



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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Religion Teacher in focus



Srividhya Kannan has been teaching religion level 4 for the past 10 years. She is a professional Cost Accountant and a mom of 2 children. She believes that being a teacher helps one impart our religious values in children, especially since we are not in India. She feels language and culture and religion are what will keep the kids connected to our extended families back in India. These also helps them communicate well with their grandparents. Our Vidya Vikas school focuses on both these and she is proud to be a part of it. It took several years of work by many volunteers to get the school to this level. The annual day program also acts as a medium for us to showcase the artistic talents of our children. Her other interests are listening to music, videography and cooking.

Language Teacher in focus



Reena Dusad is a Hindi Teacher at Vidya Vikas. "Gaining knowledge is the first step to wisdom; sharing it is the first step to humanity". She is a firm believer of sharing knowledge. In Hindu religion, *VIDYA* is an imperative means to achieve the four goals of human life, namely *dharma* (virtue), *artha* (wealth), *Kama* (pleasure) and moksha (liberation). And more importantly, *VIDYA* plays a vital role to the protection and proliferation of dharma. Only through *VIDYA* an individual can gain right knowledge, control his/her desires and learn to perform her/his onuses. And when she teaches, she feels that she is fulfilling her part of spreading the dharma! She is sure that within Vidya Vikas, we have a real potential to enrich the humanity and help to carry it through many generations. She envisions Vidya Vikas to become a Gurukul for the entire continent, permeated through different states, where student entrust and gain higher but right knowledge. She lives with her husband Vikas and Kids - Dhruv and Kanika and enjoys traveling, dancing, playing outdoor games.

Students in focus



Anvita Shah is 17 years old and is currently a senior at Hebron High School. She has been attending Vidya Vikas since 2004 and believes that coming to the classes has developed valuable life lessons. Anvita, the D/FW Hindu Temple Youth Group president, also believes that attending Vidya Vikas classes has created a passion for serving the community and hopes to continue that into the future. Vidya Vikas has provided an opportunity to give back to the community that has connected her to the Indian culture. Anvita is also the president of the Hebron High School Key Club, another volunteering organization. Next year, she will be attending the University of Texas at Dallas to pursue Information Technology and Systems. Apart from Vidya Vikas, Anvita plays the viola in her high school's varsity orchestra. For the past 12 years, Anvita has also practiced Bharatanatyam under Vani Iswara and hopes to continue dancing throughout college.

Upcoming events

Vidya Vikas End-of-Year Program : May 20, 2018