

Message from Balavihar Chairman: Together we can bring MAGIC in everyone's life.

Dear Balavihar Family, my **first year has come to an end** with the beginning of my last year as Balavihar chairman.

I was **blessed with wonderful Balavihar teams**, who have taken Balavihar to **new heights**. They have **succeeded in promoting the mission** of Balavihar of *not only providing religious, cultural, and language education but passing on a strong legacy of self-awareness and virtuous life to our kids*.

Parents had **entrusted their 243 wonderful budding minds** in religious class and **75 in language** class.

Our wonder team of **Balavihar Community Enrichment lead by Dr. Kalpana Gowda** *has initiated programs like* Book'em drive, Toy drive, Oasis backpack drive to name a few *to build their compassionate spirit early on and, touching lives all around them*. The team plans to also initiate similar projects **within our temple** to be part of a big loving family of Ganesha Temple. I felt content reading **some wonderful comments from students.....**

Various Student enrichment programs like *resume* building, *parenting* lecture, temples slides, Synagogue visit were launched.

Youth leadership programs likes *--teaching younger* students **about Seva** by high school and college students, *big brother/sister program* where older kids take younger kids to Arti were launched. These were really very successful with kids.

We had 3 college students, Prerna Gupta, Hershey Aggarwal, Rashmi Shetkar and one high school student, Mudra Gupta teaching full time this year.

Let us thank Hemant Dandekar, team leader, along with Shanti Venkatraman and Kalpana Gowda and their Teams for coordinating High School leadership program.

To motivate High School students, **Dr. Dasari has sponsored Teen Sewak Recognition Award** for top 3 students. **Our team is also working to get similar Recognition Award for top 3 Elementary students** that will be given in Grade 4 and top 3 Middle School students that will be given in Grade 8. Let us all as a family of Ganesha Temple bring MAGIC in everyone's live through our dedication to principles of Sanatam Dharam. Thank you Everyone.

Universally Literature and History has shown that **"Progress is only there when we behave like a community "US WE Our" and not as I ME My.**

Let us come together as a Balavihar Ganesha Temple Family and help ourselves and our future generations to learn Way OF life for True Happiness.