

THE EAST VALLEY KICKER

“If you are not happy here and now, you never will be.” –Taisen Deshimaru

NOTES & TIDBITS

We have some special events this month, including Bring a Friend to Karate Day on the 19th and 20th, and a field trip to the Matsuri Festival on Saturday the 22nd.

There are new students in the Little Dragons, Kids and Adults Programs. Be sure to introduce yourself and help your new dojo mates feel welcome.

For those parents who come to watch your Karate kids in class, it's great that you show your support. During class time, please leave the coaching and teaching up to the Karate instructors.

We hope Aren Drabe and Michaela Wooldridge both have speedy recoveries.

Upcoming events in March include Gladiators Night for kids to enter a Nerf Gladiator competition, and a Wavemaster Class, open to the public, where we will learn some workouts on the heavy bags, and go home with a free Wavemaster.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

2/6 Rodolfo Alcantara	2/11 Tyler Nantz
2/11 Alex Young	2/12 Shane Kaster
2/22 Cooper Payne	2/26 Ray Arriola
2/27 Andrew Greig	2/28 Kyle Estes

Happy Birthday!

TOURNAMENTS

Kyle Estes attended the ASKA Tournament and won 1st place in kata and 3rd place in weapons. Great work, Kyle!

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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

- Doreen Aguirre (Adults)
- Brittney Angal
- Muffin Angal
- Jim Arrowsmith (Adults)
- Sean Jones
- Cooper Payne (Little Dragons)
- Riley Randall
- Theodore Simmons



RECENT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to everybody who passed the test in January!

In the Kids Program:

Sara Rush earned her yellow stripe belt.

Kyle Engel (Little Dragons,) Trevor Fryar (Little Dragons,) Nick Kandas, and Michaela Wooldridge earned their yellow belts.

Kyle Duffy, Alexx Fisher and Daniel Hines (Little Dragons) earned their orange belts.

Brady Bowman (Little Dragons,) and Paden Lemons earned their green belts.

And in the Adults Program, Brandon LaBorde earned his blue belt.

Be sure to attend the Certificate Presentation Ceremony on Saturday, February 15 at 12:15 p.m. to receive your official rank certificate. Please wear your full white gi to this formal ceremony which will take place before the February test.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month: Sara Rush in the beginning program and Ray Arriola in the advanced program. Keep up the respect and positive attitudes!

Sensei Michael Newland
Sempai Rob Reimer

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DOJO ACHIEVERS

Alex Young is one of our academic achievers, who made it on the honor roll. Jenifer Tull-Gauger had a letter to the editor published in the February issue of MA Success (the martial arts industry magazine.)

FROM HEADQUARTERS

A question from Sensei Allan Amor, head of the United Ryukyu Kempo Alliance (and one of Sensei's Senseis:) When a baby first learns to walk, which step is more important, his first, his third, or his fifth step?

Each step is important and necessary to the process, just as all kyu belt ranks are important and necessary in the path toward Shodan (black belt) and beyond.

To show his support for each of us as members of the Alliance, Sensei Amor is providing official rank certificates from headquarters to everyone who tests. If you would like to receive rank certificates for tests prior to 2003, they are available for \$5 each. Let us know which certificate(s) you need, for which test dates (or at least the month of the test.)

2003 SUMMER CAMP

This year's Summer Camp in Oak Grove, Missouri (at Headquarters) will take place on June 6, 7 and 8. Last year's camp was less than \$200, and meals and lodging are included in the price. Kids get to sleepover in the Headquarters dojo, which is in Sensei Amor's backyard in the country. All who attended camp last year had a wonderful time, and recommend it to all dojo mates.

Road trip to Missouri! Mr. Gauger, Ms. Tull-Gauger and Griffin are planning to rent a van and drive out to Missouri for the camp. We are looking for others to join us in the trip, to share in the driving, and/or rental and gas costs. We figure this

will be less than plane tickets for those who can take two extra days for drive time. It is approximately an 18 hour drive, not including stopping time. Let us know if you're interested in joining us on this field trip.

KARATEKA HIGHLIGHTS

by Jenifer Tull-Gauger

This month, I had the chance to interview Matthew Barr, who has his orange belt in the kids program. Nine-year-old Matt started Karate last May because, "because I wanted to learn how to protect myself."

On his first day in class with the kids, Matt said, "I was a bit shy because I wasn't sure about what to do in Karate. I did pretty good. This was my best day, because it was the day I began." To new Karate students, Matt would say, "I'll help you out if you like."

Matt's favorite thing about Karate is sparring. His favorite things about school are multiplication and art. Matt is in third grade. He likes to play soccer and football, and Matt made his own club with his friends.

One of Matt's favorite hobbies is Yu-Gi-Oh. He started with 18 Yu-Gi-Oh cards. Matt's best friends, Carson and Austin, gave him his very first cards. This was the best day in his life. Now he has a much larger deck of cards, and it only takes him a few minutes to finish a duel. One of Matt's goals is to become a good Yu-Gi-Oh duelist.

Matt has a younger sister, Megan, and a baby sister named Delphy. Matt has two idols or heroes. One is his dad, "because he keeps me from getting run over by cars. Also my grandpa. I don't know why he is, but he is my hero."

Matt's philosophy on life is, "work good." His hopes for the future include, "in Karate I would like to do my best. At school I would like to get A's and B's every year. The last thing I would like to say is, I would like to be the king of the world." ☺

FREEZE POLICY

Refunds are not given for unattended Karate classes. However, if you have paid dues and cannot attend class, you may freeze your account and use the Karate program at a later date.

To freeze your account, you must call us or drop us a note within one week of your last class attended, and request a freeze.

If your account is not frozen and you miss classes, your dues are considered used. If you resume classes over a month after your last

payment, unfrozen accounts will be assessed a \$5 late fee as well as a \$15 re-registration fee.

FEBRUARY SALE ITEMS

This month Century is offering a variety of weapons on sale:

Dense foam corded nunchaku, yellow/black, 10" or 12" on sale for \$10.99 – save \$1.

Crackle nunchaku, blue/black, 12" on sale for \$8.99 – save \$1.

White waxwood corded octagon nunchaku, 12" on sale for \$9.99 – save \$1.

White waxwood tapered youth bo, 5' or 6' on sale for \$17.99 – save \$2.

Black graphite toothpick bo, 6' on sale for \$43.99 – save \$6.

Free shipping and handling! Order and pay at the Karate desk by February 27 to take advantage of this sale.

CHINESE FESTIVAL

Feb 7th-9th Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm: Chinese Culture and Cuisine Festival at the Chinese Cultural Center, 668 N. 44th St. Phoenix.

Enjoy continuous entertainment including the dragon dance and other folk dances, martial arts demos, musical performances, Chinese Yo-Yo Team and more. Shop at arts and crafts booths, watch master chefs and taste delectable cuisine. Admission is free, parking is \$2.

Children's Pavilion has free instruction and demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy and crafts. Food Pavilion features cuisine from six cities in different regions of China. Cultural Village includes Chinese inventions such as the abacus, printing block, kites, compasses and more. Photo Exhibit has photos of the Chinese community in the Valley from past to present. At the Mah-Jong Booth learn the art of the popular Mah-Jong tile game.

While you're at the Chinese Cultural Festival, be sure to bring your camera and check out the gardens.

MATSURI FESTIVAL: & DOJO FIELD TRIP

Feb 22nd & 23rd 10:30am-4:30pm: "Matsuri: A Festival of Japan," celebrates the theme, "Yabusame," which is archery on horseback. Performances and demonstrations include folk dancing, martial arts, music, cooking, and special activities for children. Other highlights include candy sculpting and Valley of the Sun Koi Association's annual show and competition. 262-

5029. Heritage & Science Park , 7th St. & Washington. Free admission.

Our dojo has gone on field trips to the annual Matsuri Festival before, and returned with reports of good food and fun. We are going on a field trip again this year. Karate families and Karate students are invited to join us on Saturday, February 22. We will meet at the dojo at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Wear your dojo tee-shirt and bring some money for food and souvenirs.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

The following kids received a ticket for giving the following answers to last month's question:

What has Karate done for you or what has Karate done for your Children?

"Karate makes me pay attention and have a good attitude." –Kyle Engel

"It makes him listen to me better. He pays attention pretty well, and I don't have to tell him things over and over before he does them." –Kyle's mom, Jennifer Engel

"Makes me good!" –Trevor Fryar

"Trevor's parents feel that Karate has helped Trevor's attention level and respect over all for everyone."

"Jamie says that it helps her protect herself and she's learned to get to safety (someone like a parent or officer) when in trouble." –Jamie Mount

"Karate has taught me to be tougher and quicker." –Sara Rush

FEBRUARY QUESTION

Turn in by 2/25/03 to receive a ticket:

What is your favorite part of the Japanese culture? Why?

NAME:

KICKER TALENT WANTED

You too can get your name and talent in *The East Valley Kicker*. We prefer art and writing that has to do with Karate, Martial Arts, Japan, or Asia. Drawings must be finished in black ink for copying purposes. Kids will receive a Great Job ticket for their submissions.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENT

This month kicks off the first of many special events. February's event is Bring A Friend to Karate Day. Invite your friends to come to Karate with you during your regular class time on Wednesday, February 19th or Thursday, February 20th. At this free event, your friends can meet your dojo mates and instructors, and join us for a special class of Karate games. Use the following invitation, fill out your friend's name, and your class day and time. Ask at the Karate desk for more invitations, and for one-day-guest passes to World Gym for your friends' parents.

DOJO KUN

1. STRIVE FOR A GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.
2. KEEP AN HONEST AND SINCERE WAY.
3. CULTIVATE PERSEVERANCE OR A WILL FOR STRIVING.
4. DEVELOP A RESPECTFUL ATTITUDE.
5. RESTRAIN MY PHYSICAL ABILITIES THROUGH SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT.



YOU ARE INVITED!!



WHAT: Bring a Friend to Karate Day

WHEN: Wed. 2/19 or Thurs. 2/20 (circle one)

TIME: _____ (my regular class time)

WHERE: East Valley Martial Arts, L.L.C.
-In World Gym-
3841 East Baseline Rd. Gilbert.
(480) 330-8886

FOR: KARATE GAMES and FUN!



BY INVITATION ONLY



Guest Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Emergency Phone Number _____

I give my child permission to participate in Bring a Friend to Karate Day 2/19/03 or 2/20/03 at East Valley

Martial Arts L.L.C. inside of World Gym.: Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____ Date _____

One Day Guest Passes to the gym available on request. KIDS, BRING THIS PERMISSION SLIP WITH YOU!