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What My CULTURE Means to Me

Reflections Art Contest

Theme: What My Culture Means to Me



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Primary
Honorable Mention

Remy Sanders

Grade: Kinder
“The roots that make me me”

It is a tree with everything on it about me. There are flags, holidays, food and activities. My family is standing under the tree. I love them and I love doing things with them.



Primary
Honorable Mention

Eliana Maksymova

Grade: 1st

“My culture is my family”

My culture means love, family and traditions to me. I was born in America, but my family is from Ukraine. I love wearing my Ukranian vyshyvanka. My cultures make me feel special and connected to my family.



Primary
3rd Place

Autumn Sanders

Grade: 2nd

“The pieces that make me me”

My culture is made up of lots of different pieces. Some pieces are the holidays my family celebrates, like Chinese New Year, Halloween, Christmas. Other pieces are things I love to do, like swimming, glamping and soccer. I chose different outfits to show each part of my life, because what we wear can tell a story about who we are. Each piece is special to me and when you put them all together, they make me me.



Primary
2nd Place

Alexander Akimseu

Grade: 2nd
“Ocean floor”

I was born in Japan (Okinawa Island). I spend my summers in Hawaii and Estonia. They have very different cultures but all have one same thing. Ocean, it gives us food and jobs. I love it because I like to swim, surf, fish and snorkel. I collected the seashells from different beaches. I believe oceans bring all different cultures together and we have to take care of it.



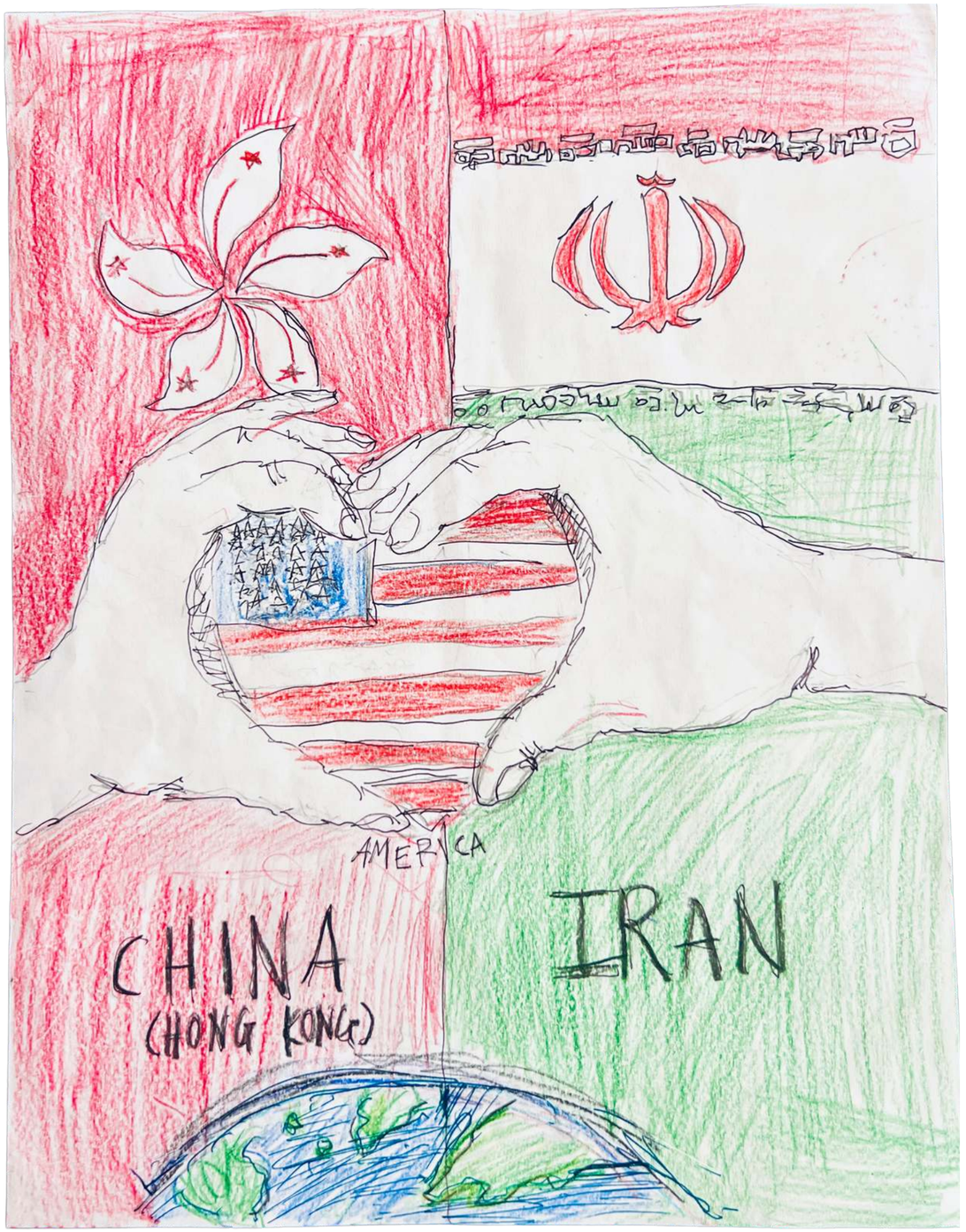
Primary
1st Place

August Liebelt

Grade: 2nd

“China in my eyes”

Over the summer vacation , I went to China and climbed the Great Wall. In my painting, the dragon represents truth and strength of the Chinese people. The Great Wall represents hard work and perseverance. The mountains and forests represents the lush environment of China. When I think about my Chinese culture, I feel a rush of happiness, excitement and pride.



Intermediate
Honorable Mention

Ethan Tang

Grade: 5th
“What brings us together”

My three cultures are what brings me and my family together. All of us are unique and we should all show gratitude for our uniqueness no matter what is going on in the world. We are what brings us together.



Intermediate
Honorable Mention

Phoebe San Emeterio

Grade: 5th
“My legacy”

My culture means to me the sound of joyful music, the sight of vibrant colors and beautiful colorful dresses. It also means coming together as a community especially when there is mariachi! It is all about nature and people coming together to celebrate life. This is a legacy!



Intermediate
3rd Place

Abigail Maksymova

Grade: 3rd

“Two cultures, one me”

I was born in America, but my family comes from Ukraine. In my drawing, I’m standing between two cultures that are both part of my life. My Ukrainian culture connects me to my family through our language, food and traditions. My American culture is part of my everyday life; my school, my friends and the things I love to do. I don’t have to choose between being Ukrainian or American because I am both. To me, culture means knowing where I come from, being proud of who I am and carrying cultures in my heart.



Intermediate
2nd Place

Chloe Lu

Grade: 5th

“My three colorful roots”

Culture means family to me because my family teaches me different traditions and languages. We celebrate holidays, eat yummy food, listen to music and make memories together. My parents share their Chinese, French and American cultures with me. I love celebrating Thanksgiving, Lunar New Year and Epiphany. My favorite foods to eat is escargot, galette, mooncakes and chicken tenders. I also love dancing to music in French, Chinese and English because every culture has its own style and rhythm. I come from 3 different cultures but that doesn’t make me 3 different people. It makes me!



Intermediate
1st Place

Chandler Scott

Grade: 5th

“Rooted in the Cane, united by legacy”

My artwork shows how my family history and Creole heritage connect my past, present and future. The sunset and historical buildings represent our traditions, strength and stories passed down through generations. My portrait looking toward the future of the person I am becoming. Although I live in a modern world, my roots will always be part of who I am and guide who I become.