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From Us to You

Dear Readers, Parents, Friends,



Time for a New Year! New years bring new beginnings. Our hope for this next semester is to increase parental involvement; parent-teacher communication; and educational & extra-curricular opportunities for the students. As always, we need your help to accomplish this. Thank you to Titiksava Karunika Colson for heading up the PTA meetings and encouraging us through his emails. PTA meetings are held at the gurukula, every first Monday of the Month at 6:30 PM. We need YOUR input - it is invaluable to successfully teaching our students. Take a break out of your busy month, every first Monday and relish the sweet Vaishnava association and discussions of matters pertaining to your child. Please also make sure you're on the TKG Academy list to hear of happenings in the school and decisions made in the meetings.

Sincerely,

TKG Academy School Staff

Valentine's Day

Gurukula Banquet

Mark Your Calendars!! On Saturday, February 14th, TKG Academy will be holding a fundraiser benefit. You don't want to miss it! Performances by the alumni, a drama by the Gurukula students, songs by the younger children and much much more! Students will display the different celebrations of cultures & traditions around the world. We ask all parents to mark their calendars and start talking to Mother Jayanti right away, to see what you can do to help.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Sanctuary, Hare Krishna Temple

Date: Saturday, February 14th

School Calendar

Jan 5: School Starts

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

Feb 14: Festival of Love Fundraiser

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



Learning About Hanukkah

Bhaktin Angela, student Adrian's mother, came to the Gurukula and taught the children about the meaning and traditions of Hannakah. It was a beautiful experience!



Above: Lighting the Menorah. So many similarities between the menorah and the Ghee Lamp that we offer!
Below: Playing dreidel, a traditional Jewish game

Wearing Yamakas



“Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the lights of the fire, who creates the fruit of the vine, variety of spices.” (Prayers in Judaism)



Sri 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

Holiday Celebrations!

As we do each year, on the last week before school is out for Winter Break, the school Christmas tree was brought out... ornaments from past years hung... students grown and gone remembered... memories and stories told.



Penguin Snowman Ornament by Nitai



Ladybug Critter Ornament by Sesa



A perfect gift for Mother Jayanti!



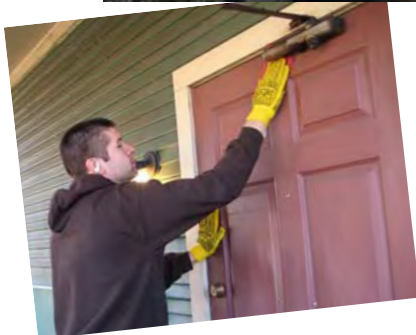
On Friday, December 19th, the last school day of the year, we held our Annual Holiday Party. Parents & students gathered to exchange Secret Santa gifts and honor prasadam together. We will definitely remember Mother Chandravali's delicious Pasta Sauce. It tasted straight from Srimati Radharani's kitchen! Thank yous to Kumkumangi, Lakshmi Priya, Radhe Shyam, Nila Madhava, Lila, Mother Sucharya, Jean, Gita & Bhakti Lata for helping out.

*Dadati pratighrati guhyam akhyati prchati
Bhunkte bhodayate caivam, tad vidham priti laksanam*

Offering gifts in charity, accepting charitable gifts, revealing one's mind in confidence, inquiring confidentially, accepting prasada and offering prasada are the six symptoms of love shared by one devotee and another.

Gurukula Community Yard Day

Thank you to Sarabha, Bh. Richie, Kapil, Sri Rupa, Chetan, Radha Priya, Bh. Jenna, Gopi Krsna, Gopi Gita, Nrtya Kishori, Danakeli, Rupanuga Prabhu...



Sanding, scrubbing, raking, piling, jumping, laughing, hearing, playing, painting, washing, tossing bags, and more!!



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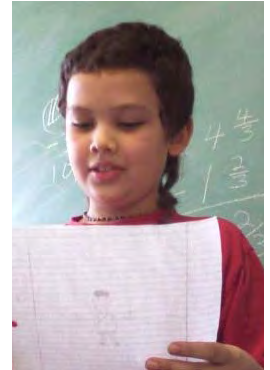
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Mission Statement:

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.

Travel to China - 4-6th Grades



After completing our adventures in the amazing land of Egypt, the class applied for visas to China, our next destination. Once we had visas in hand, we purchased our imaginary plane tickets. We calculated the cost and the time of our arrival, taking into consideration the time zones. We landed in the city of Beijing and our tour began. Students traveled to the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Gobi desert and to Mt. Everest. Our studies of China history included investigating many of the dynasties, the topography of China and ideographs(we made up some new characters). Chinese art, inventions, manners, foods, games and silk were included in our studies. We made zodiac charts and found out which animal sign was represented on the chart for the year of our birth. We compared our personality traits to those of their signs. We discovered that the Chinese invented paper, kites, umbrellas, wheelbarrows, odometers, eyeglasses, paper money, earthquake detectors, and mechanical clocks. Their invention of gunpowder and the compass may well have changed history. No tour is complete without attending a Chinese New Year parade complete with pagoda lanterns and a dragon dance. We did that too!

Our next adventure will find us in Australia. See you there!