



## Battle of Champions 7

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our 7<sup>th</sup> semi-annual Battle of Champions a big success. We had eighty-eight competitors ... mostly from the West Windsor TaeKwonDo & Kickboxing Academy, but also from the Hamilton United TaeKwonDo Academy. And a special thank you to **Mr Crocco and his outstanding students**, without whom we would not be able to put on any tournaments!! I hope everyone had a great time and that more students will compete in the Fall Battle of Champions later this year. So far, through two tournaments, the leaders in the 2010 All-Star Competition are: Juliet Bost, Michael Ravikovitch, Josca Schabacker, Mary Simpson, Kunitaka Tai, Yufei Tian, Akanksha Tripathy and Sebastian Torrico. As I learn of other tournaments that I think would be appropriate for our students to compete in, I'll let you know. In the meantime, keep up the good work.



## Master Steven

### Leadership Academy

Another endeavor embarked upon with the help and direction of **Mr. Crocco** was our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Leadership Academy. We had 17 students participate in this specialized training program and 6 were awarded the rank of Assistant Instructor. Pictured below with **Master Steven** and **Mr. Crocco**, they are:



**Juliet Bost**  
**Mary Simpson**  
**Akash Bhardwaj**

**Shrey Kapadia**  
**Barath Ramanathan**  
**Akshay Mehta**

You may have seen them, along with their fellow Leadership Academy classmates, helping at the **Battle of Champions** and you will see them helping **Master Steven** with classes. You should address them as *Kyosanim* – Korean for *Instructor*.

The next **Leadership Academy** will be held Thursdays in August.

## May Birthdays



Tejaswi Penmatsu	-	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Simran Bagga	-	6 <sup>th</sup>
Subhashish Mukherjee	-	9 <sup>th</sup>
Yousef Ahmed	-	10 <sup>th</sup>
Lewis Griffith	-	11 <sup>th</sup>
Suraj Kura	-	12 <sup>th</sup>
Hannah Dimatulac	-	14 <sup>th</sup>
Rohith Vasa	-	17 <sup>th</sup>
Reilly Linskey	-	19 <sup>th</sup>
Pranav Pattatathunaduvil	-	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Juliet Bost	-	24 <sup>th</sup>
Arianna Ceballos	-	26 <sup>th</sup>
Nicholas Laio	-	26 <sup>th</sup>
Tarun Bommakanti	-	29 <sup>th</sup>



## Black Belt Club

In May, the **Black Belt Club** will continue work with the Shinai – a bamboo sword used in Kendo.

In April, the **Black Belt Club** welcomed **Hannah** and **Karla Dimatulac** as new members.



## Upcoming Events

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – Belt Testing – No Regular Classes**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – Cinco de Mayo** – A Mexican national holiday in remembrance of the 1862 Battle of Puebla when Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered 3 to 1, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – Belt Ceremony – No Regular Classes**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – In 1846 - at the request of President James K. Polk - Congress declared war on Mexico. The controversial struggle eventually cost the lives of 11,300 U.S. soldiers and resulted in the annexation of lands that became parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.



**May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Renaissance Fair at Mercer County Park**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Martial Arts Madness** – The movie is **Super Mario Brothers**. \$15 per child - 6:30pm to 9:30pm

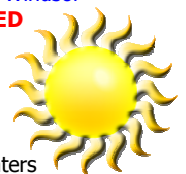
**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Princeton Montessori School Auction** - An event to support educational programs at the Princeton Montessori School, which several of our students attend. Check out the auction items at .... <http://princetonmontessori.org/communication/auction-2010/>

**May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> – Memorial Day Holiday** – West Windsor TaeKwonDo & Kickboxing Academy will be **CLOSED** Friday through Monday.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day of School** – West Windsor Plainsboro Regional School District

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – Summer Solstice**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Juliet's Movie – SALT** – opens in theaters



## Antonia & Valentina

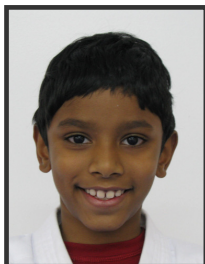
Antonia and Valentina had a busy April welcoming spring with the celebration of Valentina's Christening.



After much formula switching, we have finally settled on one that seems to be addressing Valentina's reflux problem – she has started gaining weight and the doctor has recommended that she start on real cereal. Hurray!!!

And Miss Antonia is a musical delight – she loves to sing and dance. It is obvious that she was born to dance!!! She's beginning to memorize the books that are read to her and she will sit with a book, turning the pages and reading aloud to herself – finally announcing, "The End" and closing the book. She is a joy.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to **Krishna Sivakumar** who had a poem selected for publication in the Arts Council of Princeton's 2010 publication of **UnderAGE**. Krishna will be reading his poem at a publication party on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00pm at the Princeton Regional Schools Performing Arts Center located at 151 Moore Street. (Information at [www.artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://www.artscouncilofprinceton.org)).

## New Students

The West Windsor TaeKwonDo & Kickboxing Academy welcomed the following new students in April:

**TaeKwonDo** - Wayne Fisher  
- Jack Lemmond

**Kickboxing** - Neha Rai

**Welcome**

## What's with the Yellow Attendance Cards?

Some cards have been mangled so badly they cut fingers and mess up the filing system...so they have been replaced with Yellow Cards. If the yellow card gets ruined before December 2010 - that's 6 months - you will be charged \$5 for a replacement card.

*Please*

Don't fold it, Don't put it in your mouth, and Don't peel the edges!

## Martial Arts Madness

Yes!! We've got the sound system fixed so there will be a Martial Arts Madness evening this month – on May 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:30pm and ending at 9:30pm – **Just \$12 per child**. This month's movie is rated PG and runs almost 2 hours. It's *Super Mario Brothers* – the story of two wacky plumbers on a daring quest to save a princess in "Dinohattan", a parallel universe world where the inhabitants evolved from dinosaurs!

## Belt Class of May 2010

Congratulations to the 104 students who tested and were promoted in rank at the beginning of the month. The next testing will be August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>.



## PROTECT YOUR TEETH

If your mouth guard is stinky or mangled, please get a new one – they're just \$4 with a case.

If you wear braces, please let your dentist know that you are sparring at TaeKwonDo and ask him or her if there are any special mouth guard requirements – some dentists will give you a special mouth guard to accommodate the braces.

## Summer Camp

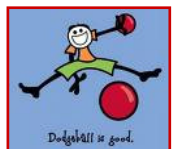
Yes, we are going to run a Summer Camp here at the West Windsor TaeKwonDo & Kickboxing Academy for the month of July only:

Dates: July 6-9, 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30.  
Times: 9:00am – 4:00pm Daily  
Cost: July 6-9 = \$200 / Other Weeks = \$250

Campers must be 7 years old or older.

**Registration deadline (with 50% deposit) June 30<sup>th</sup>!!**

Pick up an Application in the Office.



Comments, suggestions, questions are most welcome. Please send them to the Editor at [WWTaeKwonDo@comcast.net](mailto:WWTaeKwonDo@comcast.net)

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