

Diamond Blast

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Birthdays this Month

Aug 09: Valerie Lewis
Aug 10: Luis Cabrero
Aug 11: Reid Deitsch
Aug 11: Julian Kaufman
Aug 11: Kaya Mosery
Aug 11: Valentino Battilana
Aug 15: Jeannie Forney
Aug 16: Jennifer Moas
Aug 19: Andrea Fine
Aug 20: Jessica Escalera
Aug 23: Gavin Bouchard
Aug 25: Sara Willocks
Aug 29: Robert Oliver
Aug 30: Benjamin Persad
Aug 30: Brandon Persad
Aug 30: Miguel Nelson

Upcoming Events

Aug 25: Annual family picnic
Sep 03: Closed for Labor Day
Sep 12: Next rank test
Sep 15: Boca tournament
Oct 19: Orlando high rank testing
Oct 20: Orlando nat'l tournament

Last Opportunity for Tournament Sponsoring

Dr. Lewis has extended the deadline for submitting tournament sponsorships to Friday, Aug 24. If you plan to sponsor, please provide your complete sponsorship form (plus booklet copy) by then.

Tournament Day Checklist

Competitors need full uniform. When not competing wear full uniform or blue Team Boca shirt with uniform pants.

Have all patches on your uniform, including the Boca school patch.

Bring your printed registration confirmation to the tournament.

If competing with a weapon be sure to bring yours or talk to Dr. Lewis ASAP about checking one out.

If sparring make sure you have all required protective gear including mouthpiece (and for males, a protective cup).

Volunteers and family members can support our school by wearing a blue Team Boca shirt.

Student of the Month

Emilian Samkovich
Congratulations!!!

Boca ATA Tournament

We will be hosting the Boca ATA Championship Tournament on September 15, 2018. You can help!

(1) Plan to attend. Numbers matter!
(2) Sign up on a committee. Remember that during the tournament most of our black belts will be judging.

(3) Help us find business sponsors to help with the cost of the event (trophies, facility, guests, etc.). We need to raise about \$8000 to pay for various upfront costs (e.g., facility, trophies, etc.)

Personal sponsorships are intended primarily for younger students who can ask for support from family, friends, and neighbors.

We also have business/professional sponsorship forms at the front desk. Business/professional sponsors at the business card level or higher receive advertisement in our tournament booklet and website.

Sponsorships (especially business sponsorships) are a major part of the way we cover the costs of hosting our tournament. If you have any questions about this, please contact Dr. Lewis (jimlewis@us.ibm.com).

Going to Orlando Nationals? Preregister!

The ATA Fall Nationals tournament (Oct 20), held at the Disney Wide World of Sports, is for all ages and ranks from white belt up. If you're planning to go to the tournament, you should take advantage of online preregistration's lower price and advance notice of when and in which ring you'll compete. The sooner you register, the more you'll save on registration fees. If you have questions, ask any instructor.

Previous Rank Testing

Congratulations to all who tested last month, and best of luck to the students testing this week!

