

DIAMOND BLAST

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Birthdays in Oct/Nov

Oct 01: Luke Griek
Oct 02: Nicolai Colmenares
Oct 12: Thomas Christensen
Oct 15: Dior King-Aris
Oct 24: Lina Ferguson
Oct 25: Taylor Hinners
Oct 25: Samantha Rose
Oct 27: Zachary Walker
Oct 31: Robert Morrison
Nov 05: Darunee Robustelli
Nov 06: Michelle Allen
Nov 06: Richard Ferguson
Nov 07: Stephanie Loverde
Nov 09: Diana Morales
Nov 11: Alexandra Moreno
Nov 15: Robert Sloan
Nov 18: Trey Kelly
Nov 18: Kristofer Krajec
Nov 18: Alex Nachlas
Nov 19: Trey Kelly
Nov 20: Misha Pugh
Nov 23: Justine Hazelcorn
Nov 23: Katie Morrison
Nov 30: Robert Morrison

Upcoming events

Oct 17: Closed for Nationals
Oct 18: Orlando Nationals
Nov 21: Black Belt Tst (6:30p)
Nov 15: Perry, GA Tournament
Nov 27: Closed for Thanksgiving
Nov 28: Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec 05: Next testing (6:30p)
Dec 20: Holiday party (6:30p)
Dec 22: Holiday starts (closed)
Jan 05: First class of new year
Jan 28: Las Vegas Nationals

Tutoring Available

For information about our after-school tutoring, please see Mr. Patrick Oliver.

Orlando Nationals

The ATA Fall National Tournament was held in Orlando, with high-rank black belt competition/testing and black belt weapons competition on Friday, October 17, and all other competition on Saturday, October 18. Congratulations to everyone who participated! (See our next newsletter for details.)

Student of the Month

Alejandro Diaz
Congratulations!!!

More Homework Tips for Parents

Encourage your child to divide the homework assignment into "What I can do myself" and "What I need help with." You should help only with that part of the homework your child cannot do independently, such as using flashcards, practicing spelling tests, and clarifying assignments. This builds responsibility and independence in your child.

Use "Grandma's Rule." Remember that Grandma always said that there is no dessert until you have finished your spinach. Hold off on watching TV and other fun activities until your child has completed his or her homework.

Provide a home study center for your child with adequate light and few distractions. If your child concentrates better with "white noise" (music), provide that help. Also, a dictionary, paper, pens, etc., should be readily available.

Camping Trip

We are still thinking about a camping trip. If you have any interest in having a trip and have an opinion about a good time and/or place to go, please let Mr. Nelson know.

Full Uniforms on

Thursday

From now on, please wear your full uniform on Thursdays. This will help you get used to the way it feels, and gives Mr. Nelson a day on which he can hand out awards.

Editor: Mr. Mike Lewis

Special Congratulations to Mr. Nelson!

Most of you know this already, but we wanted to record this momentous event in our newsletter. Mr. Nelson tested for his next rank earlier this year, and learned recently that he passed. This makes Mr. Nelson the first 5th degree black belt in the history of the Boca school. Congratulations, Mr. Nelson!

Senior Master Stauffer

Senior Master Stauffer visited our school from Friday Sep 26 through Saturday Sep 27. The primary purpose of his visit was to work with Mr. Nelson on his new form. On Friday evening, though, he spent time with every student, and on Saturday he worked with 2nd degree black belts and higher on their weapons forms. Many thanks to Senior Master Stauffer for his support of our school!

