

May 2018! The weather's getting fine!

May 1st is May Day, and May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii! And what a great month April was for the dojo with our Spring dojo cleaning, our paint party, and busy preparations for the WSA Youth Karate Tournament coming up on May 19th. What great dojo spirit! OSS!!!

THANK YOU TO THE DOJO CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS

We had an AMAZING morning of cleaning the dojo. I can honestly say that after over 20 years of participating, the dojo was never cleaned so well. Every corner, every wall, every inch, every light, everything! Check out the pictures on page 3! Thank you everyone who pitched in. You guys are the best and we totally appreciate you! Thank you for your fantastic dojo spirit!



Check out this amazing crew! We had a fantastic morning complete with coffee, donuts and dojo spirit! Don't miss out on the fun next time! Thank you!



Kaho Inoue crawled under the shelf in the women's locker room and even got a big spider! Way to go Kaho!

New Exam Requirements Effective September, 2018

Effective September, 2018, WSA is changing the minimum hours for exam qualifications to enable more learning, notably for the more advanced levels leading up to Black Belt:

| Testing for: | Age Group | Minimum Hours |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Yellow | Kinder Karate | 16 |
| Yellow | Youth/Adult | 24 |
| Orange | Youth/Adult | 32 |
| Blue | Youth/Adult | 32 |
| Green | Youth/Adult | 32 |
| Purple | Youth/Adult | 40 |
| Brown | Youth/Adult | 45 |

Notes:

1. Completing your minimum hours does not guarantee you may take the exam. Your Recommending Instructor must also certify that you are ready and performing at the next level in order to take the exam.
2. If you get a Temporary grade, you only need 2/3 of the Minimum Hours to retake the exam for your full promotion.
3. The cost of exams will increase by \$5. with new pricing shown on the new green card. The good news is that it has been many, many years since we raised our pricing. Hopefully, it will be many more before we have to do it again!

Speaking of Cleaning, you can do your part too!

We're doing great at keeping the dojo clean but we can always do better. Here's a couple of tips:

1. Always leave the dojo as clean as it was when you arrived. It shows your respect.
2. If you see something-handprints on mirrors, vacuuming, trash, sweeping - Just take care of it.
3. When you see a higher ranking person cleaning, ask them for permission to take over. Even senior Black Belts need to do this! Take over; it shows disrespect if you don't!

But wait! There's more!!!

Important Dates

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| May 19: | WSA Youth Karate Tournament |
| June 4: | Shodan Award Ceremony |
| June 9: | Youth Exam |
| June 13: | Adult Exam |
| June 15: | Pre-Shodan Exam |
| Oct 26: | Black Belt Exam |

2018 Exam Dates

| <u>Youth</u> | <u>Adults</u> |
|--------------|---------------|
| June 9 | June 13 |
| Aug 11 | Sep 12 |
| Oct 13 | Dec 12 |
| Dec 8 | |

THANK YOU TO THE DOJO PAINTING VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the dojo Spring cleaning, a great team of dojo volunteers painted the inside wall facing the parking lot. We had a great evening of hard work and good fun, but nobody started a paint fight! Bummer!... Just kidding! Check out that wall. One more thing to keep the dojo clean and proud! Thank you Team!

- Russ Wigle
- Hitomi Bercey
- Maya Bercey
- Tammi Kaeberlein
- Jase Kaeberlein
- Sempai Dean Lee
- Sempai Norm Puri
- Sempai Brett Cockerill
- Sempai Liz Barker
- Sempai Kristina Tran
- Sempai Kevin Tran
- Sempai Michelle
- Sensei Richard Garcia
- Sensei Maria Ungureanu
- Sensei John Suzuki

THANK YOU TO THE SPRING CLEANING VOLUNTEERS!

- Terry Lee
- Tammi, Connor, & Jase Kaeberlein
- Daisuke, Yuka, Kaho, & Yuna Inoue
- Lauren and Carol Heinen
- Andrew and Sarah Chen
- Mohammad and Bahar Abdi
- Peter and Tyler Koo
- Daniel and Ryan Nguyen
- Vinh Olanrewaju
- Sean Broderick
- Madison Hansen
- Russ Wigle
- Jengy Gomez
- Yousef Goma
- Brian Oliveira
- Vishruth Pandiaraj
- Sempai Calista Lee
- Sempai Mary Murphy
- Sempai Robert Johnson
- Sempai Brett Cockerill
- Sensei Maria Ungureanu
- Sensei Richard Garcia
- Sensei Kevin Sussman
- Sensei John Suzuki

WSA Youth Tournament – May 19th!

Come cheer for the competitors! It's a fantastic experience for our youth students as they get to show off their stuff. Unfortunately we are sold out, so if you are missing this tournament, come on by and cheer on your classmates anyway! Be sure to sign up earlier next time!

Words of the Masters

"Your kiai is your most important weapon .A loud and strong kiai can disarm your opponent.

- Shihan Kenneth Funakoshi

"Kiais are free... every day!"

- Andre Dulce Sensei

You Oughta be in Pictures!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated and showed their **DOJO SPIRIT!** The bathrooms, dressing rooms, walls, floors, equipment... **EVERYTHING** is clean, clean, **CLEAN!** **OSS!!!**



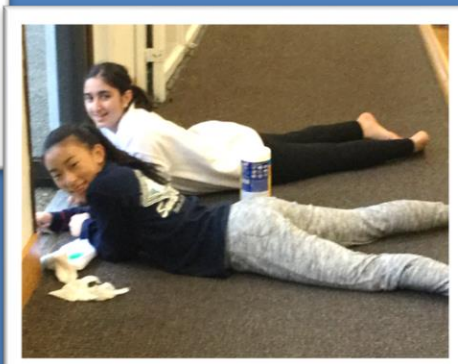
The Baseboard crew!



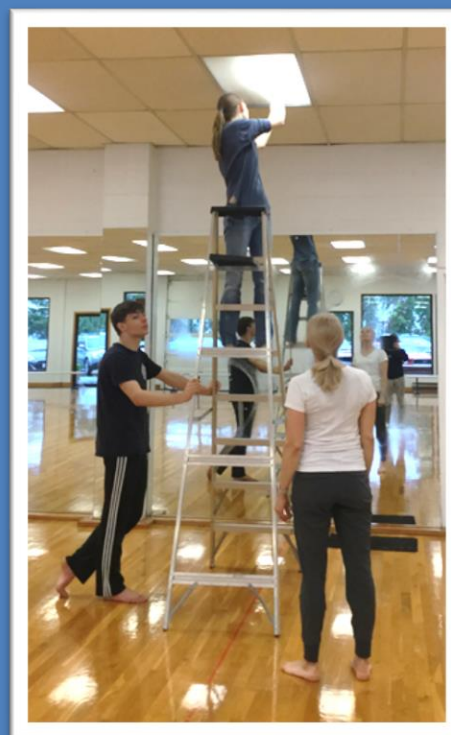
The Broom Closet crew!



The Kaho Inoue crew!



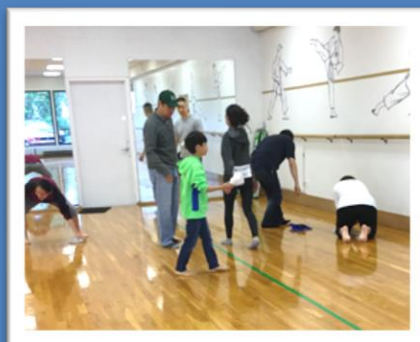
The Laying Down On The Job crew!



The Lights crew!



The Wipe-On, Wipe Off crew!



The Floor crew!

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