

Pữṛṇamadaḥ Pữṛṇamidaṃ Pữṛṇāt Pữṛṇamudachyate, Pữṛṇasya Pữṛṇamādāya Pữṛṇamevāvaśiṣyate.

Eesha-upanishad

That is whole, this is also whole, from that whole this whole has come, having taken away this whole from that whole; the whole still remains unaffected.

## Namaste <<First Name>> <<Last Name>> ji,

The Fourth of July is a very important day in the history of the United States of America when the first group of states declared independence from the British kingdom. We should be proud of this vibrant democracy and pursue personal development in all directions so as to enrich this great nation to yet greater heights. Vedic concepts emphasize duality and in the context of a nation building it enjoins us "Brahma cha Kshtarm cha Rashtram cha ..." (AtharvaVeda 12.5.2) that our scholars and warriors should carry the country forward - the flag can fly high only on a strong mast - *Jhanda on a Danda*. Our military is strong to guarantee our freedom but Arya Samaj should help increase spiritual strength. Let us build an America that is not only a military superpower but spiritual superpower, too. That would require every individual to rise spiritually.

## What's Happening:

### **DAV Montessori School:**

Enrollment for 2016-2017 in progress, classes are filling up!

#### **DAV Sanskriti School:**

- Enrollment for 2016-2017 in progress.
- · Orientation: Aug. 14
- First day of class: Aug. 21

### In the Community:

Congratulations to Ruchika Sanghi, who ranked 4th in state in the 4th grade number sense competition in PSIA (Private Schools Interscholastic Association).

### **Ponder This**

Change is not a spectator sport. You have to actively participate in shaping the world you want to live in.

# **Equity in Education Petition - How Can We Help**

Hinduism and Indian history are taught in an outdated manner. Textbooks need to be equitable and inclusive and reflect academically sound content about Hinduism and India.

How can we help? The link to sign the petition is below. As the UK citizens learned with Brexit, EVERY

vote counts. The **deadline** is only days away: July 7!

Demand Fairness and Accuracy in Teachings of Hinduism and India -- We Need YOU to Sign this Petition NOW.

http://www.equityineducation2016.org/

# Arya Samaj in the Community

Our very own Acharya Harishji is delivering the message of Hinduism around the city of Houston!

On Tuesday, 14th June Acharya Harishji presented at a multi-faith event organized by a church. Acharya Harishji represented the core philosophy of Hinduism, Vedic Dharma to more than 100 people.

## All are Equal

### - Acharya Dr. Harish Chandra, Ved-Ratna

All conscious beings are children of one God, the Supreme Consciousness that inhabits the entire universe. She provides air, water, food, sunshine, etc. to all without any discrimination. The equality is further stark for the humans. The Vedas make absolutely no distinction among humans. Even if there is a distinction it is in the qualitative nature because, unlike animals and birds, our deeds can be drastically varied. Some people engaged in noble deeds are called *Devatas* and some wicked people are referred to as *Dasyus*. Yet, it is level field for all that everybody is blessed with the natural bounties in equal measure so that there is ample room for every individual's improvement. Nobody can be looked down upon for reasons of birth in a particular family or community. Of course, there is reference to man and woman but there is no inkling of inferiority for women. Indeed, as we will see next, there is evidence in the Vedas that women ought to be treated by men as superior members of the society.

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**Regular Activities:** 

<u>Tuesday:</u> 5:30pm - 8:00pm Sanskrit and Vedas classes

Wednesday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Patanjali Meditation

<u>Thursday:</u> 7:00pm - 8.00pm Mandukya Upanishad classes

Saturday: 8:00-9:30am

Yoga Classes

Sunday:

8:00-9:30 am - Yoga Classes

9:45 am-12 noon - DAV Sanskriti School

10:00 am-12 noon - Satsang

The library is reaching out to members to return books that have been checked out over the last few years. If you have any books from Arya Samaj, please bring them back to the library. For more information, please contact Rajeev Khanna or email <a href="mailto:aryasamaj@gmail.com">aryasamaj@gmail.com</a>.

Listen to Acharya ji's Sunday <u>Pravachan</u> For more information about Sunday satsang and yajmans please <u>Click here</u>. To become yajman please contact <u>Payal Talwar</u> or Acharaya Surya Nanda ji.

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