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Little Ninjas Class is Helping Others

KMA received permission to publish the following letter written to KMA, dated 10/20/08:

"My daughter, Raven Marie Lewis, is a four-year old who has asked to go to "Karate School". Financially, we are unable to pay for classes, but after seeing your ad in the Shopper News, we saw hope for her wish.

Our daughter would benefit from this class because she has experienced trauma in her life since the death of her brother, Damien James Lewis, 5½ months. She was in a licensed day care while we were working since she was one-year old. Her brother was born April 4, 2007, and he attended the same day care when I went back to work.

On September 26, 2007, the licensed day care provider gave Damien an adult sleeping pill, "Ambien", because she wanted him to be asleep. Raven saw what was happening to him when the paramedics and police arrived. She has been seeing a counselor to help understand her brother's death.

Raven needs to trust adults again and learn good ways to deal with her anger and sadness. She attends Stars and Stripes Learning Center Pre-School Program. The value4s, education, respect taught there also reflect on what she will be taught at Korean Martial Arts.

We want to give Raven good positive activities that will take her far in life.

Thank you for offering this scholarship to low-income families. You are showing the community that you care about our future generation.

Sincerely, Michelle O'Connor and James Lewis."

According to Raven's Dad, Raven loves participating in the Little Ninjas class and she loves the discipline.



Korea Trip '09

Thanks to everyone who donated and purchased goodies at the Black Belt Test, November 8. We raised a total of \$118 toward the trip in this fund raiser. Thank you to everyone to worked to make this a success.

The next planning meeting is December 11, at 7:30pm.

Looking for Champions to Compete in 2010!

Grand Master Lee encourages you to bring your friends to KMA any time to observe you training. **You or one of your friends could be the next Gold Medalist in the martial art of Hap Ki Do!!**

Plan now to compete in 2010!

Revised KMA Schedule

Mon: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Mon: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (White thru Green Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Mon: 6:30-7:20pm	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Tue: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Tue: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Tue: 6:40-7:30pm	Demo Team
Wed: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Wed: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (White thru Green Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Wed: 6:30-7:20pm	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Wed: 7:30-8:30pm	Moo Yea (Kum Sool)
Thur: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)
Thur: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)
Thur: 6:40-7:30pm	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Fri: 5:30-6:20pm	Sparring (all ranks, all ages – <u>everyone must have full gear!!</u>)
Fri: 6:30-7:30pm	Moo Yea (Kum Sool)
Sat: 9:30-10:15am	Super Ninjas (all ranks, 7 thru 12 years old)
Sat: 10:30-11:30am	Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)
Sat: 11:30-12:00	Black Belt Class

On Gup Promotion Saturdays, we will have the Super Ninjas Class, but no Teen/Adult or Black Belt Classes.

****Reminder that all KMA students must bring their sparring gear to every KMA class****

KMA Weather Policy Reminder

For the safety of our students, **KMA will be closed during "Tornado Watches" and "Tornado Warnings"**. If a **"Tornado Watch or Warning"** is announced in advance, to be in effect during KMA class hours, KMA will be closed.

If a **"Tornado Watch"** announcement is made during KMA class hours, class will be stopped and students will be sent home. For students whose transportation is not at KMA, Class Instructor(s) will stay at KMA until student transportation arrives. Parents – please stay posted on weather advisories.

If a **"Tornado Warning"** announcement is made during class, **everyone** inside the school will take cover in the Girls' Locker Room until the warning has expired. We can be reached by calling 963-5425, 317-0552, 274-5363, 986-0123.

If KMA must close for any reason, it will be announced on WBCK (FM 95.3), WOOD TV (Channels 8 & 41), and WWMT (Channel 3).



KMA's 29th Black Belt Test

On November 8, 2008, KMA held its 29th Black Belt Test. A total of 8 students were promoted to varying ranks of Black Belt, as follows:

Anthony Spahr	3 rd Dan	Brandon Farkas	2 nd Dan
Scott Ashley	3 rd Dan	Jeffrey Cullen	2 nd Dan
Jason Ricker	3 rd Dan	Matthew Weaver	1 st Dan
Josh Staley	2 nd Dan	Cameron Weaver	1 st Dan

Congratulations to everyone who tested! The Testing Board Members were very impressed with your performance and your high-quality Leadership Speeches.

Gup Test Reminder

The next Gup Test will be **December 6, 2008, at 10:45am**. Every student who plans to test must fill out your testing forms now and turn them in to the KMA office.

December Dates to Remember

- 12/6.....Gup Test
- 12/13.....Christmas Pot-Luck and Canned Food Drive
- 12/24-25...KMA Closed – Merry Christmas!
- 12/26.....American Red Cross Blood Drive at KMA
- 12/31-1/1..KMA Closed – Happy New Year!



KMA Christmas Pot-Luck/Can Food Drive

On Saturday, December 13, from 2:00 to 5:00, all KMA students & their families are invited to join us in a time of food & fun at the KMA Pot-Luck and Food Drive (**location has recently changed**). Admission to the party is one can (or more) per person of any canned food you would like to donate (no glass containers, please). All the canned food will be delivered to the Haven of Rest Rescue Mission, which is especially in need of donations to feed the hungry in our area during this challenging time. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

If you would like to bring a dish to pass at the pot-luck, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table at KMA.

This year, **our pot-luck will be at the Korean Han Mee Presbyterian Church** – Thank you, Ha-Young & Ha-Im's parents, Pastor and Mrs. Jang!! The church is located at **14041 South Helmer Road**, about 1/4 mile south of the Gethings Road intersection (just south of the First Wesleyan Church – same side of street). The church sits back a little bit off the road - there is a sign at the driveway.

We hope to see everyone at the pot-luck!!



KMA Blood Drive

KMA will host our 4th annual Red Cross Blood Drive on **December 26, 2008, from 11:00 to 4:45 – no class on this day**. Mrs. Munnely, President of the Korean-American Association, will be on hand again this year to assist with running the event. **All "presenting" donors will receive a Red Cross long-sleeve t-shirt**. Please tell your friends and family members to plan ahead to participate.



KMA Ski Club

Whether we like it or not, it's time to think snow...Come join your KMA friends at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego, MI (only about 45 minutes northwest of Battle Creek). Sign-up sheets are available in the KMA office for all students and family members to join the KMA Ski Club. **The KMA Ski Club card only costs \$10 per adult and \$12 per each child under 18. This card entitles you to great discounts on lift tickets and equipment rentals. It also includes two free ski or snowboard lessons for beginners.** This is a fun activity the whole family can enjoy together – join today!



Happy December Birthday Wishes!!

Kendyl Barnes	12/1	Megan Moore	12/14
Taylor Eberwein	12/5	Mason Campbell	12/15
Johnathon Clark	12/6	Allison St. Clair	12/16
Eamonn Shirey	12/6	Matthew Weaver	12/17
Lindsey Barry	12/8	Sarah Huling	12/18
Michael Grayer	12/9	Evan Ziegler	12/18
Carter Needham	12/9	Rachel Estep	12/19
Guadalupe Garcia	12/11	Emily Cutshall	12/20
Michael Blankinship	12/12	Jeremiah Smith	12/23
Ray Salyer	12/12	Tanner Micklatcher	12/27
Silas Andrews	12/13	Ridge Augustine	12/28
Bob Schreiner	12/13	Brandon Farkas	12/29
Jaylon Daniels	12/14	Paige Parker	12/30
Edward Moore	12/14	Shane Thompson	12/31

Thought for the Month

They came bearing gifts



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