



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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Vidya Vikas teachers focusing on spirituality and arts

Bhajan teacher in focus



Viji Somanath is a music teacher at Vidya Vikas. She routinely performs at the DFW Hindu temple and around the metroplex. As a classical Carnatic vocalist she has always been passionate about developing and sharing her music knowledge. She teaches biology at Tarrant County Community College. Dr. Hansmukh Shah and several of her music gurus have inspired her to teach. Inculcating Hindu religion and our rich and ancient traditional core values into kids' minds is an integral part of this entire process. When words fail, music speaks! She loves to take long walks, listen to music and serve at the temple. She has a son and a daughter. Her husband Al Somanath is a SAT teacher at Vidya Vikas.

Art teacher in focus



Nita Uppal, the 'craft lady' has been involved with Vidya Vikas since 1998. She does crafts for levels 0-6. She has been involved with the Youth Group and has taught religion in the past. Nita worked as an art docent, history of art and a substitute teacher at various schools. Although her two daughters have graduated from Vidya Vikas, she still finds herself coming back to Vidya Vikas. She loves interacting with children and finds the excitement on their faces rewarding. She and her daughters are girl scouts. They have worked in their community and in India to keep art in the life of underprivileged kids and their creative spirit alive. She is glad to be able to help kids experience hands on religion.

Dance teacher in focus



Rituja Joshi has been teaching Bharatanatyam dance for five years. Rituja sees Vidya Vikas students as vessels through which she can pass on the history of Bharatanatyam and Hinduism to future generations. Each week, she is reminded of how blessed she is to have encountered Vidya Vikas 16 years ago. She is a 12th grader at Coppell High School and plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business in the fall of 2017. She is thankful to her parents, Disha and Dinendra Joshi for raising her in a positive environment. She is the president of her school's National Honor Society, a co-founder of Coppell UNICEF Club and a writer with Coppell's Sidekick Newspaper.

Upcoming events

Anand Bazar: March 19

Vidya Vikas Walk-a-thon: April 2

Hindi Final Exam: April 9

Hindi Function: May 13

Mother's Day Picnic (at temple): May 14

Vidya Vikas End-of-Year Program: May 21

Profession/Career Choices Series

Business & consulting careers: March 12

Engineering careers: April 2017