

## **Junior Taekwondo Testimonial**

“When my 7-year-old son came home from school saying he wanted to take Tae Kwon Do I wasn’t sure what to think. Having never taken martial arts training I needed to do a little research. So I visited almost a dozen schools to observe the training and talk to the instructors. I learned that there are probably as many ways to teach martial arts, as there are schools. One thing that really separates American Legacy Martial Arts from the rest is how well Ms. Bushey and Mr. Smail know their students. In regards to their student’s personality and skill level they just seem to know where everyone is at and how to connect with them. A quick story on that point; my son was having a hard time with sit-ups when he first started. I know this made him feel uncomfortable and out of place. One day he suddenly was able to do them much better. I could tell he was delighted and a little surprised at this (of course as his father I noticed the improvement). What’s remarkable though is that with all the students and all the different skills that are performed in each class Mr. Smail noticed this and commented on the improvement as he walked by my son. No big ceremony, just a simple recognition of something that was surely important to a young student. I think at that moment my son learned more about perseverance and it’s rewards than I could have hoped for in a year’s worth of training, plus he felt 10’ tall. That kind of experience is just not possible unless a teacher takes a personal interest in their students and commits to helping that student with their own personal journey. My son has been in many different sports and activities and I’ve watched them all. There’s no doubt in my mind that Ms. Bushey and Mr. Smail have the ability to get the best out of kids that is second to none. The Taekwondo training is awesome, the life training is priceless! I feel very fortunate that my son has the chance to train with Ms. Bushey and Mr. Smail.”

*Sincerely, Paul Voigt*