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DAV Montessori Celebrates its Graduation Day



Dance performers with Ms.Madhu and Ms. Sangeeta

HOUSTON: May 20th, 2012 was a memorable day for the little graduates of DAV Montessori School (DAVMS) as they walked across the stage in their sky blue graduation caps and gowns to receive their graduation certificates from Chief Guests - Mrs. & Mr. Durga Agrawal. The program that followed was something that no one would want to miss – the "Dances of the World" which these kids presented had the whole

Arya Samaj Greater Houston complex was teeming with students, parents and grandparents to celebrate the momentous event. The stars of event were the young graduates and their fellow students who put a stupendous cultural program that followed. The scintillating "Dances of the World" program had the whole audience gyrating and tapping their feet wishing they were on the stage as well. The 30-minute flawless -stop presentation showcased music. dances and colorful costumes not only from India, but also from Texas, Mexico, South America and Europe. The poise and confidence exhibited by the students was a sight to behold. DAVMS children have a multitude of opportunities to perform on stage in

front of audiences throughout the year, and this gives them an edge by building their self-confidence and a foundation for future success. The whole performance was enacted as a labor of love, the music, the choreography, the colorful costumes, and the makeup were simply breathtaking.

To top it all, Mrs. Arti Khanna, in her annual school report, informed us the top-rate academic performance of DAVMS students in the Iowa tests that measures nationwide performance. DAVMS students scored in the top 1 percent of national average, and most of them were performing 2-3 grades ahead of their cohort. Not only did these students excel academically, they have also been very active in extracurricular activities and community outreach - raising funds for Houston Food Bank and to support St. Jude, a pediatric cancer and research hospital. We take our hats off to Mrs. Arti Khanna and her dedicated team of teachers and parent volunteers – for all they do to give these children such a grounded education.

DAVMS, while constantly striving to balance high academic standards with extracurricular activities, also places a special emphasis on making its students aware of India's Vedic heritage and culture. The children are taught Hindi, yoga, naitik shiksha (moral education), and shlokas in addition to celebrating both Indian and American holidays. DAVMS has grown in leaps and bounds over the last few years through, and has had to create a wait-list to enroll new students due to its current capacity limits. That will change in the 2012-13 School year, when the new expansion wing, currently under construction, will open with new pre-school classes (ages 3-5). The expansion project is well under way and the building shell is pretty much complete.

Mrs. Arti Khanna thanked the management committee members, Acharya Surya Nanda ji and Acharya Praveen Gulati ji, the parents, and reminded everyone that, though only a few were mentioned by name, she has an army of teachers, volunteers and others who make it possible for DAVMS to be successful in its mission. The day concluded traditionally with a beautiful rendition Aarti and Shanti Path by the DAVMS children.

For additional information, please visit www.davmschool.com or call (281) 759-3286.



First grade Graduates of 2012