



# Aug-Sept News

We threw a lot of dates at you last time, so here is a more detailed explanation of the more immediate concerns.

## **TKD/Hapkido Students Invited to Fun and Games Night in Martinsville**

Following testing and classes on Friday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Martinsville school will be hosting a game-night and pizza party. The event will run from approximately 8-12 pm. Cost is 5 bucks to cover the cost of pizza. Students must sign up and pay in advance so that we can organize the event properly. Kids and adults can bring their favorite games, and we also are asking people to bring some extra card-tables.

\*\*Leadership team will have a lock in following the game night.

## **Upcoming events**

Testings: TKD testing will be Friday, Aug 22 at 5:00 pm at GMA-martinsville. Paperwork must be in by the Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

TKD testing in Sept will be Sat, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> in Louisville. Black belt testing also this day. Your chance to cheer on Mrs. Yoshida, Mr. Yoshida and Cory Pierce, all testing for dan ranks

Dragons testing (Martinsville school) will be Sat. Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Hapkido testing Friday Aug 29<sup>th</sup>.

## FAST DEFENSE and Bully Buster Programs

A new school year brings new challenges and new bullies. We are doing another FAST Defense Children's class on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 in Martinsville. This class will also incorporate within it another program we are also licensed to use—Bully Buster. This FAST class will actually be two different workshops for one price. Of course, the FAST also covers kidnapping lures and defenses as well. Space is limited so please pre-register. Students who have previously taken the course may take it as a refresher course at a discounted rate. Family discounts are also available. We recommend FAST for ages 8-12.

For those students too young for the FAST class, such as lil' dragons or young TKD students, we are going to be offering the younger kids Bully Buster program. This class will be led by our own elementary teacher Miss Dill and it will run concurrently with the FAST class on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-approx. 3:00. Cost is only \$20.00. Discounts for families with both FAST and Bully Buster students are available.

## Staff form seminar

Several students have expressed interest in learning more about weapons. The Martinsville school will be hosting a seminar on the tai chi staff form on Sat. Sept 27 from 1-5. Cost of the seminar is 40.00, which includes your staff that is yours to keep. Students must pre-register by Sept 13<sup>th</sup> so that we can order enough staffs. Please give us a height estimate so we can determine a staff size when ordering.

## Applebutter Festival Sept 20<sup>th</sup>—Possible Demo Team event

We are still trying to confirm our role, but we hope to be doing something for the applebutter festival in Spencer. This could entail a demo, taking part in the parade, or both. Please look for demo team practices (TKD only) in Sept leading up to the event. This is the same date as testing in Louisville, so that means some students will not be available...we really need other students to step up and help out. We will give you more information as it becomes available.



## **School Clean-up in Martinsville**

We are having a school cleanup and project day on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 10:00 am. We are very appreciative of the support of everyone who has already signed up, but the more the better. We might be making announcements the end of that week as far as tools to bring, etc, but it is mostly elbow grease that is needed. We are very blessed to have such a supportive group of parents and students.

## **Watch for New GMA merchandise**

Several people have been asking about GMA shirts that are out of stock. We are getting more made now, and we apologize for the delay and ask for your patience. In the near future we will also have new GMA merchandise as well—more types of apparel, hats and visors, license plates, etc. We will also have more DPU club attire and even USHF gear. Lastly, we are looking into having a special “Character Counts” T-shirt for use at the Fall Foliage Festival and parade.

GMA Spencer is also taking orders for t-shirts and polos with Spencer on them.

## **Spencer Class Adjustments and Expansions**

We will be adjusting our schedule to better accommodate our growing school and progressing students in Spencer. The TKD class will be split into two separate classes: beginning (moogoo and white belts) and colored belts. The new class schedule will take effect the month of Sept (beginning Mon. Sept 1<sup>st</sup>). Also note the change in class times for dragons to allow for the TKD class split. There are still open spaces in the schedule to allow for questions or customer service issues.

5:30-6:00 pm	Privates, make ups, or introductory lessons
6:00-6:30 pm	Lil’ Dragons
6:45-7:30 pm	TKD-Beginning
7:30-8:15 pm	TKD-advanced

We apologize for any juggling in your schedule that this may require, but it is necessary for our Spencer program to continue to grow and at the same time maintain the quality of the classes.

## **Mark your calendars:**

Since the last newsletter the St. Louis TKD tournament has been scheduled for Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. We wanted to give everyone a heads up as soon as possible.

## **GMA Wishes All Our Students Good Luck on This Coming School Year.**

Be sure to give your teacher lots of respect. All of our students will be receiving a letter to give to their teachers in the following week. Remember, that strong performance in school is a requirement for testing, and any student who lets their grades slip will be put on probation from testing.