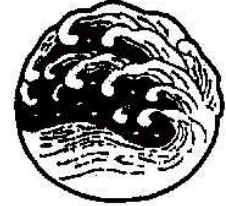




February Newsletter

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Annual Event Schedule

- Black Belt Workout, Sat. Feb 18th, 1pm, Elmhurst.
- Spring Color Belt Testing. **Sat., March 17th, 2012. 1 & 3 pm.**
- Regionals. April 20-22, 2012. IL.
- Regional Leadership Workout. Saturday, May 5th, MI..
- Summer Color Belt Testing. Sat., June 16th, 2012. 1 & 3 pm.
- Black Belt Workout, Sat. June 23rd, 1pm, Aurora.
- World Championships, Greensboro, NC July 20-22.
- Black Belt Camp, Aug. 17-19, Brookston, IN.
- Friendship Tournament and Black Belt Workout, Sun. Sept. 9th, Oakbrook Terrace.
- Fall Color Belt Testing. Sat., Sept. 15th, 2012. 1 & 3 pm.
- Masters' Extravaganza, Tentatively Oct. 5-7th, MI.
- Regional Leadership Class, Sat. Nov. 10th, 1pm, Elmhurst.
- Winter Color Belt Testing 2012. Sat. Dec. 15th, 2012. 1 & 3 pm.
- Winter Spectacular, Sun. Dec. 16th, TBD.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or if you plan to be absent.

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Pop-tab Collection

One of the local black belts in the Chicago region has decided to strongly support the Ronald McDonald Houses. We would be honored if our school and karate families can help her with her efforts. You can pass any pop-tabs year round to Mrs. Inoshita. Thanks!

New Years Training

Our schedule was busy with lots of events this January, but I am proud of our effort the adult students and black belts put into the Special Training. Congratulations to all students that put in the effort to make the entrance of the year of the dragon wonderful.

Karate Pictures

Thank you to all students that participated in the karate pictures in the end of January. The pictures are due in about 6 weeks, and Mrs. Inoshita will make sure they are passed out to the families.

ALERT - Testing Information

Star Testing begins the middle of this month in preparation for the March Color Belt Testing. However, Mrs. Inoshita would like to inform you all that the testing date in March has been changed. It is now **Saturday, March 17th, at either 1pm or 3pm.** The testing forms with the allotted times per student will be handed out the week before the testing.

Demo Team

Demo team practices will begin the first Friday in February. These practices are mandatory if you or your child would like to participate in Demo Team for the Regional and/or World Championships. It is crucial for the sake of the entire team that students do not miss for minor reasons - like birthday parties, sleepovers and the like. We expect that students that would like to be part of demo team will commit to attending every practice, unless those in charge indicate that a student's presence is not necessary for a particular practice. Parents, please consider these expectations when discussing your child's participation in Demo Team. Demo team practices will be Friday's at 6:30 pm from now until July.

Color Belt Clinic - The Bonanza

Wow! Elmhurst had over 40 of the 100+ participants in the Color Belt Training Bonanza this January. Thank you all for coming out after a snowstorm to participate in a lot of work and fun. I hope that all of you had time to meet and train with other Region 5 instructors or Masters on Saturday. Feedback from the kids was that ground fighting was the biggest hit! There was a lot of wonderful information shared, and I'm sure we all came home with some new concept with which to experiment.

Regional Championships

As many of you have heard, we are honored to host the Regional Championships in the Chicagoland area again this year. Mr. and Mrs. Helsdon did a great job hosting last year, and this year they have secured York High School as the championship site! We had an incredible turn out in 2011, and would like to get as close to 100% attendance as we can. Even if you or your child does not want to participate in the competition, we strongly encourage you to come for a few hours to watch the event. Also, are asking parents and/or students if they could give some of their time helping make this event a success again this year. Volunteers will be needed for the registration table, time keeping, score keeping, and perhaps even some concessions. We will be putting up a listing in the karate room as soon as possible to try to have times available for sign up. As always, thank you so much for supporting our school!

World Championships

Information about World Championships in North Carolina has arrived! We will be handing that information out along with that of Regionals, so that families can look over their Spring and Summer schedules.