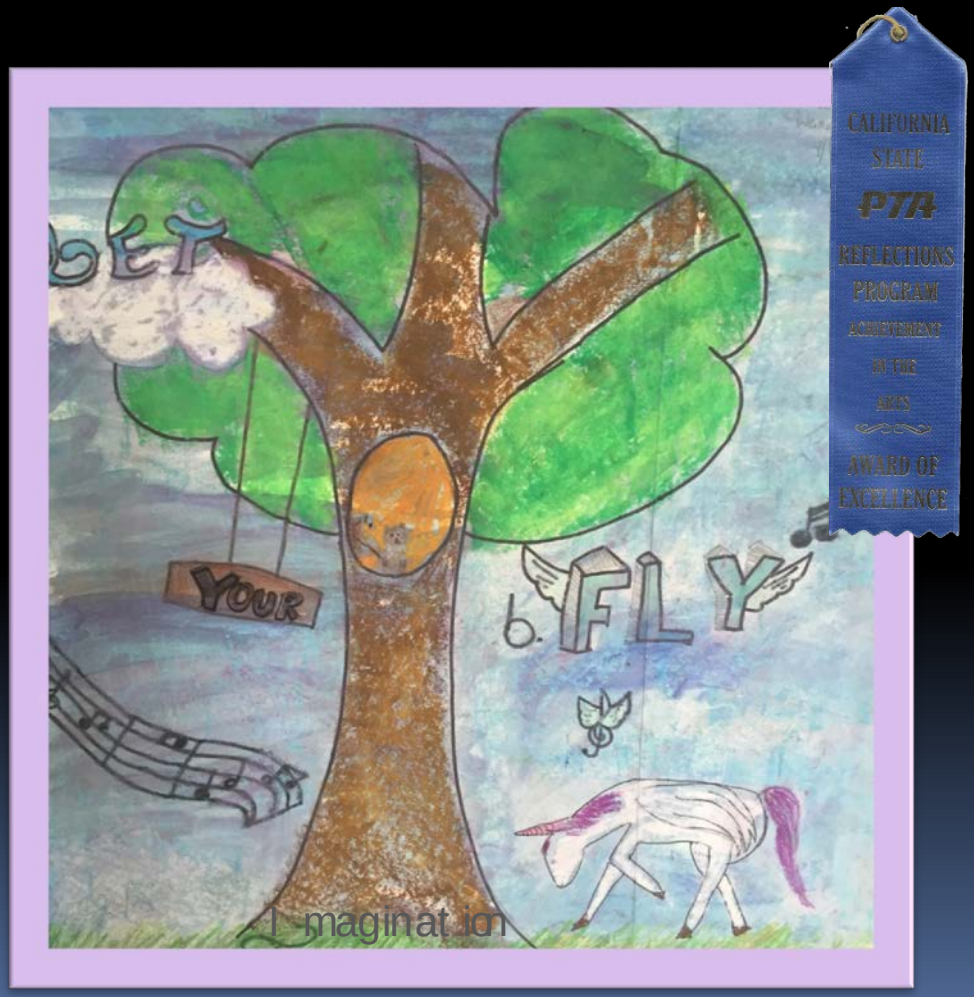
Visual Arts:

Top of the World Elementary School Division Winner
Intermediate, Grades 3-5

"Paradise In My Mind"

Artist Statement: I chose to draw this because it represents everything that I love when I use my imagination.

Lauren Trautenberg, Grade 5



Visual Arts:

Thurston Middle School
Division Winner

"Yellow and Blue Bird Flying Over Paradise"

Artist Statement: Imagination can soar high above a forest glistening like a thousand emeralds. Imagination has no boundaries and is just like this bird, free in the open air.

Rhiannon Lucia Cara Seely, Grade 7

Visual Arts:

Laguna Beach High School
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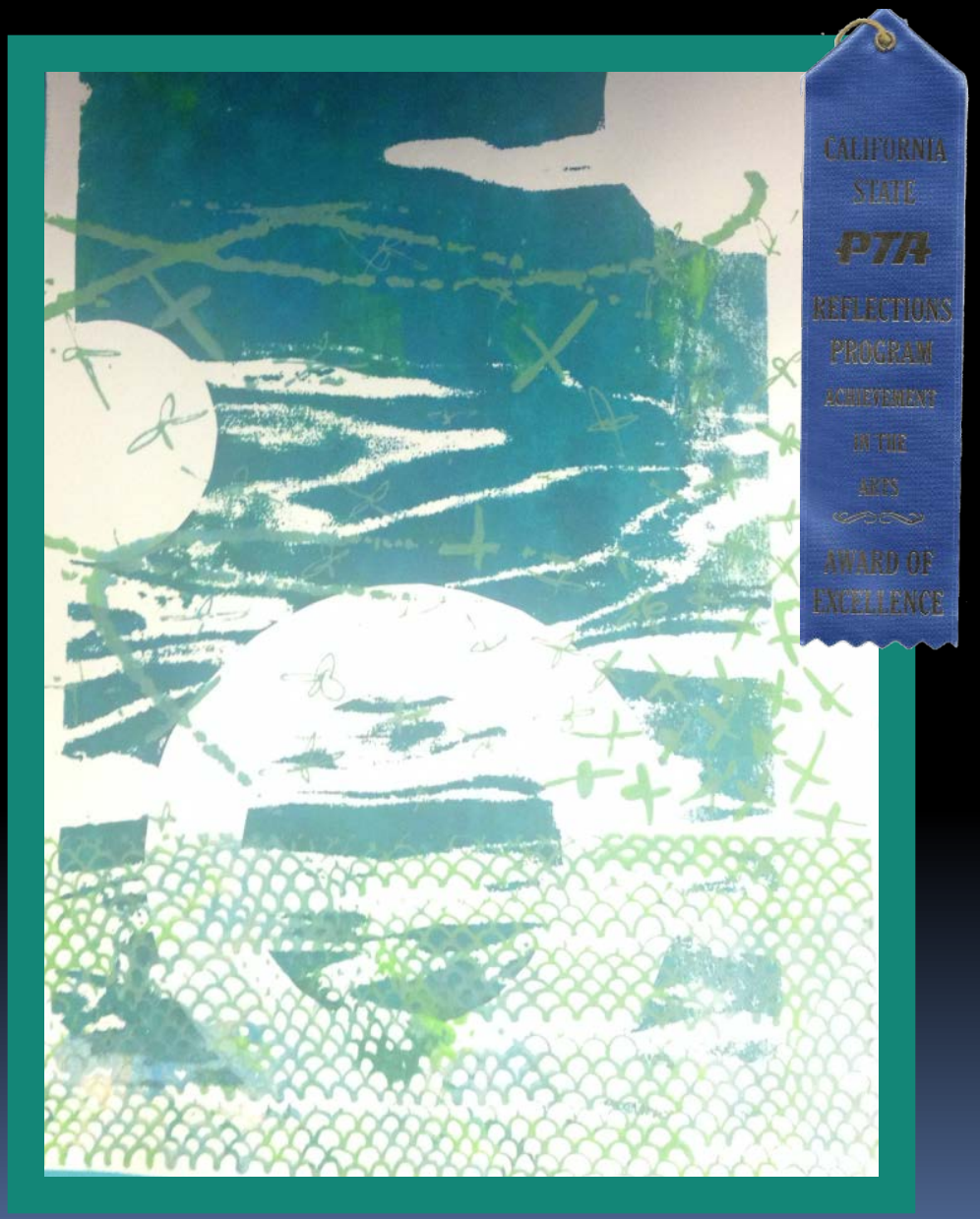
"Land and Sea"

Artist Statement: Swimming is essentially flying if you think about it, and dandelion seeds are always floating on a breeze.

Lucinda Becker,

Grade 9



Film:

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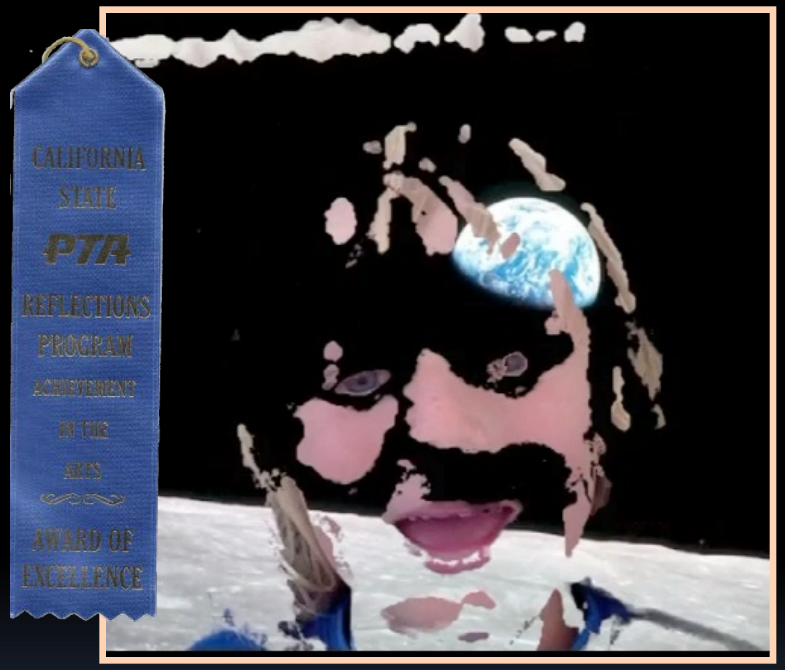

"The Outer Space Fun"

Artist Statement: It makes me think about astronauts getting a moonstone and going by all the planets. Astronauts grabbing moonstones makes me feel happy. It was fun to try to make people come up in outer space.

Warren Rootlieb, Grade K

Film:

Top of the World Elementary School
Intermediate, Grades 3-5

"Lego Ferris Wheel"

Artist Statement: I think my video matches our theme Let Your Imagination Fly because my imagination flew while making this stop motion animation.

Gavin O'Neill, Grade 4

Film: *Laguna Beach High School Division Winner*

" Enjoy The Ride"

Artist's Statement: For the past five years that I've entered Reflections, I've created both stop-motion and live action films that tell the stories of others. For my sixth and final entry, I wanted to switch it up and tell my own story. Utilizing the filmmaking techniques I've used in the past, I wanted to share a pivotal moment in my life in which I let my imagination and creativity run wild.

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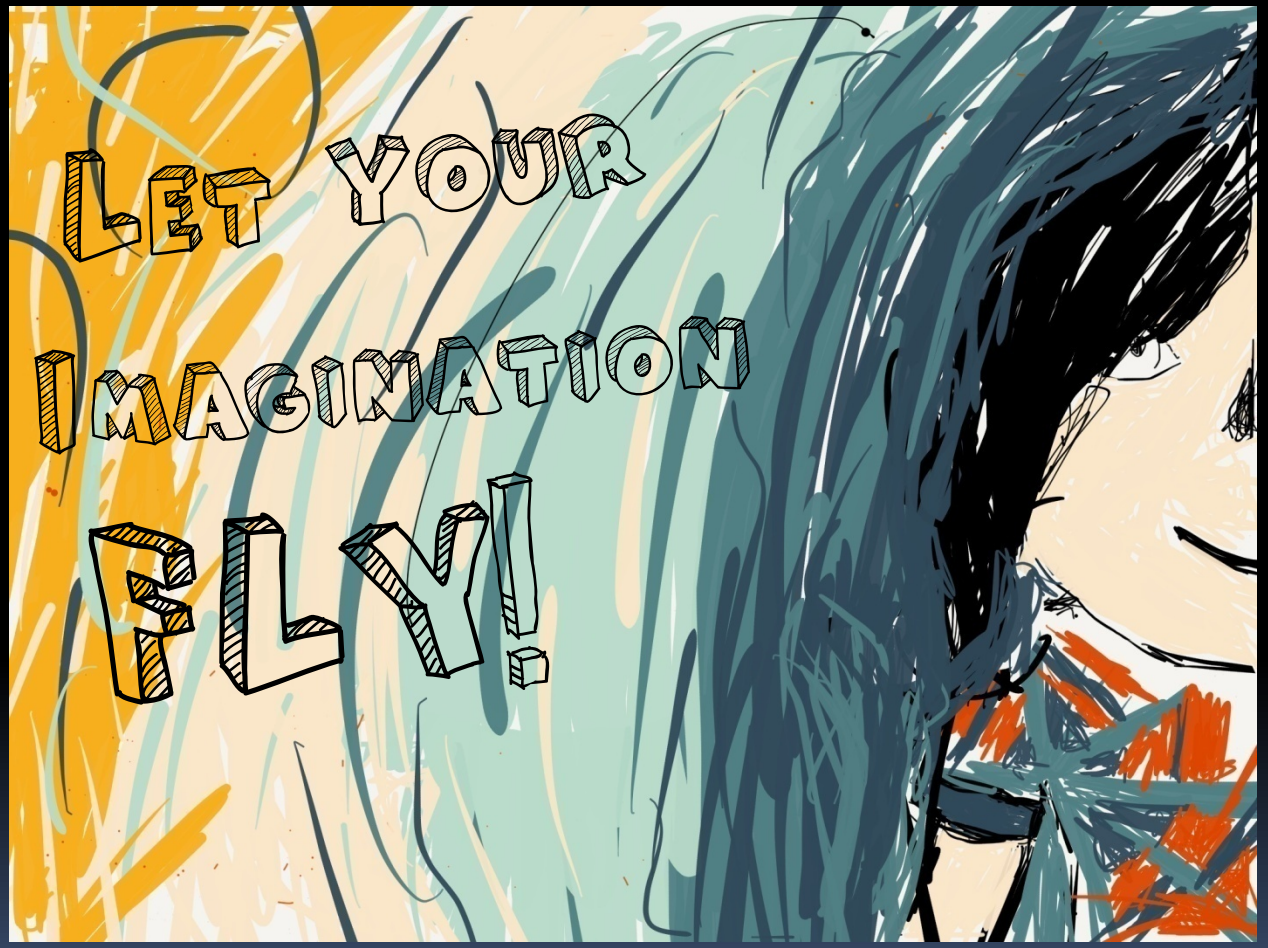

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