

School Update – December 2013

MARK MOY ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS & TAI CHI

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I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.
- Nelson Mandela

Christmas Break

Moy Academy will be closed for Christmas Break from December 23, 2013 – January 1, 2014.

The last class of the year is Thursday, December 19. Classes resume on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

December Tuition Payment

Due to year-end tax requirements, all 2013 tuition payments must be deposited before 2014.

If your tuition payment date is during Christmas Break, please pay before December 19. Post-date your check for the date that you're due. Thanks!

Bad Weather Policy

Classes will be held at Moy's Academy as long as roads are safe to drive. In general, we'll be closed if public schools are closed.

Call 360-573-2367 to confirm if classes are being held.

Canned Food Drive for Open House Family Shelter (www.sheltered.org)

THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the Canned Food Drive for the Shelter. They were very appreciative and thankful.

Not only did you give food and necessities to those in need – you gave them hope and a spark of encouragement to make it through their difficult circumstances.

New Year's Day Swim

At first – we make our habits. Eventually – our habits make us.

Kick-start your new year resolution with a memorable experience!

Join us for a swim at Merwin Dam (east of Woodland) on Wed., January 1, 2014. We'll carpool from the school at 10:30 AM and go for a leisurely swim at noon. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Don't forget to bring your towel, shoes to wear into the water (due to sharp rocks) and suntan lotion. Participate at your own comfort level – walk in up to your knees or dive in.

You're also welcome to join us at 10:00 AM at the school for a light warm-up / stretch.

Anyone may participate in this event. Parents – you are also invited!

PS – We'll be eating at Canton Buffet on 78th at 2:30 PM.

Put the Kung-Fu on Colds and Flu

All students - please wash your hands before and after class.

If you, or your child, are sick (coughing every couple of seconds, sneezing, fever) – please DO NOT come to class.

Do a make-up class when you're well.

School Calendar, Facebook

The School Calendar is available at MoyMartialArts.com/Calendar

Also, stay updated by "friending" us on Facebook. ([Facebook.com/MoyKungfu](https://www.facebook.com/MoyKungfu))

Moy Academy Referral Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Fall Referral Contest!

Grand Prize goes to the Wilson Family for winning a night at the Great Wolf Lodge. This is a \$300 value.

Also, congratulations for the Pedones for winning the \$100 Gift Card to Billygans's Restaurant.

Final Thoughts – With Gratitude to our Ohana

"When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude."

G. K. Chesterton

July and August were difficult months. We were in the middle of packing up the old school, building-out and moving to the new school.

In addition to transplanting the school, we had tests/promotions in June, Family Campout in July, Tai Chi Camp in August, test/promotion again in September.

I remember telling Victoria, "I can't wait for December. The move will be over

and we'll have settled in to our new facility."

December is here and we have a new home for the school!

This would not have been possible without the gracious help of so many people. Packing, building-out, and moving. Many people gave time, energy, material resources and carpentry skills.

The school move would have been difficult at anytime of the year. But moving in August was even more inconvenient for people because of summer vacation. And yet, in spite of the hardship, I know that many people rearranged their schedule to help with the transition.

Ohana is a Hawaiian word that means family. It applies to your blood family and friends-that-are-like-family.

It is a like-minded community based on positive, strong and supportive relationships – for the mutual benefit of all.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped move and build the new school. Your efforts demonstrate Moy Academy Ohana in action.

☯ *May God bless you and your family during this Holiday season and in the New Year.*

Sifu Mark and Victoria

\$25 Referral Gift Thank You for your Referrals!

The highest compliment Moy Academy can receive is the referral of your friends, family and co-workers.

Because we value our relationship with you, and our reputation in the community – we treat your family and friends, like they're our family and friends.

You will receive \$25 when you refer someone that enrolls in our [4-Week New Student Trial Program](#). A \$25 check will be issued upon completion of their four weeks.

Pick up some business cards at the desk. Thank you for being supportive of Moy Academy of Martial Arts & Tai Chi.