



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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Religion Teacher in focus



Jayati Shah has been a Vidya Vikas religion teacher since 2006. She is a teacher by profession. It has always been her passion to help kids realize their potential. Teaching at Vidya Vikas gave her an opportunity to nurture young minds about Sanatana Dharma and to teach about Hindu customs and traditions. She lives with her husband, Sanjay and two kids, Soham and Anvita in Carrollton. Going to the temple every Sunday as a family and volunteering for various temple activities is their way of giving back to the society. Soham has graduated from Vidya Vikas and is currently pursuing Electrical Engineering. Anvita is a junior in high school and is currently the Vice-President of the Vidya Vikas Youth Group. She likes to read, travel and cook. She would like Vidya Vikas to be the best school for religion and various languages in the DFW metroplex.

Dance Teacher in focus



Jayesh Sharma felt separated from India when his family moved to America 14 years ago when he was only four years old. To compensate for it, his parents signed him up for Vidya Vikas classes. These classes, especially dance, connected him to India. Jayesh has now been teaching folk and Bollywood to Vidya Vikas students for the past three years. Perhaps the war that raged within him at four years of age was simply a conflict of a child removed from his homeland, but the mentality it gave him is as permanent as the beats of music from his first dance class; one where he believes true progress is progress of all, not one. In the fall, he will be joining University of Southern California in the hopes of improving his personal level of being, he does it in the spirit of advancing the collective, because true progress isn't made unless, "we take care of each other before we do the same for ourselves" as Jayesh's mother often tells him.

Students in focus



Manogna Nuthi believes it is easy to forget our cultural roots and spiritual background in America. For her Vidya Vikas has been one way of getting back to her Indian side for almost ten years. Manogna tends to call Vidya Vikas home because she has learned so much about herself and Indian culture by being associated with it. It has also led her in the path to serving the Indian community as the president of the DFW Hindu Temple Youth group. To continue serving the community, Manogna has decided to major in Neuroscience and will join University of Texas at Dallas in the fall. She plans to pursue medical school from thereon to become a physician and researcher. Aside from Vidya Vikas, she connects to her Indian side with her passion for dance. She is currently pursuing both Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, along with Carnatic music. Recently she has been teaching both these dances under her gurus and hopes to continue to do so along with her academics in the future.

Upcoming events

Hindi Annual Function: May 13, 2017

Youth Group Meeting: May 14, 2017

Vidya Vikas end-of-year program: May 21, 2017

Last day of Vidya Vikas: May 21, 2017