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Forest View, Penny Creek and H.M. Jackson students earn state art awards

[Washington State Parent Teacher Association](#) to honor student artists May 4

Artistic endeavors of eight students from two elementary schools and one high school have earned top state honors in this year's Washington State Parent Teacher Association *Reflections* art contest. One of those students, third-grader Elise White of Forest View, has seen her short video be selected to represent her state and her school in the national level of the competition.

"It is exciting to see so many students represent Everett at the state and national competition," notes contest co-chair Michele Rufer.

Co-chair Marion Gillins adds, "It's especially inspiring to note that four of these students are in the contest's new *special needs* student artist category – including the video *Funny Me* that Elise created and that will be on display in Washington D.C."

Categories in the contest include visual arts and music. Another Forest View student, fifth-grader Aidan Rufer, earned an *Award of Merit* for his composition entitled *Coming Home*. Senior Michael Henning of H.M. Jackson High also caught the judge's musical ear for his piece *The Gormley Groove* which also earned an *Award of Merit*.

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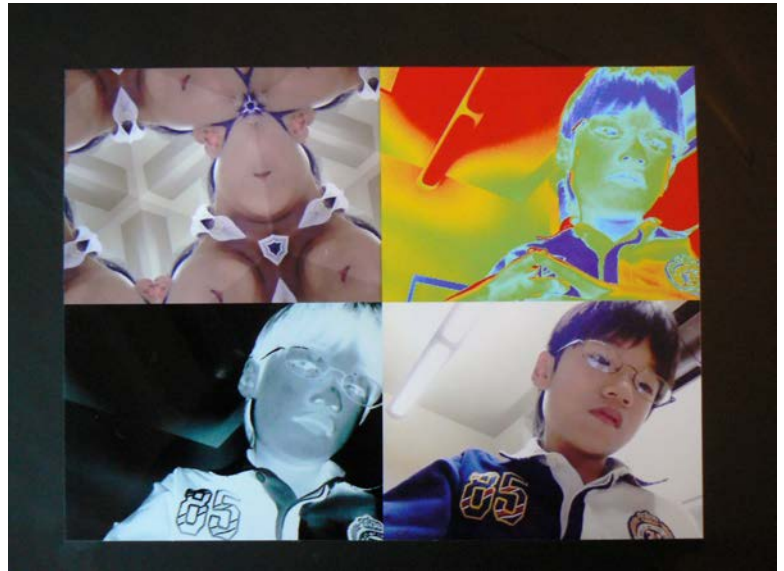
(More details about the [local contest](#) online.)



An Award of Excellence went to Forest View fifth-grader Amanda Winsor for her painting entitled "Leaf Magic."



Above is the center piece of 10th-grader Nicole Lemos' triptych entitled "Infancy." Lemos is from H.M. Jackson High and earned an "Award of Merit" for the three-piece drawing.



Aidan Park's photography entry "Me" (above) earned an "Award of Merit" for the Forest View Elementary third-grader.



"Moments Stay Forever" (above) is the title of Chan Kim's whimsical piece. H.M. Jackson High ninth-grader Kim earned an "Award of Merit" for this imaginative work.



Most in the northwest can relate to Hailey Pelletier's photo "Umbrella in a Rainy Windstorm" (above). The first-grade photographer is from Penny Creek Elementary.

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