



# Newsletter ~ Vallabh Vidya Mandir ~



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## An Expression...

On behalf of VVM, I welcome all of our new and returning students. We hope to provide a positive experience of cultural and enriched education. The VVM staff is determined to help the children become good students and aware citizens.

VVM believes that spiritual socialization can be a key to children's healthy development. We understand that after age 7 and 8 kids are beginning their "social lives" outside of the family. For this reason we focus on socialization in a safe and cultural environment along with community building. This gives our children some freedom they may be looking for and eases a parents mind.

VVM teachers and parents are recognized as "Partners" – shared interests in responsibilities for children. So they work together to create better programs and opportunities for students.

The virtues of sympathy, love and kindness are the main ingredients of any religion and education. *Emma Goldman has said, "no one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure."*

The main reason to create such a partnership is to help the youngsters succeed in school and in later life. When parents, teachers, students and others view one another as partner in education, a caring community forms around students and begins its work.

We all know that today's youth demand and deserve cogent philosophical explanations about Indian culture, heritage and religion. The children seek more strenuously convincing reason for following a religion/tradition than

merely the argument that it is the family tradition!

We want to ensure that VVM remains committed to helping our parents/students and community. VVM's curriculum represents the tradition authentically and with dignity, and that the families can feel that they have a culture that they can truly take pride in.

Please join us in working together for our children, for ourselves and for our community.

*Phalguni Kikani*

## Announcement

First Day of 2007-2008 Academic Year of VVM

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

*(Pls arrive on time  
For classes)*

## Free Seminar...

*Empowering Young People to be Safe on the Internet*

By

**Rajiv Shah** – IBM Employee

*(Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 AM Sharp)*

## The March is On..

With great pleasure and hope we usher into the third year of survival and growth for Vallabh Vidya Mandir



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In the last two years we have successfully grown our student body and volunteer teacher core. In the first year, we invested in infrastructure facilities such as classroom furniture, library cabinets, classroom supplies, bulletin boards and writing surfaces. Last year we installed

Good education and good management of the affairs of the organization go hand in hand for success. Both are essential. Good management requires maintaining fiscal integrity and complying with the laws of the land. That is why we are taking deliberate steps to ensure survival and growth.

VVM Management is aware of two main hurdles which keep us from growing – shortage of classrooms and shortage of dedicated volunteer teachers. We are applying our minds to find solution to both of these problems and hopefully we will succeed in doing so in near future.

*Sureshbhai Patel*

## VVM Picnic....

Kitty Hollow Park  
9555 Hwy 6 South  
Missouri City, TX 77459

**Saturday Oct 6 11 am - 4 pm**

*For details contact Priti Parikh -  
[pparikh@gardenridge.com](mailto:pparikh@gardenridge.com) or  
call 281-277-0903*

Basketball hoops and a Volleyball court. We also raised adequate funds for a new playground. During this year as soon as the property owner installs the fence, we will install the new playground. Most of this has been possible due to generous donations from our supporters and matching grants.

In the long term, our goal is to survive without excessive dependence on donations. The strategy for this is to raise necessary funds from Registration Fees and Nominal Tuition charged for attending VVM classes. As we are a non-profit organization, our goal is not to accumulate funds but to raise enough resources to meet our financial obligations and to pay for other ongoing operating expenses. With this in mind, we plan to keep the Registration Fee at \$100 level and annually keep increasing the tuition for each class by \$25 until it reaches \$100 per class per year. Hopefully, this will not be too burdensome for the parents, student body will continue to grow and will ensure fiscal survival of the organization which provides truly valuable service to the community.

## ...One More

*Chess Club*

*Starting Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007*  
(Twice a month at 1 PM)  
Bring your own Chess Board

Free for VVM Students  
(Ages 8 & Up)

Check at the Front Desk

## ..Important

If you are not receiving my e-mail, please send an e-mail to

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This is the best way to communicate with me

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*Principal VVM*