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Newsletter for May

First of all...we would like to welcome our new students to the American Black Belt Academy. Remember, "the longest journey begins with the first step." We are proud to have you here and look forward to helping each and every one of you achieve your goals.

On May 15th the American Black Belt Academy hosted the 1st Annual Roy Kurban Invitational TKL Tournament at Kennedale High School. It was a great day for our school and for the TKL as we had 160 competitors making for fierce competition in all divisions. Congratulations to all ABBA students who placed in Forms and Fighting and to those who competed to the best of their abilities. Special Kudos to Mr. Eric Bautovich who won his first Grand Championship in Men's Fighting!

Grand Master Kurban was in attendance and commented on the wonderful venue, the great TKL competitors and as always the professionalism of the referees and judges. We want to echo those comments and again thank all of the great black belt referees and judges who make the TKL events the finest in the land. On behalf of all TKL directors, we want to extend our gratitude once again to Master Vivian Lynn for her leadership in ensuring our referees are well trained, certified and on top of their game in support of our tournaments. We also appreciate all of the parents who volunteered!

May 29th was a huge day for us at the American Black Belt Academy, starting with a Taekwondo Demonstration by our Special Needs Students during the 2010 Texas Special Olympics at UTA Olympic Village. Ms. Bria Larson, Ms. Rosalie Rogers, Mr. Kevin Brown and Ms. Wendy Dugan are our Special Needs Instructors and they do a wonderful job week in and week out with our Special Athletes. Our students not only performed in Taekwondo in front of a large crowd, but also competed in many other events over the course of the weekend. We couldn't be more proud of you all!

Concurrent with the Special Olympics on May 29th, we supported the Michigan Avenue Block Party hosted by Kurban Chiropractic (our great next door neighbors) to support fund raising activities for the TKD Museum. It was great to see so many folks show up and support this event. There was live music, silent auction, food, and fun...Great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

We've got some great events to look forward to in June...

Upcoming Events:

11 June	(Original) Karate Kid Movie Night	ABBA 7:00 PM
12 June	(New) Karate Kid Movie –	Theatre/Time TBD
25 June	Color Belt Test	ABBA 6:30 PM

Don't forget to become a fan of the American Black Belt Academy on [Facebook](#). Write a review, start a discussion, or just stay up with current events.

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