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BB CANDIDATES PARENT MEETING

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Parents, you should have received information in the mail regarding Spring Candidate Testing. The parent meeting for all students looking at testing for their Blackbelt in April is Thursday, January 21st. There must be at least one parent in attendance. Mr. Fargen will be discussing the training schedule, handing out the candidate manuals, and going over key points for success. If you have any questions or concerns regarding candidate classes and testing please address them to Mr. Fargen. It is important you discuss these questions with him and not other family members or staff. We want to make sure that we keep open communication with our families and your questions are answered appropriately. You may reach him via email or call the school. We forward the phone to his cell daily.

Get Ready Candidates! Classes begin on Saturday, February 20th for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Candidates.

BUDDY WEEK



Students, we will be holding another buddy week! The week of January 18th—23rd, 2010. This buddy week we will not be popping balloons, INSTEAD WE WILL BE AWARDING OUR KARATE AMERICA STUDENTS WITH A KARATE AMERICA BOARD FOR EVERY FRIEND THEY BRING! Students will then bring their board(s) to class at 12:30pm on Saturday January 23rd, 2010 and we are going to have a Karate America Break-a-thon. Once again students, you may bring more than one buddy to each class or during the week. Mr. Fargen will be teaching different techniques to break the boards through out buddy week!

MID WINTER TOURNAMENT

Students, we will be having a Karate America interschool tournament on Saturday, February 13th, 2010. This is a great opportunity for students to build confidence, use healthy competition and show the Black Belt judges all of their hard work. The location and time of this tournament will be announced at a later date. We will post a sign up sheet on the window in the near future.

“A black belt is a white belt who never quit!”

-Unknown

FEBRUARY GRADUATION

Congratulations to all students who earned their new belts in December. You did an awesome job keeping up with classes and meeting the technical requirements. Mark your calendars for the next graduation. **Graduation is tentatively set for Thursday, February 25th.** Keep up the hard work, practicing, and stay focused. As a reminder, to attend graduation all students must have three black stripes (progress stripes) and one red stripe (signifies that the student has passed all requirements for that belt). **If your child is short on class credits (boxes stamped on attendance card), please stop by the front desk to purchase and schedule private lessons, or plan to attend our training seminar.**

Letter of Intents need to be handed in to the front desk with **Graduation fee** by Monday February 18th. (**\$25 per Student or \$65 per Family**) **There will be a \$10 fee for all late payments.** We will be posting graduation times on the window and website in February. Parents we encourage you to bring family, friends, and a camera. Thank you for all your support. Good Luck Students.

Tentatively: Thursday, February 25th—Graduation Times:

4:30 BBT 1 & 2

5:10 Ninja's

5:50 Basic

6:30 Masters

7:10 Adults (All Belt Ranks)

VALENTINES DAY CARDS

Students, are you looking for unique valentine cards for your classmates? Parents, how would you feel about them being **FREE**? Karate America Greenville has special valentine cards for our students. It's a great opportunity to save and possibly earn some money at the same time. See Mrs. Angie or Ms. Diestler to sign up for Valentine Day Cards.

MR. FARGEN LOVES SCHOOL CHATS

Students, Mr. Fargen would love to come to your class and teach the life skills you learning here at Karate America. If you would like Mr. Fargen to come to your class, please sign up with Mrs. Angie or Ms. Diestler. We will then supply you a letter to bring to your teacher to schedule the date and time for your seminar.



Parents, are you a coach or a Boy/Girl Scout Leader. Mr. Fargen also does seminars for the scouts, church, and other organizations. If you are interested in holding a seminar reserve your date with Mrs. Angie or Ms. Diestler today!



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Karate America would like to Welcome it's Newest Members:

Kendra Bowden Bryce Middlestead Tiela Stezenski
 Benjamin Mckee Trent Behling Payton Dahle Cierra Joshnson
 Tucker McGlone Diedrich Schmidt Tavia Schmidt Brenna Welch

Congratulations to our newest Black Belt Team Members:

Elizabeth Nickchen Katarina Hogan

Congratulations to our newest Leadership Team Member:

Kaylee Lauterbach

BLACKBELT CANDIDATES

It is time!!! We will be starting black belt candidate training on Saturday, February 20th. 1st Degree Classes will be from 1-4PM and 2nd Degrees will start training Saturday, February 20th from 3-5:30PM. Candidate manuals will be handed out at the parent meeting on Thursday, January 21st @ 8:30PM.

Candidates, please remember to come to class prepared for anything and everything. You will need running shoes, bottled water, and all your gear. Uniform is Karate America t-shirt, karate pants, and belt. Make sure you are on time—on time is **10 MINUTES EARLY!!!** We are looking forward to your journey over the next 8 weeks. Keep giving your level 10, displaying that positive attitude and showing that great respect!

GOOD LUCK CANDIDATES!!!

PARENT ADD ON MONTH

Parents, have you made a resolution to become more fit in '10? If so, come train with us. You've been watching the kids classes and now its your time to shine. February is parent add-on month.

TRAIN FREE IN FEBRUARY IN AN OFFICIAL KA UNIFORM

At the end of February, if you decide to continue, we will waive the initial investment and also give a discounted rate for your 6 month program.

Normally-2nd Family	<i>Join by February 28th</i>
Investment \$175	<i>Investment \$0</i>
Tuition \$82.50/Month	<i>Tuition \$55/Month</i>

THANK YOU FAMILIES

Families, thank you for all the support in '09. We are looking forward to another great year in '10. We hope you had a wonderful holiday filled with family and friends.

LETS CELEBRATE

Celebrate your Karate Kid's birthday with a Karate America birthday party. An energetic, fun and enthusiastic party can be planned with KA supplying everything you need including the cake, juice, and dinnerware! Clean up is also provided. See Mrs. Angie or Ms. Diestler for details on scheduling your next birthday celebration at Karate America.



WANTED: DEMO TEAM

BLACKBELT TEAM MEMBERS AND BLACKBELTS WITH AWESOME ATTITUDE!

Students and Parents, we have an exciting opportunities this year to once again perform a demos. Demo and Practice times and dates will be announced. If you are interested in being a member of the 2010 demo team please speak with Mrs. Angie or Ms. Diestler.

PARENTS CORNER

Families remember in order to have a more productive and positive educational setting, please silence cell phones, have quiet voices in chairs, no hanging on the rails, and make sure all children are supervised by an adult. With summer coming, if little ones are a little fussy please step out of the school until they are content. One last reminder please no food or drinks. We at Karate America Greenville want to provide the best learning environment for all our students and families.

From our students, instructors and staff— Thank You for your support.

KARATE AMERICA GEAR BAGS

Students and Parents, in an effort to keep the walk ways open—please put gear bags next to the rail. Please keep them tight to the rail so Parents and other family members do not trip over them. If there is no room next to the rail, you may put the bags next to the walls by the back two exits. Also, when walking through the cars please make an effort not to hit the cars. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

UNIFORM POLICY

As a reminder, students are required to wear **full uniform** (Karate America top and bottom w/Belt) throughout the winter and spring months. However, Saturday is T-shirt day. You may wear a **Karate America T-shirt** on Saturdays. Please make sure t-shirts are tucked in. Look professional.

POLICY REGARDING WEATHER CLOSINGS

Families, it is that time of year again. If school is cancelled due to weather, please call the Karate School after 2PM regarding karate classes. A recorded message will inform you if we will still be holding classes. We encourage our families to use their best judgment when deciding to drive to karate. If the road conditions in your area are hazardous please stay home. We do not want any unfortunate accidents. Your safety is our number one concern. Thank you and drive safe this winter.

