

KARATE WORKS



MAR-MAY 2018 TIGER TALK

THE BELT COLORS BY SAMUEL NELSON



Once upon a time, a planter planted a seed, which is a white belt. When the sun came up, it became a yellow belt. When it sprouted, it became a green belt. Then it started growing and reaching for the sky in good weather, and it became a blue belt. But the good weather didn't last long. A storm then raged. It was not mature yet, so it had two choices: to get blown down (A) or to keep on growing (B); and it chose B, to keep on growing. Then it became a red belt. The bad weather was over and it became a tree, a black belt, and the planter collected the seeds the tree made and it could continue for a long time.

The white belt meant the seed and you learn the basics. The yellow belt meant the sun that helped the seed grow. The green belt meant the seed sprouted and grew leaves. The blue belt meant the sky on which the tree reached for in good weather. The red belt meant the danger that the tree faced. Finally the black belt meant that the tree grew up.

**AMAZING JOB
MR. SAMUEL!!!**



School Policy Updates

As our school grows, we are constantly looking at ways to improve our policies and procedures to keep things running as smoothly as possible. Our students and parents are the BEST part of Karate Works and we will continue to strive for excellence in everything we do including our service to you.

One area that needs some adjusting is tuition and freeze fee payments. Each month we are spending larger amounts of time dedicated to making sure all payments are received in a timely manner. Since we do not wish to begin charging late fees, it has become necessary for the following changes to take effect immediately:

- 1) All NEW sign ups will need to be set up on auto draft for monthly payments or commitments. You will NOT need to be set up on auto draft if you sign up for lump sum commitments.
- 2) It is not necessary for current students who are not set up on auto draft to sign up for it, but it would be greatly appreciated for anyone that wishes to change over.
- 3) All students that wish to freeze their account will need to be set up on auto draft for the duration of the freeze. This is due to the difficulty in receiving freeze fees from anyone not set up for auto draft and not being able to access Kicksite to pay the fees online while your account is frozen.
- 4) We now require advanced notice for freezing your account except for family emergencies. Students who miss a month or more will no longer have their tuition reduced to a post-freeze fee. Instead, students will have to make up missed classes at a later date after paying their normal tuition fees.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to make Karate Works the "Best Investment for your child!"

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3RD ANNUAL FIGHT & FEAST

In-House Tournament and Pot Luck Lunch

Mark your calendars for Saturday MARCH 24th for an exciting, action packed day of FUN!! We will be having a Tournament beginning at 9:00 AM. There will be FORMS, SPARRING and SELF DEFENSE with multiple divisions for each category and ALL students are invited to sign up including Lil' Dragons and Advanced Dragons! Parents can register with their child for team divisions also.

There will be Medals given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division and award ribbons for each participant. Cost will be \$25 for the first event and \$5 for each additional event as long as you pre register by March 1st. After then, the cost will be \$35 for the first event and \$5 for each additional.

After the tournament, we will have a Pot Luck lunch starting at 1:15 PM to have the opportunity to say THANKS to all of our parents and students for being a part of the Karate Works Family. We will have a sign up sheet at the front desk for you to tell us what dish or dessert you would like to bring.

A SCHOOL GROUP PHOTO will also be taken at 1:00 PM and we want as many of you as we can get to participate!! Please bring your complete Gi for the tournament and picture after.

If you are unable to come to the tournament, please try and be there for the picture so we can have as much of the entire school represented as possible!

KICKSITE A VALUABLE RESOURCE

When you become a student at Karate Works, one of our most valuable resources we offer is access to your account through Kicksite. You should have received an invitation when you signed up to set up your user name and password. If you never signed up or don't remember what you used to sign up, we can help you with this at any time in the office!

Here are some of the things you can see on Kicksite:

1. VIDEOS!!! - We have tutorial videos of most every technique we teach for each curriculum. These are especially helpful right before assessments or testings to brush up and make sure you earn that stripe or next belt rank!
2. Documents - Some examples of documents we keep on Kicksite are the Chore List (for a red star), Good Deeds sheets, Student Handbooks, Assessment Guides AND MORE!!!
3. Attendance - You can keep up with how many classes you may have missed and need to make up
4. Billing - Pay your invoices ONLINE! Keep track of all payments, credit cards or checking accounts on file, and see copies of your monthly invoice

Please make sure you have signed up for this FREE resource and let us know if you need any help or have any questions!

Have a friend who would like to try karate?

Give them a Buddy Pass for 1 free month of unlimited classes! If they sign up - you receive \$50 in Karate Kash to be used towards t-shirts, gear and equipment.

Buddy Passes are available anytime at the front desk.

GET YOURS TODAY!!

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11  Time to Spring Ahead | 12  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  | 17  |
| 18 | 19 | 20 WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TOURNAMENT SO DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!! | 21 | 22 | 23  | 24 FIGHT AND FEAST TOURNAMENT AND PHOTO 9:00 AM |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30 Good Friday  | 31  |

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSMENTS, STRIPINGS, AND TESTINGS

Assessments and Striping are some of the most exciting times for us at Karate Works, sometimes even more so than our testing! It's at assessments and striping that our students get to show off what they've learned over the last 6 weeks! During this time, we find not only how our students can improve, but what we as a school can do to improve our curriculum as well!

All of this to say, attending assessments and striping as scheduled by Karate Works Staff is VERY important. We've noticed that using class time for extra assessments and striping days takes away from the class time of students who did come at the proper time; this means they don't get the time to learn the new curriculum and move forward in their programs.

We at Karate Works feel that you're all a part of our family, and as such, we know that emergencies and unexpected events do happen. However, if possible, we want to be sure that our students get the best and most efficient experience possible. To incentivize this, we will no longer be holding free assessments and striping after the schedule days, except in the case of unforeseen emergencies such as illness. Instead, unscheduled assessments and striping will be an extra cost that is dependent on the time it takes to complete the assessment.

We thank you so much for baring with us while we change our policies to make Karate Works as efficient as possible. As always if you have any questions feel free to contact the Karate Works Staff!

Would you like to have Kyosanim come to your school?

All you need to do is invite both of them! We love to come to schools and tell students about martial arts and demonstrate what we teach. Ask your teacher if there would be a good day to have a karate demonstration. We can come to a Career Day, Cultural Arts Day, or just a normal class period that would be available. Then make sure Kyosanim can be there! If they come to your class, you can even assist in the demonstration as a student of Karate Works!!



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| 1 Happy Easter | 2 | 3 ASSESSMENTS | 4 | 5 | 6 MENTOR NIGHT 4-6pm | 7 |
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Essay Contest!



Mother's Day is a chance for all of us to appreciate one of the most important people in our lives, our mothers! At Karate Works this year we'll be celebrating these wonderful ladies with an essay contest!

The topic for the essay will be "Mama and Me" where we want to hear from all of our students their favorite memories with their mothers! At the end of the month we'll announce our winner who will then be featured in our summer newsletter and get \$20 of Karate Kash to use for any t-shirts, uniforms, training equipment or gear they want!

Happy writing everyone, and Happy Mother's Day to our awesome Karate Moms!!!

UPCOMING SUMMER FUN

Skate Party



Spear Dodging



Splash Bash



BOARD BREAK SMASH

...and more

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| 27 CLOSED | 28 memorial DAY | 29 | 30 | 31 LOWER BELT TESTING 5PM | UPPER BELT TESTING 5PM | Last Day of School |

ASSESSMENTS