

# THE OKAMI KAI HOWLER



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## The End of the World

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“The only thing that is the end of the world is the end of the world.”

— Barack Obama

*It was around 5:30pm on Dec.10, 1914 when a gigantic explosion in West Orange, New Jersey destroyed more than half of Thomas Edison's plant. Over a half dozen fire departments tried to extinguish the flames, but the chemical fueled inferno was too powerful.*

*As Edison's 24-year-old son Charles watched the blaze, his father calmly walked over to him and told him to get his mother and all of her friends because they were never going to see a fire like this again. When Charles objected, Edison reassured him and told him it was all right, they were just getting rid of a lot of rubbish.*

*Sure, Edison could have wept. He could have cried out in anger. He could have removed himself from the world in a state of depression, but instead he reacted in the only way that seemed logical to him. At 67 years old, he chose to marvel at the force of destruction and then start rebuilding with his employees the next day..*

*After thoroughly examining the damage, Edison estimated that he had lost over \$920,000 (approximately 23 million by today's standards). Due to the bricks of the building being considered to be fire retardant, the insurance company only covered about a third of the loss. After a sizable loan from his friend Henry Ford, Edison set out to recover. His employees chose to work double shifts and together made over 10 million dollars the following year.*

*Terrible things are going to happen. Loss is going to happen. Failure is going to happen. Edison's Vice President A.H. Wilson supplied the best advice in these circumstances, "There's only one thing to do and that is to jump right in and rebuild."*



## THIS OCTOBER!

**We're collecting donations to the  
Canadian Breast Cancer Society!  
Please contact our office to make  
your contribution today!**

## More BJJ!

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes have returned!

- Youth classes on Mondays and Thursdays at 7pm.
- Adult classes on Mondays and Thursdays at 8pm.
- \$10 per person for Okami Kai members.
- Non-members are welcome. Contact our office for details.
- No experience necessary!



**Ladies Only Friday Night Fight Fit!**

**Fri. Oct.22 at 7pm**

**For ages 13 and older  
Free for Okami Kai Martial Art and  
Fitness members!  
\$20 for non-members.**

**Starting Tues. Oct.5  
all 8pm Adult Karate classes  
will be one hour.**

Wednesday Weapons Classes

October 6	kama, eku, sai
October 13	eku, sai, tonfa
October 20	sai, tonfa, nunchuku
October 27	tonfa, nunchuku, kama

All classes are at 7pm.  
For Orange Belt and Higher Students  
Talk to Shihan for details.

**Join Us For Saturday Sai classes starting  
Nov.6 at 12:15pm!**

**Train hard! The next kyu belt  
testing date is**

**Sat. Oct.30!**

**Lil' Dragons testing is Oct.23**

Wolf Pack Report

Green Pack Miri Metauro got 200 bonus points for having a straight A report card!

903 points

Red Pack

Welcome Jack Filippidis, Rylan Cox, and Elouise Pidgeon! Welcome also to Jamieson Jackson! Callum and Sheamus got 100 points for encouraging you to do Karate. Welcome to Brooklyn, Dakota, and Ava! Lily and Ivy Cave got 300 points for encouraging you to do Karate. They also got 100 points for encouraging their Mom to start doing Adult classes too!

865 points

Yellow Pack Congratulations to Ethan Thomas who was chosen as Ichiban for this month! Ethan attended 16 classes last month working hard in both Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu!

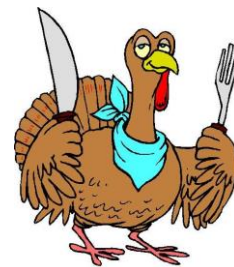
333 points

Blue Pack Welcome to Spencer and Atticus Byl, Kaden and Ben Schilling, Levi Tremonti, Huntington McFadden, and Ella Tracey!

232 points

There will be no Aikido or 1:30pm Karate class on Sat. Oct.8 and all classes will be canceled on Oct.10.

We hope everyone has a safe and **Happy Thanksgiving!**



**Did you know?**

- We deal with suppliers who sell belt displays! Talk to our office today to look at the various ways you can display the results of your hard work!
- High school students can earn community hours by helping with lower belt classes. Talk to Senpai Sonja to schedule your time and ask Shihan to sign your form.