



GMA news

June 04

New schedule takes effect in Ellettsville June 7th.

We apologize for any inconveniences due to the changes, but as we grow we will adjust our schedules to better serve and more effectively teach our students as a whole. Please make note of the changes.

Upcoming Testings

Lil Dragons: Both schools will hold lil Dragon testing at the GMA-Martinsville on Sat. June 5th.

Beginning class (white, yellow belts) will test from 9:00-10:30. Intermediate (orange, green) will test from 10:30-12:00. Advanced class (purple, red) will test at 12:00.

****Don't forget that the following week is buddy week at lil dragons, so bring a friend!!*

TTCA testing: TKD testing is at summer camp on Sat. June 12th at 4:30 their time (3:30 our time). Paperwork must be turned in before camp. If you are not planning on making the trip, please notify us ASAP so we can plan accordingly. If you are interested in carpooling for the test, please let us know that as well.

Pretest help session will be Sat. June 5th. White belts from 9:00-9:45. Yellow belts from 9:45-10:30.

Green belts from 10:30-11:15. Purple belts from 11:15-12:00.

USHF testing: Hapkido testing will be on June 18th, after the day camps.

Demo Team—Listen to your Mission for June

Our demo team will debut the new show with a bang in the month of June. First, please pay for the new team T-shirts before the shows.

- June 4 relay for life demo at Martinsville HS. Demo time is 7:00pm. Demo team will meet at the school at 5:00 (or whenever you can get there) to go over it a couple of times before our first show.
- June 12th. Hapkido only demo for summerfest on the square. Demo is at 4:00 pm, we will be meeting to practice at 2:00 pm at the school. There are several adjustments to be made while TKD is at summer camp.
- June 26th. Opening the Road celebration in Ellettsville. We are having an open house on June 26th in Ellettsville. Demo team will perform around 1:30 or 2:00.

Class cancellations:

- GMA-Martinsville and GMA-Ellettsville will cancel class Friday June 4th on account of the relay for life demo.
- GMA-Ellettsville will cancel class on Friday June 11th on account of the TTCA summer camp

Fathers Get to Play in Honor of Fathers Day

In honor of Fathers day this month, Dad's, uncles, etc. get to attend class with their kids during the week of June 14-18th. We would be in trouble if we didn't make the dads go out there like the moms did 😊.

Don't forget, attendance reward program starts in June.

YES, we do have class on Memorial Day



June Birthdays

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| Spina, Trae | 06/02 | Soto, Obed | 06/03 |
| Sipla, Tyler | 06/05 | Cheser, Jonathan | 06/06 |
| Hermann, Alex | 06/09 | Morse, Matthew | 06/19 |
| Potter, Brandy | 06/22 | Nenedjian, Quinton | 06/22 |
| Adamson, Cameron | 06/25 | Fine, Nick | 06/29 |
| Max McLeod | 06/06 | Anderson, Taylor | 06/14 |
| Adam Bollinger | 06-29 | | |

Thanks for the support at the break a thon.

Once again, a huge thanks to everyone who made the break-a-thon a success, raising over 4,000 dollars for the KS fund. Special thanks to Bender lumber and Wicks in Ellettsville for donating the wood. Also a special thanks to the parents committee for getting things together so quickly.

Day-camp Sign ups

Don't forget the first GMA daycamp is June 14-18. TKD and Hapkido both have camps in July. This is the best in depth teaching opportunity we have all year. Please sign up as soon as you know so that we can plan staffing and other issues.

This came from our Kickin Newsletter from napma which normally goes on the half wall, but we thought this article was worth including:

If on Father's Day, I were granted three wishes for my children, here's what I would ask:

By Joseph Galea

I am a Dad. I have a son turning six this month and a daughter three and a half. I don't think I am unlike most Dads out there: I love my children intensely and I want the absolute best for them. I feel a strong sense of responsibility for their character development, potential for success and their health and safety. I am very strict regarding rules, always looking toward their future. It can be as simple as saying "zip your coat and put your hat on" when the weather is cold, or as vital as rewarding them for great behavior to instill good habits. I take my job as Dad seriously. When I think of martial arts and my children, there is no choice: It's mandatory, just as there is no choice about attending school. I am thinking toward the future, knowing that martial arts gives my children an advantage.

My first wish would be for my children to grow up with good values. I want them to be altruistic and honest and to make their decisions with these values in mind. The martial arts classroom assists in promoting these values. Between kicks and punches, there are life lessons taught, reinforcing my efforts at home.

My second wish would be for my children to develop into confident, self-assured adults. I want them to know how to set their own goals and go out and achieve them. The martial arts teaches both short and long-term goal-setting. You focus on the next "belt" but you realize that it is a small step of many to reach a larger goal. Even black belt is not the conclusion of training but rather another step towards additional learning and development, much like life.

My third wish would be for my children to be safe. Right now this responsibility falls on the adults who care for them... their mother and grandparents, their teachers, babysitters, me, etc. But as children age, the responsibility slowly shifts to them, until they are ultimately responsible for themselves. If my children ever found themselves in a "situation," their martial arts knowledge could save their life.



I don't expect a genie to pay me a visit on Father's Day. However, I believe that the wishes I would make will be achieved anyway. Like most dads, I am always looking to the future, and I never want to hear myself say, "If my kids had taken martial arts; maybe things would have been different."