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CONFESSIONS OF THE BLACK BELT BROTHERS **By Tanner and Nathaniel Micklatcher**

Now, don't think this is the ramblings of a Miss Manner's etiquette column. We are only 10 and 13 years old...and according to our dad we have very little etiquette to write about. No...this article is about receiving our Black Belts in Hap Ki Do.

We started attending Hap Ki Do classes at KMA a little over three years ago after we talked with Grand Master Hee Kwan Lee, who is an 8th Degree Black Belt and was invited as a VIP to attend the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Grand Master Lee is currently working on the 8th Triennial World HKD Championships to be held in 2010, as Executive Director. Over the last three years, we've attended Hap Ki Do classes 3 to 4 times a week. There is testing at every level but it builds on what we have learned previously, so if you attend class regularly and pay attention there are not any surprises on testing days.

As the title to the article indicates, we are brothers and Nathaniel is actually the youngest student to have earned his Black Belt thus far at our school, KMA. But, there are a lot of 5 and 6 year olds who can achieve the ranking of Black Belt in 3 or 4 years. We also tested for our Black Belts with an older couple. They are both in their mid-50's, and they passed the test too. So, age does not matter when you join our school and work your way through the ranks. (The only exception may be our dad who started with us and is not even one half of the way to his Black Belt.)

Why do we do it? It's fun. We've also met a lot of friends there, who we have time before and after class to hang out with. The instructors are also great. They give us a lot of one-on-one time if we ask them. We also regularly do public demonstrations, which have built our self-confidence.

So, if you're interested in getting in shape and having fun doing it, stop by KMA and ask for Grand Master Lee.



KMA is participating again this year in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The 24-hour event will be held at the Lakeview High School track from 12:00 noon on July 11 to 12:00 noon on July 12.

Master Schreiner is a cancer survivor and the American Cancer Society helped him tremendously to fight the disease. Because the Relay for Life is one of the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraisers of the year, KMA is a strong supporter in Master Schreiner's honor.

KMA will have a canopy set up with someone on-hand for the entire 24-hour period. You are welcome to pitch a tent by the KMA canopy – spend a couple hours or the whole night (parents must stay with children at all times). A sign-up sheet will be available at KMA for you and/or your family members to designate a time to walk/run the track. As always, our goal is to have someone from KMA walking/running the track during the whole 24-hour period.

IMPORTANT!! KMA will conduct Friday and Saturday classes at the Relay (Lakeview High School Track) – no classes at KMA. Friday - combined class 5:30-6:30pm; Saturday - combined class 10:00-11:00am - **for all KMA students in full uniform – A GREAT photo op for family and friends. The more the merrier!**

This event is always a fun and rewarding event for the whole family. If you would like to assist with this event, please contact Brandy Brown, 964-3174.



Welcome New Students!!

Jadzie Almendral	Marjorie Jaszcz
Jason Baldwin	Noah Kue
Preston Barker	Nathaniel Mottinger
Brett Cutshall	Rosemary Mottinger
Wordy Cuyler	Jeremiah Smith
Morgan Genoe	Mason VanBruggen
Greggory Halder	Erik Waring
Hazen Holmes	Sean Young

2009 Korea Trip Parent Kick-Off Meeting

There was an initial meeting on Friday, June 27, for those interested in going on the July 2009 Korea trip. A parent kick-off meeting will be Thursday, July 10, at 6:30pm following Super Ninja/Teen class. All parties planning to participate in the trip should plan to attend this meeting.



KMA's 28th Black Belt Test is an Historic Event!

On June 28, 2008, KMA held its 28th Black Belt Test. A total of 8 students were promoted to varying ranks of Black Belt. This test was unique in 3 ways: 1) KMA's FIRST SET OF SIBLINGS earned their Black Belts – Tanner and Nathaniel Micklatcher; 2) KMA's FIRST SET OF GRANDPARENTS earned their Black Belts – Kelly and Tom Burbank; and 3) KMA's YOUNGEST BLACK BELT EVER earned his Black Belt – Nathaniel Micklatcher!! The following students tested:

- Mike Ormstead, 5th Dan
- Kaylynn Brown, 2nd Dan
- Alejandro Alejos, 1st Dan
- Gregory Childs, 1st Dan
- Kelly Burbank, 1st Dan
- Tom Burbank, 1st Dan
- Tanner Micklatcher, 1st Dan
- Nathaniel Micklatcher, 1st Dan

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

KMA's 29th Black Belt Test is scheduled for 11/8/08.

KMA's 275th Gup Promotion

On June 21, KMA held its 275th Gup Promotion. A total of 19 students were promoted:

6 th Gup	Karl Henderson, Grace Miles
7 th Gup	Douglas Brunner, Erin Hope, Jeremiah Smith, Jose Valeur, Mark Williams
8 th Gup	Debra Holds, James Holds, Drake Johnson, Samuel Luna
9 th Gup	Jason Baldwin, Brett Cutshall, Morgan Genoe, Bradley Harris, Branden Harris, Ha Im Jang, Ha Young Jang, William Stout

Congratulations to everyone who was promoted!

KMA's 276th Gup Promotion is scheduled for 8/9/08.

Happy July Birthday Wishes!!

Jordan Anstead	7/3	Scott Gibson	7/16
Melinda Hogelmann	7/4	Nathaniel Wolney	7/16
Jason McNeir	7/5	Mark Smith	7/18
Brian Miller	7/6	Nathan Tomlinson	7/21
Chase Courtney	7/7	Dan Hill	7/24
Luke Dexter	7/9	Kaylee Glau	7/27
Tony Spahr	7/9	Connor Brown	7/28
Matthew O'Meara, II	7/11	Grace Miles	7/28
Robbie Paul	7/11	Jack Dexter	7/29
Joseph Sudduth	7/11	Alex Morley	7/29
Kira Tyler	7/12	Eric Shugars	7/30
Justin Gorton	7/14	Jason Ahn	7/31
Parita Shah	7/14	Dan Anderson	7/31
Barbara Engelhart	7/15	Tanner Perkins	7/31

GM Lee to Conduct Seminar in South Korea

On July 15, Grand Master Lee will travel to Korea to conduct a seminar for 150 Hap Ki Do Master Instructors – "How to be a Successful Leader". While in Korea, GM Lee will also attend the Annual Board Meeting of the International HKD Federation, at which the 8th Triennial World HKD Championships will be discussed.

Great Lakes Hap Ki Do Championships

KMA will host an International Hap Ki Do Federation-style tournament called the **Great Lakes Hap Ki Do Championships, on Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 9:00am to 6:00pm, at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Michigan.** This tournament will be open to ALL Hap Ki Do students from KMA, every KMA satellite school, and every Hap Ki Do school in the Great Lakes area. All ranks are encouraged to participate.

This will be a great time to test your Hap Ki Do abilities and to prepare for the 8th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships in 2010. Start training now to be a winner at this tournament! For more information about this tournament or KMA, log on to www.koreanma.com.

KMA Summer Class Hours Reminder

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	Adult Class (all ranks, 20 years old & older)
Tue: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts, 7 thru 12 years old) combined with the Teen Class (all ranks, 13 thru 19)
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	Family/Combined Class (all ranks, all ages)
Wed: 7:30-8:30pm	Moo Yea (Kum Sool)
Thur: 5:45-6:30pm	Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts, 7 thru 12 years old) combined with the Teen Class (all ranks, 13 thru 19)
Thur: 6:40-7:30pm	Adult Class (all ranks, 20 years old & older)
Fri: 5:30-6:20pm	Sparring (all ranks, all ages – everyone must have full gear!!)
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	Teen and Adult Class (all ranks, 13 years old and 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****



Happy Birthday, America - May God Continue to Bless You!

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