



# Messenger

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The mission of Messmore Elementary School is to provide a Montessori environment that fosters self-motivated, responsible, life-long learners.

Dear Parents,

## March 2018

Some parents have inquired about requesting a teacher for the next school year, therefore, I wanted to clarify the procedure for this process. While we believe your input is important, it is our policy not to allow parent requests for a specific teacher. Our goal at Messmore is to provide students with the educational environment that will enhance their probability for success. Children are not placed in classrooms at random. Current teachers spend a great deal of time assuring that classrooms are “well-balanced” so the best possible learning environment is provided for your children. Some of the factors we consider are:

- Academic achievement and ability
- Male/female ratio
- Equal distribution of students per classroom
- Special needs
- Social skills and peer relations
- Behavior
- Learning styles

If there are individual educational needs or extenuating circumstances that must be considered for the next school year, please provide me with a letter explaining these educational needs and/or circumstances. A letter simply requesting a particular teacher will not be sufficient. Again, there must be extenuating circumstances for a request to be considered. A letter does not guarantee a teacher placement request. The letter should be addressed to Mrs. Fiema and received no later than Monday, May 25, 2018. Please do not send requests to classroom teachers, all placement considerations that need special attention will be through the principal, working with teachers. We will give your input serious consideration during the placement process. However, due to multi-age placement and the factors listed above, the final decision rests with the building team of teachers and myself. Please be assured that your child will be placed in a classroom with a caring, dedicated teacher.

Sincerely,  
Renee Fiema Ed.D.

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## Friendly Reminder

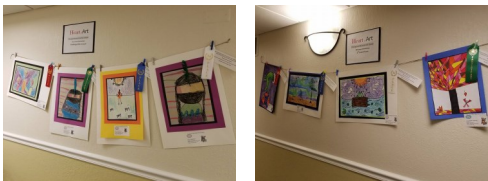
This is a friendly reminder to please drive safely through our surrounding subdivisions. As we know, our school is located in the middle of a residential neighborhood and unfortunately there have been reports of vehicles not obeying the speed limit. Please keep in mind that while we do not have bus services here at Messmore, there are still buses in the neighborhood for other schools as well as families walking. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Attendance

Attendance is a very high priority for educational as well as safety reasons. If, for any reason, your student will not be in school, please be sure to call the attendance line at (586) 797-5699 to let us know. It is in everyone's best interest to know the whereabouts of each student.

Students may arrive at school as early as 8:10am. **School begins at 8:25am and the doors to the school are closed at 8:25am.** If your student is arriving after this time, they must check into the office before going to class. They will be marked tardy.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



## Heart of Art Show

On Saturday February 10, 2018, Messmore had the pleasure of submitting student artwork for the Heart of Art Art Show. The following are the awards given:



1st Place: Krish Ruwala, Zofia Zajac, Emily Dolney, Leah Abdullah, Arianne Seno, Hannah Rourke, and Sara Colassanti

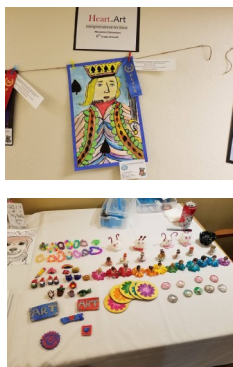
2nd Place: Alexander Clark, Aanya Patel, Emily Dolney, Erin Oldenhouse, Trey Richardson, Sarah John, and Isabella Nafso



3rd Place: Aadish Shah, Brody Randall, Macsen Macomber, Anya Khullar, Madeline Kleinberg, Mary Larocca, and Matthew Jenkins

Honorable Mention: Raffael Oommen, Aashna Patel, Abigail Armstrong, Isabella Donato, Alice Larocca, Alexandria Philip, Violet Procnier, Natalia Malewicz, Juliana Picar, Victoria Tsiang, Victoria Bazy, Amrita Nayak, and Namrata Patel

In addition, Penelope Sarcona is always a big help at the Villas of Shelby Senior Living Center. For the art show, Penelope helped set up and take down as well as crafted items for the show.

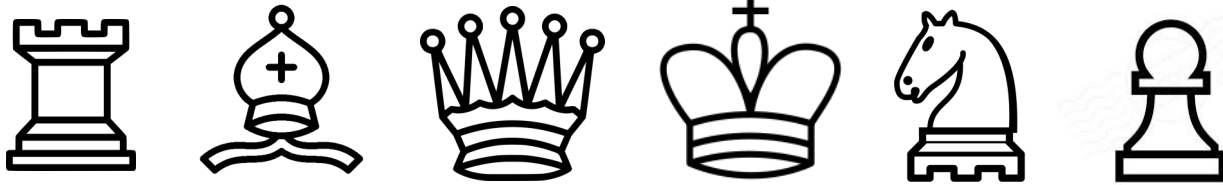




# Messenger FYI and Student Council Updates

## 23rd Annual UCS Chess Tournament—April 14, 2018

It's that time of year again! Registration is now open for the annual UCS Chess Tournament. Any student in Kindergarten through 12th grade is welcome to play! \$15 registration fee on or before March 17, 2018, \$20 fee March 18-April 1. *Registration deadline is 4/01/2018. For more information, please visit <https://ucschesstournament.weebly.com/>.*



## ATOM Update

On Thursday, March 1st 6 ATOM students will be competing in the district wide Math 24 tournament. The following students will be representing Messmore:

4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Daniel Buzdugan	Isabelle Gumma	Anjana Devendran
Brandon Chan	Annika Sreedhar	Amrita Nayak

## Student Council News

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Smencil sale. We sold out of pencils and appreciate everyone's support. The student council will be talking about ways to make our school better with the money we earned from this sale.

Our next student council meeting is Thursday, March 8 at lunch/recess.

## Talent Show

Important Dates to Remember:

Monday, March 26, 2018 (3:15-5:15)	Practice
Thursday, April 26, 2018 (3:15-5:15)	Dress Rehearsal
Monday, May 7, 2018 (12:30 & 6:30)	Showtime!

# March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 March is Reading Month Assembly 8:45am  ATG Tournament Oakbrook 6:30pm	2 Dr. Seuss Day	3 Destination Imagination Tournament
4	5 Crunchy Snack Day	6	7 Dress Up Your Monster Feet Day  MMA Meeting	8	9 MMA Family Bingo Night Doors at 5:30pm	10
11	12	13 Montessori Registration for Currently Enrolled Families @ CEC  Monster-fy Your Hat Day	14 Spring Peacemaker Assembly 8:40am  Kindergarten Open House 7pm	15	16 BIG Green Monster Day	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18	19 Messmore Book Fair Teacher Story Swap Day  District Art Show 6-8pm	20 Messmore Book Fair EC Phone-In In-District Registration Begins  UCS Science Olympiad Night  District Art Show 1-8pm	21 Messmore Book Fair  District Art Show 1-8pm	22 Messmore Book Fair  UCS Career Expo 7-9pm	23 Messmore Book Fair	24
25	26	27 Early Childhood Open Registration for Everyone  Monster Read-In Pajama & Movie Day	28	29 Book Character Parade	30 Good Friday  No School	31



## March is Reading Month: Book Monsters

Messmore will be celebrating the value and joy of reading with this year's March is Reading Month theme: Book Monsters. Our inspiration comes from the children's book Nibbles The Book Monster by Emma Yarlett. We hope you encourage your little book monsters to read, read, read this month.

At school, we'll be inspiring students to read too. Students will enjoy guessing the "Mystery Reader" on the morning announcements. We'll also be celebrating the joys of reading through spirit days. The calendar of events (on the back) is explained in more detail below.

### Explanation of Events

- March 1- Messmore will kick off March is Reading Month in an assembly with reading & singing
- March 2- Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day by wearing Seussy clothings or bring a Dr. Seuss book to school
- March 5- Nibbles the Book Monster crunches on books, you should bring a snack that is crunchy too.
- March 7- Wear crazy, mix-matched socks or slippers
- March 13- Make a monster hat by adding antennae or eye balls to any hat
- March 16- Wear green as we enjoy the book Go Away Big Green Monster and celebrate St. Patrick's day
- March 18- Teachers will swap and short their favorite picture book with another class
- March 23- Bring your favorite book and a flashlight
- March 27- Wear your pajamas, your book and be ready to read and watch a monster movie
- March 29- Dress up like a character from a book to be in our school-wide parade at 12:30pm.



# CAREER EXPO 2018

**Thursday, March 22, 2018 ~ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Eisenhower High School**

**6500 25 Mile Road ~ Shelby Township, MI 48316**

**More than 100 careers represented**

**Talk with career professionals**

**Learn about job duties, skills,  
job outlook & income**

**Free shuttles from UCS high schools  
6:45pm-9:15pm - Every 15 minutes**

**Career & Technical Education  
Curriculum Showcase**

**UCS teachers available to  
discuss course offerings**

**Arts & Communication**

**Business, Management, Marketing & Technology**

**Engineering, Manufacturing & Industrial Technology**

**Health Sciences**

**Human Services**

**Natural Resources & Agriscience**

***Open the door to your future! Explore Careers!***