## World Karate Day

Karate came from Okinawa during the Ryukyu Kingdom-era and is practiced in over 180 countries around the world with roughly 60 million practitioners today. Karate was originally known as "te" (hand) in Okinawa, but after further development with influences from Japanese and Chinese martial arts, it was official labelled, "karate," on October 25th, 1936. With its fundamental philosophy of "no first moves in karate," meaning the use of force should not be exercised without careful consideration and should be intended instead to bring about peace to the world, Karate Day was enacted with the hopes of traditional Okinawan karate contributing to world peace and happiness all.

World Karate Day was observed during the morning assembly at Aecs Magnolia Maaruti School.

