

Notice: School Closed

Excel Martial Arts Academy will be closed Wed. - Sat., February 20 – 23 for ATA Spring Nationals.

GRADUATION!



The next rank test and graduation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, March 1. The schedule will be:

Tiny Tigers	10:00 AM
White - Green juniors and adults	11:30 AM
Purple - Black juniors and adults	2:00PM

There will be no regular classes.

Instructor "approved" attendance cards must be presented to the desk with testing applications. Completed applications and fees are requested by February 25. Late fees apply after February 28. Life skill star applications are also due this day.

In the event of illness or emergency, the alternative test date is Saturday, March 29 at 2:00PM. Additional fees apply.

Schedule Changes

Watch for the new schedule coming out next week for classes beginning March 3. There will be some added classes and some minor changes for Juniors only.

GOT TALENT?

Excel is looking for a student or student's family member that is a trained singer to sing the National Anthem at the Regional Tournament Opening Ceremonies. The Opening Ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at 10am in the St. Paul Crowne Plaza Riverfront ballroom. Please contact Ms.K. at the front desk if you are interested.

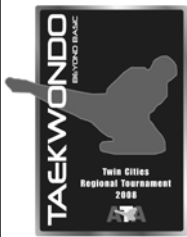
ATA Excellence



On January 18-19, 2008 a fantastic group of our competition team members competed at the Regional Tournament in Sheldon, Iowa. We were extremely proud of all of our team members. Every single competitor placed in at least one event! They were also noticeably respectful and showed strong self-discipline.

	<u>Forms</u>	<u>Sparring</u>	<u>Weapons</u>
Logen Bartz	2 nd	3 rd	
Maggie Beasley	3 rd	1 st	1 st
Angela Berglund	1 st	3 rd	1 st
Daniel Berglund			3 rd
Ben Bruno	1 st		
J.P. Bruno	3 rd	1 st	1 st
Tana Davidson	1 st	1 st	
Matthew Etzweiler	2 nd		
Katie Fiorentino	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd
Eric Fraatz	2 nd	2 nd	1 st
Mason Hellige	1 st	2 nd	
Eric Hovda	3 rd		
Alex Johnson	1 st	2 nd	
Rachael Johnson	1 st		
Jon Kapitz	2 nd	3 rd	
Michael Kapitz	1 st	2 nd	1 st
Dave Niska	3 rd	1 st	
Teeghan Parfitt		1 st	
Craig Troska	1 st	3 rd	
Bill Tolbert		1 st	
Daniel Tolbert	2 nd		
Alyssa Vanlandschoot	1 st	2 nd	1 st
Dorothy W. Woodworth	3 rd	1 st	
Jackson Wilkey	3 rd	3 rd	
Russ Zilles		3 rd	
Skyler Zilles	1 st		

	<u>XMA Forms</u>	<u>XMA Weapons</u>
Angela Berglund	2 nd	2 nd
Daniel Berglund	2 nd	3 rd
Katie Fiorentino	1 st	1 st
Eric Hovda	1 st	1 st



Spring Regional Tournament

Final planning is underway for the Spring Regional Tournament on April 18-19. The Excel staff is excited to be hosting this year's event for the first time and we are asking our students and parents help to make it a huge success!

We will be holding 2 – 3 tournament training seminars between now and then for all students. If we get permission from headquarters, one of them may be a fully-sanctioned in-school competition. If you haven't already done so, you will also have the opportunity to achieve your "Competition Team" patch. We are planning on 100% of our students participating at the tournament and all competitors must be members of the competition team to do so.

You will find a sign-up sheet at the front desk for adult student and parent volunteers. More info to come

Make-up Day Camp

The amount of instructor training and participation that the ATA requires makes our instructors some of the best in the world, but sometimes their requirements put a real burden on our class schedule. To help students this month, we are holding a make-up "day camp" on President's Day – Monday, February 18th. The schedule will be as follows:

White - Yellow	Jrs/Adults	10:00 – 11:00am
Camo – Purple	Jrs/Adults	11:15 – 12:15pm
Blue – Red	Jrs/Adults	12:30 – 1:30pm
All Ages	Black	2:30 – 3:30pm
White – Orange	Tigers	6:30 – 7:00pm
Yellow – Green	Tigers	7:00 – 7:30pm

Jamjalee Class will move to 7:30PM this day only.

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This month's life skill: COURTESY					School Closed Instructor Camp	
3	A.j. Olson, Tana Davidson & Ethan Keller's Birthday 4	RaeLynn Miller's Birthday 5	6	Gamila Neuman's Birthday 7	8	Sava Olenchuk's Birthday 9
Calvin Chang's Birthday 10	Jackson Wilkey's Birthday 11	Heather Binder's Birthday 12	13	14	15	16
17	School's Out Make Up Day	Nathan Smith & Kalai Davidson's Birthday 19	School Closed Spring Nationals			
24	25	26	Test Registration Due 27	28	29	TESTING 1