



Newsletter ~ Vallabh Vidya Mandir ~



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An Expression

Learning is the beginning of education. Learning is the fulfillment of education. The process by which we slowly and steadily prepare ourselves to procure, chew, digest, and assimilate our learning is what is called spiritual Sadhana – the development of concentration and practice in meditation. VVM is happy to announce that with THAKORJI's blessing we have opened our doors for such growth in spiritual manner for ourselves and for our children. We have seen overwhelming enthusiasm and wonderful support from all the students and VPSS families. About 120 students are enrolled and we have over 24 dedicated teachers. All of our classes are moving forward as planned and we are learning and improving every step of the way. I would like to share a couple of comments from our parents:

Thanks for doing a wonderful job. Last week was a good success and I am sure many more will come - Priti

I wanted to congratulate you for success on the first day of our Vidya Mandir. It was impressive and I am glad that Shamal is looking forward to attending the next class. He is anxious

and waiting. I am so happy to hear those words that he wants to go to the mandir and for the class - Nisha

We all know that teaching and learning involve communications and an exchange of ideas. It is a two-way street. Both the teacher and the student must be active participants. Goodwill and hard work on the part of the students and the teacher can accomplish much; however, learning requires a calm atmosphere. It is therefore, necessary that certain rules be clearly explained and understood. It should go without saying that the first rule of classroom behavior is consideration for one another and for the task to be accomplished. Any activity that disrupts the learning atmosphere or fails to adhere to the Golden Rule is to be avoided. The following are always to be avoided

- Indulging in negative and/or abusive language
- Moving about the classroom during class, unless directed to do so by the teacher
- Eating, drinking, or chewing gum
- Talking with other students when not given permission to do so
- Asking or answering questions without being recognized by the teacher
- Taking materials from either the teacher or other students without express permission

Phalguni Kikani

Up Coming Events

*Family dinner night –
January 21, 2006*

*VVM Annual Program –
April 22, 2006*

Classes Offered

- Religion (Children)
- Religion (Adults)
- Haveli / Bhajan Sangeet
- Keyboard
- Tabla
- Sewing / Malaji / Shringaar
- Folk Dancing
- Arts & Crafts
- Moral Science
- Life Skills
- Yoga
- Cooking (Beginners)
- Cooking (Advance)
- English for Adults
- Gujarati
- SAT Classes

Special Thanks...

A special thanks to Raoji bhai Patel (Mama) for providing snacks on the 1st day of Vidya Mandir

.....also to Akshay bhai and family for Celebrating Nirali's (daughter) birthday with all Vidya Mandir kids and treating them with delicious ice-cream



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Well Begun is Half Done

It was our dream for some time to offer classes on a wide variety of subjects to provide useful skills, strengthen the value system and broaden the thinking horizons of the students to prepare them to be better individuals who can scale greater heights and strive to succeed under all circumstances.

With the grace of Lord Shri Nathjee, Vallbha Vidya Mandir is now able to realize that dream. With appropriate place for conducting classes, and well appointed classrooms, our education program has begun in earnest. We have been able to assemble over 20 enthusiastic, dedicated teachers who are willing to volunteer their time to make this happen. Hats off to them all.

The able leadership provided by our principal Ms. Phalguni ben Kikani has been instrumental in the ready acceptance of our program. We march towards the future with full confidence in her ability and dedication to continue to provide guidance to this infant organization.

VVM has begun this effort with generous contributions from community members who value the significance of this program.

Seeking such contributions will continue along with the efforts to obtain matching grants once IRS approves VVM's application to be recognized as a Not-for-Profit 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization. In the long term it will have to develop additional sources to secure needed funds. One such avenue is Membership Dues. All the supporters of this program are requested to be the members of VVM. In future we will also consider charging nominal fees for attending these classes. But the time is not ripe yet. We must prove our worth and usefulness of the education to the students and their parents alike. If we can attract same students year after year and are able to grow our student body to 300+, it will be presumed that our program is successful.

But in the final analysis financial viability of this effort is not as important as the value of quality education we provide. That is our singular focus and will continue to be.

If our goals are so clear, how can we fail? If we remain committed to this cause why won't we succeed?

Sureshbhai Patel

Our Volunteers

(Three Cheers Please!!)

Rashmibhai Desai Pushpaben Desai

Ilaben Patel	Krupa Dave
Harsha Patel	Mukhiyajee
Akshay Shah	Sangita Doshi
Smita Chawala	Manisha Vyas
Hansuben Patel	Sejal Patel
Bina Patel	Nina Desai
Nita Jasrani	Jaishree Malkan
Hina Gandhi	Prapti Trivedi
Shruti Trivedi	Amla Patel
Mina Kanabar	Nickey Shah
Anil shah	Kokila ben Shah
Daksha Shah	Sudhirbhai Mathuria
Sureshbhai Patel	Phalguni Kikani

Attention:

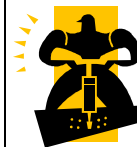
- Parents NOT allowed in classroom during session
- No kids under age 10 in Yoga Class
- Regular attendance required

A very happy Diwali

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Best wishes for New Year

- The VVM Family



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