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MESSAGE FROM SENSEI - Choosing To Be Grateful Despite The Circumstances

The outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a source of unexpected stress and adversity for many people. Numerous workers lost their jobs, gathering with family and friends is not easy any more, and students had to learn how to study remotely.

We started outdoor practice in June and students had gotten used to it by August. Then, the second lock down was announced, I was very disappointed. HOWEVER, I learned how to teach karate virtually and I am happy that many students have shown up to our Zoom classes. All my students give me strength and encourage me to teach karate no matter what the situation is. I really appreciate support from all of you and parents/guardians. I look forward to the day when we can practice together in our dojo! Ossu!

October 10, 2020 DAN/KYU EXAM

The second test of 2020 was held on October 10 at St. Patrick School. 11 students took the test. Due to the situation, we had no choice but to conduct the test outdoors. Despite the difficult circumstance, all the participants did a great job. Congratulations! We now have two new black belt karateka in our club. Big congrats to Thomas and Lynden!

[RESULTS]

SHODAN: Lynden Judd, Thomas Tsutsumoto

3RD KYU: Enzo Leung

3RD B KYU: Braja Allin

4TH B KYU: David Fukuda

5TH KYU (Pending): Radha Allin, Yuto Mata

6TH KYU: Jaxon Watland

7TH KYU: Lauren Elliott, Kendo Kajita

8TH KYU: Hiro Abiko

Mahalo, Sempai Ty for arranging test venue for us.



UPCOMING EVENTS - November Practice Schedule

TUESDAY @Hahaione Elementary

- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Beginners, White - Purple Belts
- 5:05 pm - 6:15 pm: Brown and Black Belts

WEDNESDAY @Kapiolani Park

- 4:00 pm - 5 pm: Beginners, White - Purple Belts, Youth Brown Belt
- 5:05 pm - 6:15 pm: 1kyu Brown, adult Brown and Black Belts

THURSDAY @Hahaione Elementary

- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Beginners, White - Purple Belts
- 5:05 pm - 6:15 pm: Brown and Black Belts

FRIDAY @Kapiolani Park

- 4:00 pm - 5 pm: Beginners, White - Purple Belts, Youth Brown Belt
- 5:05 pm - 6:15 pm: 1kyu Brown, adult Brown and Black Belts

SATURDAY @St. Patrick School

- 10 am - 11 am: Beginners, White - Purple Belts
- 11:05 am - 12:30 pm: Brown and Black Belts

*Schedule subject to change. December schedule to be announced later.

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MEET JKA HAWAII KARATEKA: Enzo Leung - 3rd Kyu

Q. When did you start practicing karate?

A. I started practicing karate in January 2016 when I was five years old.

Q. What made you start practicing karate?

A. My mom wanted me to do some kind of martial arts and introduced me to karate and jujitsu. I liked karate because karate has some cool moves like kicking and punching. My preschool friend also wanted to start karate so we visited JKA Waikiki dojo and decide to join.

Q. What do you like about karate?

A. I like performing kata, I look forward to learning more kata. Sensei and sempai are my role models. I would like to become a black belt karateka like them someday. I also enjoy teaching young students.

Q. Do you have a favorite kata?

A. My favorite kata is Tekki Shodan. It does not have big movements but I like how the kata has symmetric moves.

Q. What are your happiest karate moments?

A. I get excited when I pass the exam and the color of my belt changes. (Enzo passed the test in October and now a brown belt.) I am happy when Maeda Sensei commends me when I do something right.

Q. Besides karate, what do you like to do?

A. I like to play soccer and video games. I enjoy body boarding, skateboarding and I love reading!

DOJO ETIQUETTE

- During class, all students should concentrate on what is being taught and practiced, avoiding distractions.
- One should not leave the dojo floor unless something is wrong (i.e. if you are injured, you feel sick and cannot continue.) It is improper to take a break whenever you are simply tired or thirsty and then rejoin the class. You should only leave the dojo floor if you are seriously ill. Needing to go to the bathroom is not a valid reason to leave the class. You should prepare yourself such that there will not be a need.
- If at any time, the sensei asks you to sit and watch the class, do not lean against the wall as that is considered very rude. Likewise you sit neatly with your legs closed or crossed in a comfortable position.
- Do not enter or exit the dojo from the side door. Only use the main door to enter and exit the dojo.



Every Person is Born with Talent by Maeda Sensei

I completed my long and hard training to become a JKA certified instructor in mid 1980's. A year after I became an instructor, Sensei Mori asked me to teach one of the JKA dojos in New Jersey. I was only an assistant instructor until then. This was my very first time to have my own students. I was excited yet nervous at the same time.

Right after I started teaching, I had an unforgettable encounter with a student. A ten-year old girl with hearing loss visited the dojo with her father and brother. Her father asked me if she can join the dojo. Without hesitation, I accepted her.

She could not hear or speak. However, her ability to focus was incredible and she was one of the most positive students I ever met. She read my lips and understood what I was saying. She communicated with sign languages with a help from her father and brother. She always asked me lots of questions and had a willingness to learn. I learned some sign languages and made an effort to communicate with her smoothly. When she took her brown belt test, I could hear her "kiai" and it almost made me cry. She practiced harder than anyone else to overcome her challenges. Teaching her taught me a lot of things and I truly appreciate the opportunity.

I haven't seen her since I left New York 21 years ago. I was glad to learn that she had ear surgery before going to college. She is now able to hear and speak.

KARATE TERMINOLOGY

Directions

今月の日本語

Jodan = upper level 上段

Chudan = middle level 中段

Gedan = lower level 下段

Mae = front 前

Ushiro = rear 後

Hidari = left 左

Migi = right 右