



# Vidya Vikas Newsletter

December, 2018

## Religion Teacher in focus



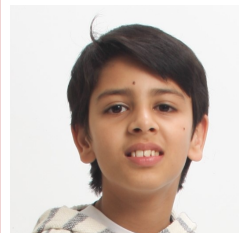
**Tejal Shah** has been teaching for last 6 years and is currently religion level 1 teacher. She loves kids and teaching and was a computer teacher in India. She has 2 daughters (Kavya - 13 & Yashvi - 11). Without her husband Ankit's support, it would be hard for her to volunteer. Her parents and in-laws are very proud of her for what she does, because this is what they would wanted for them as well. The most important thing about being a teacher at Vidya Vikas is that she is continuously learning something new. When one explains religious traditions in ways that make sense to the younger generations, one gets a new outlook on them. Her daughters now have a strong sense of where they come from and are definitely proud of their heritage. They value the culture they belong to. Tejal loves to travel, read and cook, if cleaning is not part of it.... Her sees Vidya Vikas as a place where community comes together to create an environment for the next generation to feel loved and welcomed, a place that will increase kids' curiosity, where we can exchange ideas and knowledge and learn from each other.

## Language Teacher in focus



**Shabaree Jadhav** is a first year Marathi teacher. She started assisting in 2017 and decided to become the main teacher when Marathi classes had no teachers to continue the school in 2018. She got support from her husband and a friend to keep the Marathi school running. Vidya Vikas Marathi classes are associated with BMM which is considered as international university for Marathi language and students can continue their Marathi from anywhere in USA. Vidya Vikas has provided a solid platform for kids to grow up in USA with their roots in Indian culture and religion. It is very important to know one's roots and Shabaree is very happy to be a small part of it. Shabaree's husband works in IT and she is in Mechanical field. She has twin daughters in 3rd Grade and both are Marathi level 2 and religion level 4 students. They are fluent in speaking, writing and reading Marathi and understanding Hindi. Shabaree hopes VV Marathi school will grow up and will have all 7 levels of classes. She hopes all Marathi kids can come to the school and learn a beautiful language.

## Students in focus



**Abhay Gupta** is 12 years old and 6th grade student at Bear Creek Intermediate Keller, TX. He has been attending Vidya Vikas since 2015 and enjoying the learning. He is attending both Hindi and Religion classes. Abhay is a great swimmer and proud member of Keller Indian Band at his school. He loves camping and outdoor activities with his fellow Eagle Scouts. He is good at math and participates in spelling bee completions at his school every year. He loves to play basketball and a geek to play any video game. He dreams of becoming a Periodontist. His parents are thankful to the entire Vidya Vikas team for the endless efforts to help children understanding great Indian culture and religion.

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## Upcoming events

**Youth Group Meeting:** December 2, 2018

**Youth Group Bake Sale:** December 9, 2018

**Hindi Games:** December 16, 2018

**College Student Forum :** Dec. 16, 2018

**Vidya Vikas School Closed:** December 23 and 30, 2018