



# Vidya Vikas Newsletter

December, 2017

## Administrator in focus



**Ganesh Prabu** and his family started their journey with Vidya Vikas from 2009 when his daughters came to learn Tamil and religion. He has been volunteering to administer student registration with Vidya Vikas for about 4 years. Recently he also worked with the new level 3 religion book to make it kid friendly. His wife Jayashree teaches Tamil and his daughters have graduated from Tamil classes last year and are continuing their religion and SAT classes. Ganesh is a network performance engineer in Net Scout for Verizon Wireless. He feels blessed to volunteer every Sunday to Vidya Vikas with his family and to serve the community. His hobbies include gardening, biking, video and photographing.

## Yoga teacher in focus

**Milind Chauk** has been a volunteer religion teacher with Vidya Vikas since 2010. This year, he has been conducting Yog-Vikas sessions for all religion class levels. His first introduction to Vidya Vikas was as a parent volunteer. He was inspired by the dedication and hard work of the Vidya-Vikas teachers and decided to join as a teacher. He considers Vidya Vikas a forum for children to discover and manifest the divinity within. It enables Hindu children in the US to appreciate their cultural roots and learn Hindu values. He lives in Irving with his wife Meenal and daughters – Shreya (16) and Khushi (12), both of whom had been Vidya Vikas students. He works in information technology industry at Goldman Sachs. To him, Vidya Vikas is a place of disciplined and dedicated learning about Hindu dharma. It is doing a great work of passing on the wealth of knowledge about Hindu dharma to our next generation Hindu Americans. It is not only his passion but also his social responsibility towards the Hindu society to support and contribute to this noble cause. "Giving food to a person is a great deed, but giving vidya (education) is even better. The satisfaction (obtained) from food is momentary, but that (obtained) from vidyaa lasts a lifetime" (Shiv Purana).

## Students in focus



**Shreeya Prabu** (grade 8) **Shreenaya Prabu** (grade 7) have been coming to Vidya Vikas since 2009. Shreenaya is in religion Level 8 and Shreeya in level 10 and they both attend SAT classes. They both have completed all the levels of Tamil classes. Shreeya also attended Hindi classes for two years. Currently Shreeya is serving as a Board member and Shreenaya is a regular member of the Vidya Vikas Youth Group.

They both attend Uplift North Hills Prep. Shreeya loves to sing, listen to music and play softball. Shreenaya loves to play Veenai, softball and watch cookery shows.

## Upcoming events

**Youth Group Bake Sale:** Dec. 10, 2017

**Planning for College:** Dec 17, 2017

**Christmas Holiday:** Dec. 24, 2017

**New Years' Holiday:** Dec. 31, 2017

**College Booths:** Jan. 7, 2018

**Hindi Speech Contest:** Jan. 20, 2018

**Canned Food Drive by Youth Group:** Ongoing until mid December

**Youth Group Meetings:** Every Sunday in Room #5