



# Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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## Religion Teacher in focus

**Anila Jivani** has been teaching at the DFW Hindu temple for 25 years and currently teaches religion Level 5. Teaching energizes her and she finds interaction with kids very rewarding. Anila wants to create a strong foundation where students are able to have intelligent, educated and engaging conversations regarding Hindu beliefs and culture with anyone. She is blessed with two beautiful and intelligent children. Jaisal is a business graduate from McComb's School of Business with a minor in Hindi and Dev is in the 9th grade. Dev is very active with the activities in the temple. She has been working with American Airlines for 19 years. Anila enjoys cooking, movies and helping people where it really helps make a positive impact on their lives. She envisions Vidya Vikas and temple to be a place where our children flourish for generations.

## Language Teacher in focus



**Neha Kunte** started Marathi language classes at the Hindu temple in 2012. She truly enjoys teaching Marathi and participates in other volunteer activities of the temple. She is a proud wife, mother of two and tries to keep a healthy work life balance. Neha holds a degree in Indian classical dance, is a mehendi artist and gives lessons in Bollywood dance and Henna painting. Neha has over 20 years of work experience with over 12 years as an entrepreneur. Neha started her career as a Japanese interpreter and translator in the Aviation and IT industry. Neha Kunte is a passionate business owner, trend setter and a lifelong learner! She is recognized as a business leader who can quickly apply marketing and business concepts to project management decisions. She is a strategic/tactical/creative thinker and a skilled and proven negotiator.

## Students in focus



**Krishna** (13, L) and **Keshav** (11, R) **Chandrasekhara** have been attending Vidya Vikas since 2008 and 2009. Both have been attending Kannada and Religion classes since then. They have also taken Conversational Hindi and beginning Sanskrit. They both know basic Gujarati and plan to attend Gujarati classes in the future. They both play piano, violin, tabla, and take karate lessons. Krishna is interested in geography and history. Keshav enjoys basketball and bike riding in his free time. Krishna and Keshav enjoy Bollywood movies and Keshav enjoys reading. They both are model students in their Kannada classes.

## Upcoming events

Vidya Vikas Diwali celebration: November 13

Sports Day by Youth Group

Hindi Mela December 4

Hindi Speech Contest: December 11

College booths: January 8

Planning for college: January 15

## Profession related talks

Public Policy: December 18 (tentative)

Cyber Security: January 22 or 29