



# Vidya Vikas Newsletter

September, 2016

## Religion Teacher in focus



**Saroj Yadav** has been a religion teacher since 2006 and a Hindi teacher since 2007. She started teaching when her older daughter was 4 yrs old. Saroj's husband Ram Yadav also volunteers at the temple too. He computerized the temple library member database and checkout systems. She has two daughters who attend the temple regularly and are in 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade at North Hills Preparatory school. Saroj has 19 yrs of teaching experience with different age groups and subjects. Currently working with Kinwest Montessori academy in Irving for past 7 years and enjoys the company of children.

## Language Teacher in focus



**Sandeep Chandel (Chandy)** is one of the Level 1 Hindi teachers at Vidya Vikas. He started teaching Hindi in 2015 and is excited to return for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a level 1 teacher. Sandeep, and his wife Rashmi have lived in Arlington TX for more than 20 years, and are now empty-nesters with a daughter who lives in Austin. Sandeep grew up in New Delhi and after receiving his Engineering degree from IIT -Roorkee, lived in Pune for 4 years before moving to the US. Sandeep's teaching philosophy has been to provide a fun, engaging environment for children, some of who are from non-Hindi speaking families. He focuses on giving an encouraging and positive environment to the young minds, with the understanding that each kid needs a unique learning experience to consume what is taught in the class.

## Student in focus



**Saanvi Sarada** is a sweet, vivacious 7 year old. She is a 2nd grader at Harmony Science Academy. Saanvi likes to read, draw and play with LEGO. Science and technology education are her favorite subjects in school. She is a big fan of desserts. As much as she relishes eating them, she also enjoys making them. She helps her mom around in the kitchen and aspires to be a chef when she grows up. She is a kind, confident and helpful girl. She loves to chitchat and makes friends easily. She looks forward to plays on x-box with her older brother on weekends. She has been part of Vidya Vikas for 3 years. She is excited about coming to Temple every Sunday to learn about Indian culture, festivals and of course to meet and play with her friends.

## Youth Group Elections

Congratulations to Leadership Team for 2016-2017!

**President:** Manogna Nuthi

**Vice President:** Anvita Shah

**Secretary:** Sanchit Shanmuga

**Treasurer:** Geetika Katasani

**Board members:** Hari Jaykumar, Dev Jivanji, Lok Katasani, Sagarika Palshetkar, Ved Sharma

## Upcoming events

Car wash: October

Youth Group meeting: Oct. 9