

Reflections Article

Crafting a video from an idea is a challenging task for an adult. Yet, Diego Alcoz, fourth grade student at Hidden Forest Elementary School envisioned his video "The Search for a Brand New Planet" as a learning experience. " I love technology and this way I could get to learn the features on my dad's digital camera", he explained. Diego is one of three Hidden Forest students who were honored recently by the NEISD PTA Council with top honors for their categories and grade levels in the annual PTA Reflections Contest. Working with the topic My Favorite Place, Diego put together a four minute video using found objects from his home as characters.

Another District winner for Musical Interpretation –Primary is second grader Victoria Crevoisier,. She credits a trip to a party store and her many years of piano lessons for her inspiration. " I played in A Minor which sounds a little scary and I put in lots of sharps and flats" said Victoria about Halloween Store her contest entry.

Hidden Forest's third student to win was first grader Christy Castlebury. Working in pastels, she created two illustrations entitled Pumpkin Patch and The Beach. "I chose pastels because I wanted to make a sunset of purple and pink. With pastels you can put the colors together but still keep the color seperate", she explained

All these winners have an additional reason for celebration. Their entries have been sent to Austin, along with entries from all other participating school districts in the state, for a chance to win state honors in the contest. Those who place at the state level will be announced shortly.