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Dear Students and Parents,

Sept 21, 2023

I hope everyone has a great new school year. I do enjoy hearing about everyone's new adventures may it be going to a new school, participating in a new sport, or liking your new teacher. I wish everyone the best of luck this year!

Sadly, I have to announce that after 25+ years, Midtown will not be participating in Jinglepalooza 2024. The Elburn Community Center will not be a main activity point in the main Christmas stroll celebration this year. The Center is a not-for-profit organization and is funded by us tenants, donations and run entirely by volunteers. Unfortunately, like many other places, volunteers have been hard to come by the last few years and the setup of Jinglepalooza has become too much for the people involved. Every year during Jinglepalooza, Midtown has tried to raise money as a donation back to the Center. Black Belts that were in the demos all made donations themselves, and in the past 3 years Master Cameron ran an ornament booth. If it was not for the center and their continuous support, especially during 2020 and 2021, Midtown would not be here today. I will be sending out a little letter at the beginning of November, talking about a different fundraiser for the center. The building is approaching 100 years old and needs maintenance but it's still got lots of years remaining for us to train in our comfortable, private setting!

I would like to thank Master Cameron and a grandparent of one of our students. (You know who you are!) for their time and efforts to fix our HVAC unit. We've have had trouble with it in recent years off-and-on. They made it their mission to figure out and fix the problem. I speak for everyone one here, we appreciate all your dedication and thank you for finding the fix!

For you parents, some of you know that I accept Zelle as a payment. I have now started using Venmo as another option too. If you prefer to pay electronically, please let me know.

Lastly, the next color belt promotion test will be in October. Let's focus on giving 100% effort in making sure we have ALL of our patterns learned and memorized, as well as studying everything up to your current belt level. We can't forget the prior teachings when something new comes along. We need to learn and retain it all to be an effective upper-belt or instructor!

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween**

**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years Day**

## NEXT UPCOMING UNDER BELT TEST

**October 2023. I'll provide exact date soon.**

Thank you,  
Master Kimberly Cote