

# MARTIAL ARTS NEWS

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*It's not the will to win...it's the will to prepare to win that makes the difference. - Bear Bryant*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Saturday, June 4th - Kobayashi National (4th Indiana State Tournament) Kokomo, IN**

**Saturday, June 18th - GRADUATION - NO REGULAR CLASSES**

Need to have name on List by Monday, June 6th

Need to Pay Graduation Fee by Tuesday, June 14th

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Lil Dragons All Ranks / 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Beginner Graduation & Weapons

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Intermediate & Advance Graduation

11:00 am - 1:30 pm Those Graduating 1st Brown or Higher

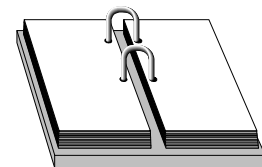
**New Weapon: Bo - Order Yours Today! - Starts Monday, June 20th**

**New Student Life Skill: Goals / Leadership Life Skill: Motivation**

**Saturday, July 2nd - Battle of Independence Karate Tournament (5th Indiana State)**

**Monday, July 4th - SCHOOL CLOSED - INDEPENDANCE DAY!**

**Saturday, July 16th - GRADUATION - NO REGULAR CLASSES**



## NEW STUDENTS!

Katrina Owens, Nathan Martin, Ali Ali, Abdulloh Ali,  
Abdurhman Ali, Carter Edwards, Abby Klimenko

## NEW BLACK BELT CLUB STUDENTS!

William & James Locotosh

## JUNE 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Isabella Anders (1), Hannah Wanzer (5),  
James Gilmartin (7), Itzel Garcia (10),  
Paola Sandoval (11), Katrina Owens (13),  
Isys Murphy (13), NiCole Keith (15),  
Najee Russell (15), Aric Floyd (16),  
Adrian Ramirez (22), Katelynn Wiloughby (29),  
Aram Isikbay (29)



## A NOTE FROM SENSEI:

It's Summer Time! I know I am sure glad the weather has become nicer. I look forward to seeing you in class. Sometimes Summer can be a great time to get in some of those extra classes that can be hard during the school year.

Set your goal for your next belt. Let me know if there is anything we can do to help you move forward with your goals. Also, it has been fun seeing more students with an interest in karate competition. We would enjoy seeing you in competition!

- Kyoshi Sensei Ken Piper

Proverbs 20:11

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

# Graduation Friday, May 20th Congratulations!



## Lil Dragon Graduation -

**White/Yellow Belt** - Jo'Quan Buie, Donnell Frazier, Cedron Martin, Curtis Martin, Fabian Osiel

**White/ Green Belt** - Erlin Daniel Pineda

**White/ Purple Belt** - Hambamia Molina, Jacob Vandiver

**White/ Brown Belt** - Ernest Wesley Jr.

## Belt Graduation -

**Gray Belt** - Curtis Martin, Keara Smith, Tyrell Smith

**Tan Belt** - Daniel Kestler, Steffie Roehlk, Rashid Wallace

**Yellow Belt** - Jamie Roehlk, Steve Roehlk

**Orange Belt** - Israel Galan, Christopher Leavell-Carr

**Green Belt** - Aicha Cissoko, Floyd Cook

**Blue Belt** - Jeremy Bates

**Purple Belt** - Skyler Roehlk

**2nd Brown** - Vernon Hurst

**Apprentice Black Belt** - Ehrich Hurst, Joshua Hurst



## The Great thing about Children!

After teaching children for many years, I find myself saying a statement to many parents. The more times I have said this statement, the more times I find it true. I like to say, "The great thing about children is everything is a big deal. The bad thing about children is everything is a big deal."

The great thing about children is that the smallest things can bring a smile. The moment of small triumph can bring a real moment of joy. A small present, compliment, treat, hug, smile, high-five, can bring great encouragement. Children want to please their parents, teachers and those around them. Though they naturally have a nature to do wrong, they also have a desire to please. It is important as a parent or teacher that we remember to encourage this natural desire towards the direction and goals that we have for them. Many times it is not the child's idea to do karate, piano, swimming, school, or any other productive endeavor. But you would not know that from the enthusiasm that the child can show as they progress.

Sometimes the bad thing about children is everything is a big deal. Getting shoes on. The scratch, bump or other minor injury. The hurt feelings from a stray comment or badly timed remark. The discouraged student with a bad grade. The karate class that they did not get their stripe or get to graduate when they had hoped. All of these and many more can be a challenge for a parent. As parents we must be the steady emotional mature individual to help the child see that those things are not a big deal. We must learn not to over react to the immature child's emotions. As parents, we must encourage our children to stick with things even when it can get hard. This is when the real growth of a student/child begins. Real growth does not happen when things are easy, it is when things get challenging or a person becomes discouraged. Let them understand that everyone wants to quit or gets discouraged. But the test of true character is to get through the challenges and the emotions and completing the goal! We know that nothing is really fun until you get good at it!

So yes, the great thing about children is everything is a big deal! And yes, the bad thing about children is everything is a big deal. But let us enjoy and use the good big deals to encourage them. Let us use the bad moments as a great teaching opportunity about life and success. Nothing is accomplished by emotion but by goal setting and determination.