

Artist Statement  
PTA Reflections Contest  
2015 "Let Your Imagination Fly"

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Title of Artwork: Volant Dreams

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#### INSPIRATION

My artwork was partially inspired by our watercolor work in my art class. We had made watercolor landscapes and that dream-like look inspired me to use that medium in my artwork. I was also somewhat inspired by the name of the contest itself - the name "Let Your Imagination Fly" automatically put images of birds in my mind, and then the whole idea came together.

#### THEME

I wanted to play with the concepts of harshness and softness with this drawing. The harshness of the acrylics versus the softness of the watercolor balance each other out and show the relationship between reality and our dreams.

#### CONTENT

My art piece is of a black silhouette of a bird made in acrylics. In the wings and tail there are three different fantasy worlds, which I made in watercolor. The watercolor portions had a triadic color scheme to them; in the left wing the scheme was purple and pink, in the right wing it was yellow and orange, and in the tail it was blue and green. I created unity by putting a path or road in the foreground that leads to a castle or building. The title "Volant Dreams" is Latin for "Flying Dreams."