



Family News

OCTOBER 2017

TESTING SCHEDULE:

Pre-test: (Wed) October 4

Test: (Fri) October 13

Make Up Test: (Fri) October 20

(all students will test during the same time as regular class. Testing for advanced belts (brown and up) will begin at 4:45 pm. Please remember to bring your testing paper, testing fee, and sparring gear (purple belts and up).

Happy
Halloween

10/31(Tue)

The school is **CLOSED**.
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Children Learn What They Live

*If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility,
She learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.*

*If a child lives with shame,
She learns to feel guilty.*

*If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,
She learns confidence.*

*If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.*

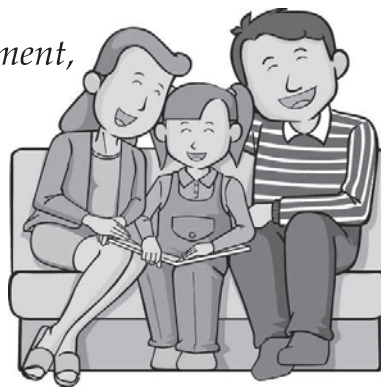
*If a child lives with fairness,
She learns justice.*

*If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with approval,
She learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
She learns to find love in the world.*



**Parents and Students,
Please take a moment to write a short review on Yelp. We'd love to have your feedback about our dojo.**



BLACK BELT *Night*



Newly minted and seasoned black belts got together to celebrate their years of training at West America TKD. We had a fun night of a volleyball showdown, pizza, and lots of laughs.



Matajuro and the Art of the Sword

Matajuro Yagyu, son of a renowned master of the sword, was relegated by his father, who believed his efforts were not sufficient to become a true master. Matajuro decided to conquer that objective, traveled to mount Futara with the intent of finding the famous master Banzo, but this master only confirmed his father's judgment:

"You do not fulfill the requirements." Banzo stated his cold assessment.

"But, if I work hard, how many years does it take for me to become a master?" insisted the young Matajuro.

"The rest of your life." answered Banzo matter-of-factly.

"I cannot wait that long. I am willing to endure whatever it takes to learn from you. If I become your devoted servant, how long will it take?"

"Oh, perhaps some ten years." Banzo replied.

"Well, my father is growing weaker by the day and, before long I will have to take care of him. If I work even harder, how long will it take?" he implored.

"Oh, then perhaps some thirty years."

"I do not understand. First it was ten years, now it's thirty. Believe me, I am willing to endure anything to master this art as soon as possible." he pleaded.

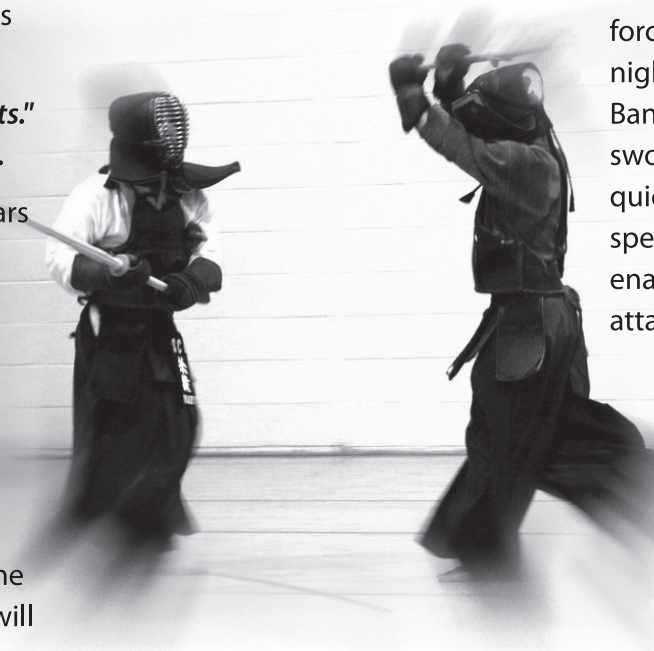
"Well, in that case, you will have to spend seventy years with me. A man that anxious for results cannot learn fast enough." explained Banzo.

"Very well," declared Matajuro, "I finally understand that it's a matter of patience. I accept to become your servant."

was tending his chores, lost in his sad thoughts, Banzo crept close to him, and struck him hard on his back with the Bokken (wood sword). On the next day, Matajuro was preparing the rice and the master attacked him again, when he least expected.

From that day forward, Matajuro was forced to defend himself day and night from the sudden attacks of Banzo, always alert to avoid the sword of the master. He learnt so quickly that his concentration, his speed and a sort of sixth sense enabled him to avoid Banzo's attacks.

Then one day, before completing ten years after his arrival, the master told him he had nothing more to teach him.



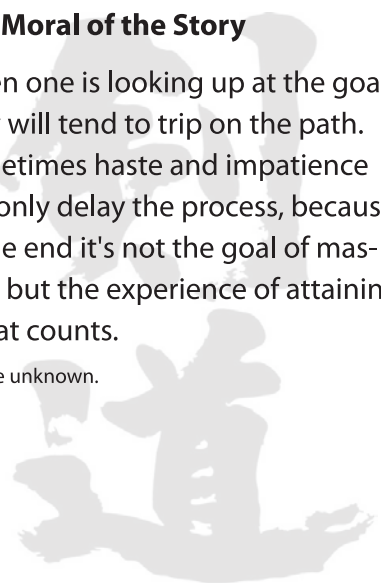
It was then demanded of Matajuro that he would not speak of the art of the sword or touch a sword again. He served the master, preparing his meals, cleaning his rooms and tending to his garden, always without uttering a single word about the art of the sword. He was even forbidden to watch the training of the other students.

Three years passed and Matajuro, always working, thinking often of his misfortune, since he could still not devote his life to the study of the art he had chosen. One day, while he

The Moral of the Story

When one is looking up at the goal, they will tend to trip on the path. Sometimes haste and impatience will only delay the process, because in the end it's not the goal of mastery, but the experience of attaining it that counts.

Source unknown.



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Way to Go!



BLUE BELT
Marco May



WHITE BELT
Miller Weir



BROWN BELT
Sam Johnston



YELLOW BELT
Lara Ertaul



RED BELT
Alexander DeLapp



ORANGE BELT
Jonathan Pomerantz



SKUNK BELT
Tawnie Winchester



PURPLE BELT
Natalie Schaffer



BLACK BELT
Peter Colwell



GREEN BELT
Mirielle Harkins



ADULT
Kathleen Isaza



**You
Are A
Star!**

Good Job!

The original Chinese adage:
Knowledge is like paddling a boat against
the current: if you stop paddling, you not
only cannot retain your position, you are
actually bound to regress.

If you goof around in class, you lose your
chance of gaining knowledge. You not only
cannot retain the proficiency of your cur-
rent belt level, you are actually regressing
to the skill level of a lower belt.

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