



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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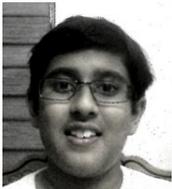
Religion Teacher in focus

Bhavna Tanna has been teaching religion classes at Vidya Vikas for around 9 years. She became involved as her children came to religion class and she would help in the classroom. She feels very blessed and fortunate that our children growing up away from India still have a lot of exposure to our culture and religion. She tries to create curiosity about our ancestors and scriptures in her teachings. Her goal is for the children to be able to proudly explain and talk about Hinduism to the world. Her family includes her husband, Nitin Tanna, who is also a religion teacher at Vidya Vikas, a daughter who is in Graduate school and a son who is a senior in high school and has been helping as assistant teacher at Vidya Vikas. She feels that the temple and Vidya Vikas teachers and volunteers are their extended family. She wants children to be ambassadors of Hindu religion when they graduate from religion school.

Language Teacher in focus



Nisha Mehta has been teaching Hindi in Vidya Vikas for almost eight years. Nisha Mehta joined Vidya Vikas as a parent. Both of her kids attended religion and Hindi classes in Vidya Vikas. She started by volunteering and helping out in the Hindi and religion classes of her kids. She enjoyed this so much that it motivated her to become a Vidya Vikas Hindi teacher. She has taught 4 years in Level 1 and this is her 3rd year in Level 5. She has a daughter who is in third year college and a son who is a junior in high school. She lives in Valley Ranch with her husband who has always encouraged her to volunteer as a Hindi teacher. Ms. Nisha is always excited to share her knowledge with kids when she sees sincere curiosity from the students. Learning the native language of their parents brings the kids closer to their parents and their extended family. She strongly feels that the Hindi language opens the door to understanding our roots and heritage.



Aarav Kansupada is a level 6 religion and Gujarati student who has been coming to Vidya Vikas classes since he was 5 years of age. He enjoys studying about Hinduism and the teachings surrounding our culture. Through these classes he understood the beliefs and core values of our culture, and its main principles, like moksha, or to be one with God, or the reincarnation cycle. He has been inspired by his teacher Ms. Anila Jivanji who uses real world examples to help students understand religion. He is also inspired by Vivek Tanna, an ex-student and now a teacher, who takes out time to impart his knowledge to students. He hopes to be able to teach like Vivek when he is older. He believes Vidya Vikas is a wonderful program at the Temple that brings the heart of our heritage across the seas to the U.S. He loves religion class and wants it to continue for generations to come so children like him can learn about their culture and religion.

Upcoming events

Strategizing for College: October 15, 2017

Vidya Vikas Rangoli Competition: October 15, 2017

Vidya Vikas Diwali Celebration: October 22, 2017

Hindi parent social: October 29, 2017

Vedic heritage day: October 29, 2017

Hindi Mela: November 19, 2017