



KMA HAP KI DO NEWS

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Happy New Year from Grand Master Lee!!

A spectacular year at KMA! God has certainly been good to us and I want to express my appreciation to everyone for helping to make 2007 a successful and fruitful year. Here are some of the year's highlights:

On **December 28**, KMA hosted its **3rd Annual Red Cross Blood Drive**, during which we collected 39 precious pints of blood.

On **December 15**, we hosted our **Annual Christmas Party** - this year in conjunction with the 8th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships Kickoff - at Kellogg Arena. We counted over 400 party-goers and a good time was had by all. Over 80 representatives from KMA satellite schools in Dexter, Flint, and Grand Rapids joined the party, during which all KMA students (including satellite schools) provided awesome demonstrations of their Hap Ki Do skills. The Gospel Quartet, "By Chance" provided beautiful Christmas music, creating a festive atmosphere. Members of "By Chance" included Aaron Tyler (KMA student) and Nancy Micklatcher (KMA Mom).

On **July 17**, we took a team of **31 athletes and 8 chaperones to South Korea** to compete in the 7th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships, returning victorious with the First Place Trophy for Group Competition, as well as several individual gold, silver, and bronze medals. Another huge victory for KMA was winning the final bid to host the 8th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships in 2010 – this will be the first time this event has ever taken place outside South Korea.

On **July 13-14**, KMA raised over **\$10,700 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life**, bringing the total raised for this event by KMA during the last four years to approximately \$43,000.

In the **Spring of 2007**, we welcomed **three satellite schools** to the KMA family - Dexter, Flint, and Grand Rapids, MI. These schools have chosen to base their curriculum and promotions on the KMA model and will now be recognized by the International Hap Ki Do Federation as KMA satellite schools.

During **2007**, a total of **27 KMA students were promoted to varying ranks of Black Belt** and a total of **348 KMA students were promoted during Gup Testing**. These numbers included students from satellite schools.

We are thankful for a great year at KMA and are looking forward to another great year in 2008. We hope you and your family have a blessed year!

New Class Hours Beginning January 7, 2008

Beginning Monday, January 7, 2008, KMA class hours will be changed to better meet the needs of students:

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| Mon: 5:15-5:45pm | Little Ninjas (5-6 year olds) |
| Mon: 5:45-6:30pm | Children Class (White thru Green Belts, 12 years old & younger) |
| Mon: 6:35-7:30pm | Adult Class (all ranks) |
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| Tue: 5:45-6:30pm | Children Class (Blue thru Black Belts, 12 years old & younger) |
| Tue: 6:35-7:30pm | Demo Team |
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| Wed: 5:15-5:45pm | Little Ninjas (5-6 year olds) |
| Wed: 5:45-6:30pm | Children Class (White thru Green Belts, 12 years old & younger) |
| Wed: 6:35-7:30pm | Family/Combined Class (all ranks, all ages) |
| 7:30-8:00pm | Kumsool |
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| Thu: 5:45-6:30pm | Children Class (Blue thru Black Belts, 12 years old & younger) |
| Thu: 6:35-7:30pm | Adult Class (all ranks) |
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| Fri: 5:30-6:20pm | Sparring (all ranks, all ages – must have full gear!!) |
| Fri: 6:30-7:00pm | Black Belt Instructor Class |
| 7:00-8:00pm | Kumsool |
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| Sat: 9:30-10:15am | Children Class (all ranks, 12 years old & younger) |
| Sat: 10:30-11:30am | Adult Class (all ranks) |

On Gup Promotion Saturdays, we will have the Children Class, but no Adult Class.

Looking for Champions to Compete in 2010!

You or one of your friends could be **the next Gold Medalist in the martial art of Hap Ki Do!!** Start training now to compete in the 8th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships in 2010, being held in Battle Creek. You will be competing with over 1,000 competitors from around the world.

Competitions will include Team Competition, Kicking, Long and High Falls, Self-Defense, and Free-Sparring. **YOU CAN WIN THE GOLD!!!**

2010 in B.C.!!

KMA's 272nd Gup Promotion

On December 8, 2007, KMA held its 272nd Gup Promotion. A total of 29 students were promoted as follows:

3 rd Gup	Austin Frailey
4 th Gup	Elizabeth Barnes, Chandler Klein, Melissa Ricker
5 th Gup	Johnathon Clark, Jim Kolar, Conor Lohman, Quintin Lohman, Brent Yeko
6 th Gup	Ian Cady, Ken Preston, Allison St. Clair
7 th Gup	Brevyn Andrews, Cameron Rupert, Cameron Wing
8 th Gup	Anthony Burandt, Rachel Estep, Karl Henderson, Ethan Metzgar, James Meredith, Alex Morley, Ben Morley, Cindy Wagner, Phillip Smith
9 th Gup	Luke Dexter, Jack Dexter, Kevin Schlueter, Samita Shah, Mark Williams,

Congratulations to everyone who was promoted!
KMA's 273rd Gup Promotion is scheduled for February 23, 2008.

KMA Gup Promotion Schedule

Reminder that the Gup Promotion schedule now allows families with younger children to leave early if necessary:

9:30-10:20am – Children Class – All Ranks

10:45-11:30 – Gup Promotion for **all students, who are currently White Belts thru Orange Belts.**

11:45-12:30 – Gup Promotion for **all students, who are currently Green Belts thru Red Belts.**

No Adult or Instructor Classes on Gup Promotion days.

All Ranks!!! Every time you plan to test, ask a Black Belt Instructor to pre-test you at least two weeks before the test. Also, be sure you know all the requirements, as outlined in the KMA handbook, before you pre-test.

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Attention All Black Belts!!

All Black Belts are required to teach at KMA as part of their continuing education and will be certified and licensed as instructors by the International Hap Ki Do Federation (IHF) HQ in Seoul as follows:

- 1st Dan - Assistant Instructor
- 2nd Dan - Instructor
- 3rd Dan - Assistant Master Instructor
- 4th Dan and higher - Master Instructor

KMA requires all instructors to teach a minimum of **two days per week** to enhance your leadership skills. Unless this requirement is met, testing eligibility for the next level will be delayed by one year. Also, Black Belts are encouraged to attend the Friday Black Belt Instructor Classes. These classes are also open to satellite school instructors and Masters.

Black Belt Test Changes

Beginning this year, KMA will conduct *two* Black Belt Tests every year.

When a student passes the Black Belt Test, they will receive a temporary Black Belt. Their personalized, embroidered Black Belt, along with their official Hap Ki Do Federation certificate, will be presented to that student at the next Black Belt Test.

2008 Black Belts Tests are scheduled for June 28 and November 8.

Happy January Birthday Wishes!!

Alex Lee	1/2	Scott Metzgar	1/20
Olivia Gary	1/7	Trent Lem	1/21
Rey Brown	1/10	Denise Patterer	1/21
Stewart Ricker	1/12	Benjamin Boyer	1/22
Roberto Gonzalez	1/13	Stephen Jessup	1/22
Brendan O'Boyle	1/13	Shon Nelson	1/22
Jeremy Shaw	1/15	Samantha Daily	1/23
Ian Geiger	1/18	Synthia Sumpter	1/24
Dharia Piper-Owens	1/18	Mary Kate Henry	1/28
Colton Tebo	1/18	Terri Gibson	1/29
Hayley Brown	1/19	Cindy Wagner	1/29

KMA 2008 Calendar

Dec 31-Jan 1 – KMA Closed (Happy 2008!)

Feb 23 – Gup Test

Apr 19 – Gup Test

May 26 – KMA Closed (Memorial Day)

Jun 21 – Gup Test

Jul 4 – KMA Closed (Independence Day)

June 28 – Black Belt Test

Aug 9 – Gup Test

Sep 1 – KMA Closed (Labor Day)

Oct 18 – Gup Test

Oct 31 – KMA Closed

Nov 8- Black Belt Test

Nov 27-28 KMA Closed (Thanksgiving)

Dec 6 – Gup Test

Dec 13 – KMA Christmas Party

Dec 24-25 KMA Closed (Christmas)

Dec 31-Jan 1 KMA Closed (Happy 2009!)

Thought for the Month

You crown the year with Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with abundance.

-- Psalm 65:11, NKJV



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