



March Newsletter

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Annual Event Schedule

- Training Bonanza, Jan 30-Feb1, Energy VBC, Bensenville
- **Friends Around the World Tournament, 2/21, 1PM, TBK**
- Spring Color Belt Testing, **Sat, 3/7**, 1-5 pm
- Regionals, March 13-14, Energy VBC, Bensenville
- Instructor Workout, 4/11, 1:30-4, Three Treasures, WI
- Masters Clinic, June 4-7, Elizabethtown, PA
- Summer Color Belt Testing, Sat, 6/13, 1-5 pm
- World Championships, **July 16th-19th**, Schaumburg, IL
- Black Belt Camp, 8/7-9, Kalamazoo, MI
- Fall Color Belt Testing, Sat, 9/12, 1-5 pm
- Instructor Workout, 9/19, 1:30-4, Wave
- Midwest Extravaganza, Oct 16-18, Frankenmuth, MI
- Instructor Workout, 11/7, 1:30-, NWIMAA
- Winter Color Belt Testing, Sat, 12/12, 1-5 pm

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

Ronald McDonald House Charities: I would love to keep up our contribution! Thank you to all who continue to support these efforts. Elmhurst is no longer in the lead. Let's see if we can turn that around.

Highlights on Changes

Highlights on any changes from the fall posting or mistakes that were made are in the schedule above.

Annual Karate School Pictures

Action Hero Sports Photography took place Monday and Tuesday, January 19th and 20th. It will take several weeks to process the photos, but they should arrive at the school or in your email boxes by the beginning of March. If you think that you are missing anything, please tell Master Holly Inoshita immediately. Thank you

Karate Planning (Read)

As a color belt, it is important to map out your path to Black Belt. You should mark your calendar for March 7th, June 13th, Sept 12th and December 12th. Plan on testing either in March or June for your next belt. If you don't test in March it is essential that you test in June. Parents please consider this in your summer vacation plans.

If you are approaching black belt (red and above), you should plan attending the following events:

Regional Championships (IL) 3/14
World Championships (IL) 7/17-18
Black Belt Camp (MI) 8/8
Midwest Extravaganza (MI) 10/16-18

If you prioritize attending these events year after year, you will realize one day it has become a way of life.

Blue and Black Belt Summer Planning

To all current black belts, blue belts, and advanced red belts: Please note the date of Dan Camp. Many of you have talked about other events that conflict with the camp. Realize that missing camp may mean not being able to test for lower belt or adding another year until you next test for black belts. Make Black Belt Camp a priority.

If you are unable to attend, you can ask to attend a camp in a different region.

5/2- Region 8 Youth Camp

6/19-21- Region 8 PA Adult Camp

6/26-28 Region 1 OR

Regionals 3/13-15

Regional Championships are coming up. We have the registration information on the website. **Registration closes Feb 28th!** We hope to have most of the school participate in the event. It will be located again in the Energy VBC in Bensenville, Illinois and the special guest will be Grandmaster William Strong.

Uniform Requirements

There have been issues with uniform wear overall. No hoodies or collared shirts should be worn under the uniform. Girls, no skirts/dress may extend past the uniform top. Students may wear uniform pants to and from the building, but uniform tops and belts should be taken off and stored in a bag after class. Also, **no jewelry of any kind** should be worn in classes, including friendship bracelets, FitBits, and earrings.

Friends Around the World Tournament 2/21

The Tournament at True Balance Karate was great! Elmhurst had about 13 competitors. Results are as follows:

Ana I: 3rd forms

Billy L: 1st forms

Izabella Z: 1st sparring, 2nd forms, 3rd weapons, 1st youth black belt overall

John S: 2nd sparring

Kyle S: 1st sparring, 3rd weapons

Lorna S: 3rd weapons

Mei Lin S: 1st forms, 2nd sparring, 3rd weapons

Reagan W: 1st weapons, 2nd forms

Robby C: 1st weapons, 2nd sparring

Stella T: 2nd forms, 3rd weapons & sparring

Also attending: Emmett B, Teddy B, Lijah R, and Nicky S