



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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Vidya Vikas Administrator in focus



Trushna Patel has been a part of Vidya Vikas administration for 5+ years. She enjoys coming and meeting new people and helping where ever she can. She started as a Gujarati teacher 1997. She has 2 kids who have finished Vidya Vikas and are now in college and a spouse who hold things together at home so Trushna can volunteer. She considers passing on Hindu values and languages to our children very important. She has worked in the financial services industry for over 20 years. Now she works in the printing industry and does accounting for small businesses. Volunteer work has always been her passion. She loves nature and enjoys being outdoors and playing sports. She wants to see as much of the world possible. She goes back home to England whenever possible to catch up with family and friends. Now Vidya Vikas has become part of her routine. Trushna says, "We still have lots of improvements that can be made and need next generation to take school to the next level."

Language Teacher in focus



Poornima Srinarasi is a Kannada language teacher and Kannada language coordinator. She has been a Vidya Vikas teacher for last 5 years. She lives in Flower Mound with her husband Nikhil and 9 year old son Amey. With encouragement from her friend Poornima Subbanna (coordinator at that time), she started teaching and now it has become her passion. She eagerly waits for this one hour of teaching every week because it instills in her a sense of pride that she is spreading the love of learning our native language and teaching kids about the rich history and culture of Karnataka state. She feels that teaching our native language is very important as it helps them communicate better with family here and overseas. She always tell kids that they should feel proud of themselves because they can read, write, and speak a language in addition to English. She has a master's in City and Regional Planning from UT Arlington and works as a Senior Planner for a city within the DFW metroplex. She enjoys spending time with family, traveling, and outdoor activities.

Student in focus

Ishita Saran is a 5th grader who has been attending Vidya Vikas School since the past 6 years. She attends the religion level 6 and has completed all 6 levels of Hindi program at the mandir. Ishita enjoys her time at the vidya vikas school and is now a Hindi teachers assistant. Ishita enjoys all sports and is an avid swimmer and a brown belt in Karate. She is also a budding musician learning Hindustani classic music and like to play the violin and harmonium. Ishita often sings prayers before lunch on Sundays at the temple. Both her parents, Devika and Tarun Saran, are Vidya Vikas teachers.

Upcoming events

Youth Group meeting: October. 9

Car wash: October 16 or 23

Vidya Vikas Diwali celebration: November 13

Hindi Speech Contest: December