



**LOYALTY: Faithfulness to commitments or obligations**

*“The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other.” ~Mario Puzo*

**FAMILY LOYALTY**

Family loyalty is one of the first loyalties children learn. Kids may say bad things about a sibling, but no one else can. Family loyalty is also where we get some of our first experiences of justice and fairness. “He got a bigger piece than me!” “She’s staring at me!” Children may not be able to vocalize it, but they do internalize the fact that in their family, they are always loved and forgiven.

*“The scholar does not consider gold and jade to be precious treasures, but loyalty and good faith.” ~Confucius*

**UNSEEN GIFTS**

As we get older, we understand that the most important things in our lives are usually things you can’t see or hold like loyalty.

*“When you are sick, loyal friends can sometimes be a better medicine than the kind the doctor gives you.” ~Julie Ann*

**LOYAL FRIENDS**

Loyalty is very important in friendships. As you get older, you will depend more on your friends, so now is the time to learn how to be a loyal friend. You want your friends to be loyal to you, but you must also be loyal to them. Sure, we all have small arguments, but those won’t stand in the way of a loyal friendship.

*“We are all in the same boat, in a stormy sea, and we owe each other a terrible loyalty.” ~Gilbert Chesterton*

**SCHOOL LOYALTY**

A martial arts school is an excellent place to learn loyalty to your classmates. Students should be able to depend on classmates not to hurt them and to help them get better at whatever they are learning. Being loyal to the class means coming to class so everyone can learn together, so that no one is left behind. This is true in elementary school, high school, college, and Bible class as well as Taekwondo class.

**July Birthdays**

- Roxanna Ibarra – 1<sup>st</sup>
- United States of America - 4<sup>th</sup>
- Bailey Hughes – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Anndrea Eubanks – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Greyson Napier – 11<sup>th</sup>
- Dustin Bottoms II – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Michael Eisen – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Brandon Mione – 10<sup>th</sup>
- Noah Veasman – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Dean Mochrie – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Terri Turner – 24<sup>th</sup>
- Mark Schmittou – 27<sup>th</sup>
- Elvin Soto – 28<sup>th</sup>
- Kelly Davidson – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Audrey Burr – 31<sup>st</sup>



*See Mr. Lewis to schedule your next birthday party at Dickson Taekwondo!*

**July Calendar**

**We are now taking applications for the after school program.**

**Hurry!**

**There are a limited number of spaces available!**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - No classes in observance of Independence Day and no 11:00 am class Thursday July 6 (visit one of the night classes).

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – No classes

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Tournament at The Landers Center, Southaven, MS. We are looking for a great turnout of Dickson students to compete!

**Future Events**

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Spar Wars at West Wilson Middle School, Mt. Juliet.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** - CTF Nationals at The Landers Center, Southaven, MS.