

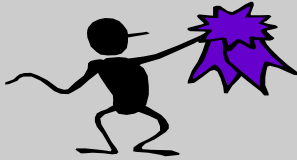


# CHOP TALK

HONOR

BENEVOLENCE

COURAGE



APRIL'S BLACK  
BELT  
QUALITY IS:

## EXCELLENCE

\*\*\* Graduation and Belt Awards Ceremony \*\*\*  
Saturday, April 26th—Travis Ranch Rec Center  
Please arrive BY 9:45 am - Begins at 10:00am

**ALL STUDENTS THAT PASS TESTING SHOULD ATTEND TO RECEIVE THEIR NEW BELT RANK. We invite ALL students, and their family and friends to attend this special student belt ceremony as well to witness special Weapons and Fighting demonstrations by our experienced Black Belt Senseis.**

It's something you truly won't want to miss! Snacks too!

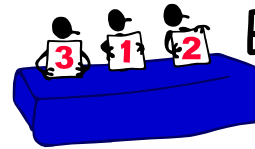


## Ninja Nite

Our NEXT Ninja Nite of the year is on **Friday, May 16th, 6-9pm** If you think your Senseis are fun at the dojo, wait until you see them at a PARTY! Sign up now at the front desk. We're going to **Scoter's Jungle** so sign up (starting April 9th), space is limited to the first 40 Ninjas! (Bring socks!) Pizza, drinks will be served there :-)



**REWARD POINTS EVENT**



## BELT TESTING

### This month!

Rank testing for your child's next belt will occur during the regularly scheduled class on Wednesday, April 23rd and Thursday, April 24th. Only those students who are invited to attend rank testing should attend class on those days.

**Q. How do you know if your child is cleared to test and should attend on those days?** All children should attend the pre-test classes from April 14th through April 22nd. During these classes your child will receive his/her pretest sheet, which the Sensei will sign when he feels your child is prepared for test. Children who do not pass the pre-test will not be testing this month. At the time your child is cleared to test, he/she will also receive an "Intent to Promote" notice where the Sensei asks if your child has been meeting his or her home and school responsibilities and has in your opinion earned their right to test for the next belt. Please complete the "intent to promote" form and turn it in with your test fee.

#### What must you know about testing?

1. Not all children are prepared for testing this month and some may not be tested.
2. All children will receive a pretest sheet when they first come to class the week of the 14th.
3. ***Sheets will be sent home and MUST be brought to each class. DO NOT LOSE THEM!***
4. Please look at your child's belt to see if they have all three colored bars which indicates your child is cleared to test and ask your child for the "Intent to Promote" sheet.
5. Children who are not cleared to test should not come to the dojo on Wed., April 23rd and Thurs, April 24th.

During the month of April, we will be reviewing all material that will be required of your child during belt testing.

If you have any questions about the testing procedure, or whether your child is ready to test, please stop by the front desk or ask any of the Senseis. We're here to help!

**\* Please note that there is only ONE kids Advanced Brown Belt Test. It will take place on Wed., April 23rd from 5:45pm -7:15pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! All Adults test Thursday, April 24th at 7pm SHARP!**

## THE TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST

A common stereotype of martial arts is of the rugged, macho type with a swaggering gait. But a display of bravado is evidence of ignorance concerning real martial arts and is, in fact, a childish attempt to conceal a lack of confidence. Those having true knowledge of martial arts are relaxed in bearing: they even give the impression of being soft and gentle. Those with confidence in martial arts never swagger or brag, and their demeanor is always pleasant and joyful. Outwardly they manifest gentleness; inwardly there is great strength. In daily life they are unpretentious and modest, and their actions are natural, never forced. They show themselves as they are, living a life naturally and spontaneously. *This is the picture of the true student of the martial arts.*

**In order to better assist our students prepare for belt testing later this this month, our Senseis will be available for private one-on-one lessons. Please feel free to contact the Front Desk if you have any ??**

