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## DOJANG NEWSLETTER

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### June Promotions

Congratulations to our students who participated and especially to those who were testing. All should be very proud in making this yet another impressive promotional testing event!

Eighth Gold	Matthew Vaughn Donna Parkin
Seventh Gold	Hunter Gibson Kirk Brandanger Maddie Bernie Olivia King Cindy Urbaniak Lauren Lindell Sophia Urbaniak Samara Dahlberg
Sixth Green	Mrs. Urbaniak Mr. Brandanger Tyrell Rubin Alex Gross Mitchell Gross Lauren Lindell Sophia Urbaniak Hunter Gibson
Fifth Green	Mrs. Stephanie Hedke Nathan Lindell Renzen Caughey Jacob VanRisseghem
Third Purple	Mr. Hanson Mrs. Russell

	Maxwell Seymour Jacob Russell Michael Russell Jordan VanRisseghem Courtney Russell
Second Brown	Mrs. VanRisseghem Joshua Marquart Magali Seymour
First Red	Ms. Christy Cory Ms. Alaura Patrick

First Dahn	Mrs. Cindy Moe Ms. Elizabeth Moe
Third Dahn	Dr. Renee Taylor

### Quotes of the Month:

"Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." - Albert Einstein

"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences." - Eleanor Roosevelt

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." - Henry Ford

## Getting to Know You...Kids Edition:

### *Summer Jobs...*

Mr. Loren Jones was recently hired at Ace Hardware and is enjoying his work there. He is mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, and unloading freight. Master DeWitt explained that when he got his black belt he had to mop floors and vacuum...WELL, it looks like Loren is having a turn! He is finding new muscles that, surprisingly, Master Keppers and Dr. Taylor haven't zoned in on yet (*sounds like a challenge???*). Loren's mom suggested that maybe mopping should be part of the warm ups.

### *Athletic Accolades...*

Nicole Marquart lettered in track (high jump and 100 m). She is still playing basketball, having attended a basketball camp in Marshall, MN at Southwest MN State University.

Step aside David Beckham....Joshua Marquart and his LAYSA Soccer team took 2nd place in Wal-Mart Cup in Blaine!!!

### *Youth Tours and Travels...*

Nicole Marquart will be heading to New Orleans for the Lutheran National Youth Gathering in July. Josh has toured with Central MN Boys' Choir throughout MN and had a recent tour in ND.

### *Academic Accolades...*

*Scholars...*Nicole Marquart, Miss Jasmine MacKenzie and Devin MacKenzie, our resident academic all-stars, have each accomplished a 4.0 GPA. Nicole and Devin received Presidential Academic Awards and Nicole is also a recipient of a Personal Achievement Award.

*National Honor Society...*as her junior year was coming to a close, Miss MacKenzie was asked to apply to the National Honor Society for her upcoming senior year in high school. The National Honor Society recognizes students who excel in all of the following areas:

- Scholar – Students must have a GPA of at least 3.5 and a rigorous course of study

- Leadership – Students must participate in at least two community or school activities, or elected office
- Service – Students must participate in three or more service organizations in the school or community
- Character – Students must have evidence of personal integrity that is backed by faculty testimonials and recommendations

Miss MacKenzie is honored by the request and looks forward to participation in this organization if she is accepted.

### *Service to the Community...*

If you recall from earlier newsletters, I asked for your feedback regarding service to the community. I shared that I would explain the purpose of the request in later editions. The information is here...

As we all know, our tenets and student oath are the heart, soul and spirit of our training, our school and the traditions of Tae Kwon Do. Service to our community is a way in which we can demonstrate these traditions outside the dojang. Further, as some of our young students prepare for college, many institutions and organizations look for strong community participation.

So, Miss MacKenzie would like to take the lead in coordinating volunteer work and include any of the dojang students who wish to participate. She will be working with several organizations based on prior suggestions made as well as those that are near-and-dear to her heart. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet outlining dates & times to volunteer your time at the following organizations:

- Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen
- Camp Confidence
- Heartland Animal Rescue Team (HART)

*Notes from Master Keppers:*

Just a Few Important Reminders:

- **Dojang Juhl Bongs:** Students who have borrowed the Dojang juhl bongs need to return them to the school so other students have access to them when necessary. Students who have borrowed the juhl bongs were reminded to bring them back to class **the next day**. The skull and crossbones tape was placed on these juhl bongs as a reminder to the students that they do belong in the dojang for any and all students who need to use them. These weapons have kindly been donated to the dojang by other students so please bring them back. If they are not returned by the next class and in all fairness to other students, no one will be able to take them home to practice.
- **Uniform Reminders:** It is very important that we are in the proper uniform for each class. So, I am again reminding all students that everyone needs to have the complete uniform in order to participate.

The school uniform is:

- ✓ the dobok
- ✓ belt (must be on and tied properly before entering the dojang)
- ✓ black t-shirt (men's or boys)

The t-shirts can be found in any of the men's/boys departments in any store. Any student not wearing the required uniform will be asked to leave the floor and cannot participate in class. This means no colored t-shirts, no visible sports bras and no tank tops. We have an excellent school and we are going to keep the high standards we have always had so please check your uniform before you come to class.

Thank you,

Master Keppers