



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

October, 2018

Vidya Vikas Administrative Corner

Vidya Vikas 2018-2019 school year has started off to a great start. Students and classes are settled and we are eagerly looking forward to our VV events – Vedic Heritage for Levels 0,1 2 and Rangoli, the art competition.

Vidya Vikas is a beautiful example of service to the community by over 100 teachers and volunteers all working to serve the children of our community.

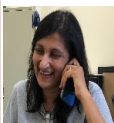
Have you met the administrators? Rajneesh Gupta, Trushna Patel and Mahalakshmi Sivakumar -the core administrators, have been working together as part of the admin team for more than 10 years. Our children have gone through the program. The impact the religion classes have had in their lives has been the driving factor in continuing to serve the DFW Hindu Temple Vidya Vikas program long after our children have moved on.



Rajneesh Gupta until recently, was the administrator in Dr. Guptas Oncology clinic. A very inspiring person, she has nurtured a culture of team work and recognizing and bringing out the strengths in VV volunteers. The Guptas have two wonderful grown up sons. She has been coordinating the Ram Leela program in our temple for several years. Make sure you are there to watch our children in action this year!! Outside of VV, Rajneesh attends Gita classes and focusses on community service with various organizations.



Mahalakshmi Sivakumar works in IT. Hopes to get back to teaching VV classes, attend Gita and Upanishad classes soon. Enjoys working with children. She continues to serve the Boy Scouts troop long after her son has Eagled out. Her daughter and son both went through the VV program all the way until they graduated from high school Missing VV class was not an option for them. The two of them literally spent their Sundays in the temple, bringing their school work with them to work on while mom took care of VV admin stuff after VV classes ended.



Trushna Patel is the back bone of Vidya Vikas, taking care of several things behind the scenes, in addition to helping every Sunday with admin responsibilities. Make sure to go back to the Oct 2016 Newsletter and read about her.

Giving our children the opportunity to learn about our religion is very important as that is what helps shape them into individuals with good values and character. When they are dealing with the challenges of life, the lessons learnt in religion class will play a valuable role in how they handle tough situations, make important decisions in life. As a parent, it is our responsibility to make sure our children attend these classes all the way till they graduate from high school.

Upcoming events

Careers Speaker Series - *Marketing*: October 21, 2018

Vidya Vikas Teachers' Meeting: Oct 21 (non-religion), Oct 28 (religion)

Vedic Heritage Parade (Levels 0-2): October 28, 2018

Hindi Parent/Teacher Meeting: October 28, 2018

Rangoli Competition: November 4, 2018

Something to Think About Discussion Forum: November 4, 2018