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From Us to You



Dear Readers, Parents, Friends,

What you are about to read is a loving offering from us at TKG Academy to you. This regular newsletter will enlighten you with the happenings at our school; give you the chance to see in action what our students accomplish each month and inspire you to come forward and help out in any way that you can to give our children the best spiritual and material education that they deserve.

This Newsletter is our desire to communicate with you; so if there is anything at all you wish to suggest, critique or better yet, help with; please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

TKG Academy School Staff

School Calendar

Dec 19: Holiday Party!! **

Dec 22 - Jan 4: WINTER BREAK

Jan 5: School Starts

Jan 29: Click Clack Moo Drama at Rosewood Theatre for K-2nd students

Feb 17: "Homus & Me" Drama for 3rd grade & up

**Any parents who wish to come for the annual holiday party, please contact Jayanti dasi at (214) 821-6402 for what to bring. Thank you.



Rishi Dhir

Thank You

- Rishi Dhir & family for a generous donation of \$6,000 worth of computer equipment and wireless microphones for the students use in presentations! Students love the new computers!
- Rupa Madhurya Das for setting up the computers & trouble shooting
- Anil and Biju Chourasia for donation of school supplies for all students at the beginning of the school year & monthly donation.

- Krishna Kanta & Radhastuti for an annual donation to the school
- Rupanuga Dasa for his monthly donation to the school
- Vijay & Ranga for donations for the Yard Sale Benefit.
- Alumni Sri Rupa, Haridas and Radha Kunda for teaching PE.
- Manjali dd for weekly cooking classes for the students.
- Dhira Lalita dd for teaching mediation classes.

Spiritual Festivals



We enjoy celebrating spiritual days! On Mondays, our Spiritual Day of the Week, we have a morning program at the school. Children bathe & dress the Gurukula Deities, lead the kirtans and give class. We also attend most temple festivals and kirtans, during special appearance days or disappearance days. Gurukula starts with Bhagavad Gita class each day, where the kids learn different slokas and discuss philosophy pertinent to their lives. Our goal is to provide a deep moral and spiritual basis to our children in a fun and loving way so they can seek pleasure in spiritual activities in their lives in the future.

Left: The kids paper mache'd, painted & decorated a Govardhan Hill for the festival.



Paper weaving a flower basket for Radhastami



Making 'Simply Wonderfuls' for Govardhan Puja



Alumni Spotlight

Chetan Patel, former student at TKG Academy



Education plays a major role in the development of our children and their achievements in life. We hear it everywhere, "Our children are our future", but as parents, are we prioritizing education at the level we should be for both our children and us? Education will help our children become leaders in the different societies of this world, making it easier for them to be successful

both materially and spiritually. Communication is a key factor to be successful in anything we do in life, and education is the simple answer to help achieve this.

The education I received at the Gurukula and from both my parents has helped me significantly in my life. With their help, I was able to achieve my Bachelors of Science in Economics from the University of Texas in Arlington with much ease. In addition, while I was at University, with the skills and knowledge I had already achieved from the Gurukula and my parents, I was able to find a job at a Forbes 50 company. I owe all my success in past and future endeavors to the TKG Academy Gurukula School and to my parents.

Please remember, education is now the currency of the Information Age we live in. A little sacrifice on our behalf will pay huge dividends in the future of both our children and the society we live in.

A Sample of KG - 2nd Grade Projects



In Sept., kids made teepees, while studying about American Indians...



Painted Cornucopias for Thanksgiving



Study of Brazil & bananas!



Left: Sometimes we work in the peace & quiet of the temple room...

Right: In Social Studies, kids asked members of the community what their occupation was and then categorized into 'Service' or 'Goods'.



Travel to Egypt - 4-6th Grades

A mural of the Nile on the wall, real Egyptian food, costume, poetry study, art and a field trip to the King Tut museum





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Mission Statement:

TKG Academy exists to instill in students an increased awareness of, and appreciation for, virtuous and responsible character, a quality of any person pursuing genuine spirituality. Providing academic training equivalent to, or exceeding, the local school system is the goal of the Academy. The school strives to guide students to become productive, responsible citizens who understand that this world is made up of diverse people and beliefs. The non-violent humanitarian program of the school extends into its requirements that while on campus, students refrain from eating meat and that they do not cause pain to any of God's creatures. Training, knowledge and guidance are ever present as the goal of this institution.

Successful Fundraiser

On October 25, 2008, Rasamanjari devi dasi presented a concert of original lyrics and musical compositions as a benefit fundraiser for the school. Those of you who were lucky enough to attend can attest to the talent that Krishna has bestowed to her. Her lyrics were in praise of Krishna and Guru. She opened the program with sweet acoustic guitar music and held us all under her spell for the next thirty minutes. Then the school students amazed the audience with their chorus of Bhagavad-Gita verses which they had memorized during the past three months. Kindergartners through third graders sang sweet little songs naming the states in the various regions of the United States. Blessed by the presence of two of our most loved sannyasis, Giriraja Maharaja and Rtadhvaja Maharaja, the audience enjoyed the evening.

Toward the middle of the concert, the guests enjoyed a variety of refreshments which consisted of chips, dips, doughnuts, cookies, candies, cupcakes, vegetable plates and fruit plates. These wonderful preparations were provided by community supporters of the school and the parents of the students. During this break, Gopi Gita, a teacher of younger students in the school, presented a garland and our thanks to the parents of Rishi Dhir who had donated \$6000 to the school for the purchase of new computers and wireless microphones. Vijay and Kiran Dhir had worked with Rupa Madhurya, the technical consultant and advisor for the school, in locating and purchasing the new equipment. The school now sports three new Dell computers and an Apple computer each with flat screen monitors. Four wireless microphones were acquired to aid in the presentations of plays and performances by the children. We owe a tremendous thanks to this family and Rishi's generosity.

Rasamanjari took the stage again and entertained the audience for another forty minutes. We are very appreciative to her for donating her time and for driving from Houston to help the school. Dhira Lalita is responsible for setting up this fundraiser and making all arrangements for Rasamanjari to come and preform for us. Thanks Dhira!

With the help of our alumni, the fund raiser brought in a total of \$1034. This amount was amazing because the alumni had about a week to sell tickets. A hearty thanks to you for the terrific support that you gave the school. We also would like to thank Kardama Muni for printing the tickets for the school. Kardama is always there to help the school whenever we ask.



Srila Prabhupada Says:

“Gurukula is our most important project. If the children are given a Krsna conscious education from early childhood then there is great hope for the future of the world.” Letter to Dayananda, Calcutta, January 27 1973