**Sunday School Newsletter**

May 20th, 2025

Dear Devotees and well-wishers:

Namaste!

We are completing the year with very good and joyous vibrations of the recent **Varshikutsav** celebration at the temple. We commenced our academic year at the Sunday school on the auspicious day of **Guru Poornima** on July 21st, 2024. All the students were welcomed to an upcoming year of learning and fun activities. We are also proud to share that we hosted the very first movie night in our temple featuring ‘Chota Bheem’.

First session of Sunday school started on 18th August with huge enthusiasm and vigor. Our students presented entertaining and enriching dances and skits on the occasion of **Ganeshutsav**.

The program of **Ramnavami** was full of amazing performances delivered by the students. The performances were filled with devotion, creativity, and a deep sense of purpose.

The event began on a powerful note with prayers and the soulful rendition of Achutam Keshavam, allowing everyone to experience a moment of inner silence and connection. Our youngest participants, the Bal Ganesh group, brought pure joy to the stage. Their expressive miming, cheerful gestures, and happy hearts set a beautiful tone for the rest of the program. It was a delight to watch their innocent enthusiasm.

The Shri Ram class delivered a truly remarkable performance. Without the help of scripts or prompts, and confidently using microphones, each child showcased their abilities with clarity and strength. What a wonder to witness such self-assurance and talent!

The Hanuman group impressed all with their thoughtful presentation. Their focus on values and the divine chanting of the Hanuman Chalisa created a spiritual and uplifting atmosphere. It was a performance that touched every heart.

The Ved Vyasji group presented a skit that carried a profound message—that there is an unseen power guiding this creation, a divine force we all must connect with. Their performance was both meaningful and thought-provoking.

A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated co-teachers. The tireless background work you put in did not go unnoticed. Parents and students alike deeply appreciate your efforts. Your commitment is not only inspiring but also invigorating and rejuvenating.

**Our teachings, rooted in the Vedas and scriptures**, continue to focus on the core human values of **Love, Truth, Right Action, Peace, and Non-Injury (Ahimsa**). Through these principles, we aim to build character, instill faith, and nurture confidence in every student.

For Varshikutsav program, the children beautifully recited Dohas and performed classical dances to two shlokas — Vakratunda Mahakaya and Saraswati Namastubhyam. It was heartening to see the children memorize the Dohas despite not being fully familiar with the language. Even more impressive, they learned the dance routines in just two classes!

A special thank you to all the parents for their dedication and support in making this program a grand success.

It is such a joy to see our children participate at all the temple festivities with their energy and spiritual faith. We saw them enjoying garba, kanya pooja and traditional mahaprasad (meals) served in the temple. Pandit ji has been a wonderful catalyst and has been very instrumental in keeping this trajectory upward.

Our kids also participated in events organized by **SENCAIA like Diwali and New Years** event. Their involvement was appreciated even during Youth Group organized events like **Boofest and Grandparents day.**

It has been joyous to see them progress forward on their own spiritual journey, strengthen their faith and become strong representatives of the Hindu Community here in Fayetteville. We are ever grateful for the support of Panditji, parents, teachers and other volunteers.

Sunday school has been a staple in our community for many years and as we proudly finish up the session of 2024-2025, we are optimistically looking forward to our upcoming session of 2025-2026. We would like to request more parents to consider joining Sunday School as teachers. We would love to have more volunteers. Details of materials covered in the classes are available upon request.

We are very pleased to inform that there is no increase in our fees . We will be charging 125$/child and 150$/family (in case of more than one child). Please turn in the fees in cash to Naresh Ji or your respective teachers by 1st October. After 1st October, late fees will apply (150$/child and 175$/family).

All children are encouraged to have healthy wholesome breakfast before coming in to the Sunday school and modestly dressed.

For further queries please contact our teachers

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Schedule

Timings

**10am-12pm: for 6-18 year old**

**10:30am-12pm: for 3-5 year old**

*(Dates for Sunday school and kids events are subject to change, hence parents are requested to cooperate.)*

10-10:30 am: Initial prayers and general discussion

10:30-11:15 am: classroom teachings for bal ganesh and shri ram class

11:15-11:30am: group activity (yoga/dance)

10:30-11:30 am: classroom teachings for hanuman and vedvyas class

11:30-12pm: bhajan and aarti

Calendar

The **next Sunday School session will begin on August 24, 2025**, with **Ganesh Puja** to invoke blessings for a fruitful year ahead. Other Sunday School dates are as follows:

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| serial no. | Month |
| 1. | August 24th |
| 2. | September 9th |
| 3. | September 21st |
| 4. | October 5th |
| 5. | October 19th |
| 6. | November 2nd |
| 7. | November 16th |
| 8. | November 23rd |
| 9. | December 7th |
| 10. | December 21st |

We look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing together. Please visit our amazing website Hindu Bhavan for further details, <https://hindubhavan.org/>

Warm regards!

Jai Sri Krishna

Sunday School teachers