**Dojo Update 6/23/2025**

We are pleased to announce that all members of OKKA Mullica Hill's Candidate Class of June 2025 successfully completed the Black Belt Candidate Exam. We want everyone to know how proud we are of them.

**They are OKKA Black Belt Strong!**
**Shodan** (1st Degree Black Belt): Eli Hsu, Avantika Naha, Neel Shukla & Chase Tedrow

**Nidan** (2nd Degree Black Belt): Joshua Hsu
**Sandan**(3rd Degree Black Belt): Levi Seals

**To All Karate Families**

You are cordially invited to attend

Okinawa Kenpo Karate Academy’s Black Belt Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location:  Pleasant Valley School Gymnasium; 401 Cedar Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 080862

\* The performance starts at 10 a.m. The doors will open for the audience at 9:30 a.m.\*

**Both the July – December 2025 calendar and the Summer of Fun 2025 calendar can be found at okkamullicahill.com (to view or print) and hard copies in both Parent Galleries.**

**This Week...**

* 6/23 (Monday) Official Start of OKKA **Summer of Fun 2025!**
* 6/23 – 6/28: Week 1 for students; Candidates @ Extravaganza practice.
* **Leadership** **Bring:** All Ranks bring Sparring Gear.
* 6/23 (Monday) Sword & Shield game in class.***Parents, siblings & friends welcome tonight.***
* 6/25 & 6/27 (Wednesday & Friday): **NO classes** due to Candidate Practice
* 628 (Saturday) \****Black Belt Extravaganza\**** Great show. Come out to cheer on the newest ranking Black Belts. See details above.
* S.T.A.R. Theme for June is ***Be Respectful***(*treat others the way you want to be treated*).
* CIT: Please use SignUp Genius to schedule your assist classes.
* **Lost & Found**: Please check the Loft Gallery if/when your family is missing something.

**Coming Up...**

* 6/30 – 7/3: **Wear PLAY clothes to class all week.** Give your uniform a vacation! It’s Yellow Tip for kick in your 2nd class of the week **– please wear your belt to class.**
* 7/1 (Tuesday) Obstacle Course Night! ***Parents, siblings & friends welcome tonight.***
* 7/4(Friday**) Happy 249th Birthday America!** Enjoy celebrating with family & friends!
* 7/7 - 7/11: Team/Circle/4 Quad Dodge Ball; ***Parents, siblings & friends welcome in class all week.***
* 7/8 (Tuesday) 7:30 p.m. Joint CIT reward activity @ MH dojo.
* 7/9(Wednesday) Parent Appreciation Night; *Cherry on Top* tickets for class participants.
* 7/14 – 7/17: Green Tip for Combo in 2nd class of the week.
* 7/17 (Thursday) **Karate Chop!** (learn how to break boards) ***Parents, siblings & friends welcome tonight.***
* 7/19 (Saturday) **Mini Board Breaking Challenge** at our dojo; **registration form due by Wed., 7/16.**

**Class Schedule: April 28 – June 28**

**Little Dragon** @ 4:30 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. Monday – Thursday; @ 5:15 p.m. on Friday

**Basic** @ 6 p.m. Monday - Friday

**Intermed/Adv.** @ 6:45 p.m. Monday - Friday

**Black Belt** @ 7:40 p.m. Monday - Friday

**Attention ALL Ranks:**You can find instructional videos on our YouTube channel (OKKA Mullica Hill). The link is on our website in the DOCS tab. Please allow your child to watch our videos (especially if extra help is needed) so he/she can stay on track with this cycle's material.  Questions about the videos or how to use the YouTube channel are best directed to Sensei Aidan. (senseicoakley@gmail.com)

**Reminder for Leadership students (& parents)**: Students should be taking their gear bags and weapons home after class. It’s necessary for students to have their weapons at home in order to practice the techniques, as well as the actual weapon kata. Practicing for 10 to 15 minutes a day on non-class days, at least 3 days per week is the expectation. Doing so is how students develop the skills needed to excel with their weapons. ***Repetition is the motor of learning.***

**Fitness Star Reminder:** Sign up for your Fitness Star Evaluation **at least 1 day prior** to your requested day & time; Evaluations happen during Week 7: Monday through Thursday; Week 8: Monday Only. The sign-up sheet is on the credenza behind the Parent Gallery. All students (Basic – Black Belt) & parents are encouraged to participate.See Sensei Aidan if you have questions or see the website. Go to DOCS… scroll to Physical Fitness Star Program… select *click here*.

**In an effort to improve communication and provide alternative modes to get dojo info to you, we are increasing our social media footprint.** Please Like & Follow us on Facebook at OKKA – Mullica Hill. On Instagram, please Like & Follow OKKA\_Mullica Hill.If you aren’t into social media, no worries, see the Dojo Update every Sunday on the website.

**In the event that we need to close the dojo due to inclement weather or an emergency situation…** notification will be posted on Facebook (OKKA – Mullica Hill). **Please like & follow us if you are a FB person.** If you are not a FB person, there will also be a message on the dojo phone (856-418-1592) by 3 p.m

**Scan this QR code** to go to the Documents page of our website for the Dojo Update, as well as important documents and forms.

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