



Vidya Vikas Newsletter

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Religion Teacher in focus



Shanmukh Salimath, a very valued teacher in Vidya Vikas, has been teaching Vidya Vikas classes for more than 10 years. He says he was inspired to teach VV religion after seeing the great service of late Dr. Shah in pioneering the VV program. Also, he believes it is important to contribute to the enrichment of knowledge of younger generation of Hindus through formal religious education. In addition to religion, Shanmukhji also taught Kannada language classes for many years. Shanmukhji is a Bio Sciences Research Scientist in UNT, and is greatly supported by his wife Dr. Manjula Salimath, Professor of Business Management in UNT. Shanmukh and Manjula greatly appreciate the Vidya Vikas program as their daughter, Varada went through religion and Kannada language classes until she graduated from Denton High School. Varada is currently a medical student at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center. Varada volunteers to help with VV classes whenever she is in town. We wish her the very best in her medical studies. The whole family likes to travel outside the US during their leisure time.

Dance Teacher in focus



Dhivya Balasubramian has been teaching dance for 6 years. Dhivya started learning Bharatanatyam in this very cultural hall back in 2nd grade. She's now a senior in high school. In 6th grade, at the age of only 12, she came to volunteer as a teacher so that she could give the new generation kids what she experienced earlier. Ever since then, she has spent the past 6 years in the dance classrooms every Sunday, teaching, choreographing, and having fun with her students. To her, dance is way to connect with her roots and culture. The fact that it's an art form that uses the whole body is what intrigues her the most. The temple is her second home. Dhivya is doing her official arangetram in the spring 2019. She will be attending UT Austin next fall to pursue public relations. We Wish Dhivya the Very Best as she Marches On !!!

Upcoming events

Youth Group Meeting: January 13, 2019

Hindi Speech Contest: January 27, 2019