



## Arya Samaj Greater Houston



### Namaste thearyasamaj ji,

Start of the year was marked with Polar Vortex impacting northeastern United States and parts of Canada resulting in heavy snow and deadly sub-zero conditions. Texas also shivered to the tune of this weather change to some extent. Global climate change is becoming a reality.

India celebrated 65th Republic day. India politically is still searching for its identity in BJP, AAP and the ruling Congress party. Will India ever be a country as visualized by the great Indian freedom fighter's The key is in the hands of common man but will they unleash their self determination. Wishing everyone belated Republic day. Still rooting for India..... Jai Hind.

### Acharyachji's Message

मयाध्यक्षेण प्रकृतिः सूयते सचराचरम्,  
हेतुनानानेन कौन्तेय जगद्विपरिवर्तते.

O Son of Kunti, under the supervision of the God,  
the elementary nature brings forth the whole creation,  
consisting of both sentient and insentient beings;  
thus the world, undergoes various changes.

*Bhagwad Geeta .9.10*

### Upcoming Events:

#### Book Fair at DAV Montessori:

Feb. 9: 12-1:30 for DAVSS students

Feb. 10-14 for DAVM students

### Regular Activities:

#### Weekdays:

7:30am-6:00pm: DAV Montessori  
School, for children ages 2.5 yrs to  
3rd grade.

#### Tuesday:

6:00-7:00pm: Sanskrit Class  
7:00-8:00pm: Geeta and Upanishad  
Discourse

#### Thursday:

6:00pm-7:00pm - Beginner Sanskrit  
7:00pm-8:00pm - Patanjali Yoga  
darshan

#### Saturday:

8:00-9:30am - Yoga Classes

#### Sunday:

8:00-9:30am - Yoga Classes  
10:00am-12noon - Satsang  
and DAV Sanskriti School

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ji's Sunday [Pravachan](#)

To become yajman please  
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yajmans please [Click here](#).

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## Republic day celebrations

AYM (Arya Yuvak Mandal) team took the lead to celebrate the **65th Republic day of India** on **26th Jan, 2014** at the Arya Samaj facilities in greater Houston. Over 200 adults and children attended the celebration. The program was as follows: First the children from **DAV Montessori** and **DAV Sanskriti School** did a wonderful recitation of the two famous patriotic songs: **Insaaf ki dagar parand Chodo kal ki baatein**, under the guidance of Smritiji. Then the flag hoisting was then done by Dev Mahajanji. It was followed by the heartfelt recitation of Indian national anthem '**Jana Gana Mana**' prepared by the AYM group. All the others joined them with joy, pride and enthusiasm. Later on **Kavya Tomar** gave a spirited speech, telling in detail why and how Republic Day was celebrated in India. It was nostalgic for so many, remembering the Grand parade of The Army, The Navy and The Air Force in New Delhi. She described the honor and pride of this day in great detail. She told us how children from various schools, NCC cadets and dancers from different states of India also participate in the Grand Parade and make this a memorable event. She further mentioned that Bravery awards are also distributed by the President of India for acts of heroism on this great day. The air resounded with shouts of 'Jai Hind' at the end of her speech. The speech was followed by Arti and Shanti Paath by Smritiji and then Prasad was served.

For more pictures of the celebration please click [here](#).

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## **Arya Samaj Library**

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 [aryasamaj@gmail.com](mailto:aryasamaj@gmail.com).



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### **Shlokathon at AryaSamaj**

DAV Sanskriti School Children have been memorizing the mantras from their first prayer book for the Shlokathon competition, held on February 1st, 2014 in the main hall. Each child had to recite 2 mantra's of judges choice and 2 mantras of their choice. The points were based on proper pronunciation , meaning of the mantra, posture, etc. We had 4 age groups and about 20 children that participated in the competition. All the children did a wonderful job of reciting the mantras. Of course a lot of credit goes to their parents for getting them prepared for this.

The judges for this competition were Acharya Praveen Gulati ji, Dinesh Trivedi ji and Bhusan Verma ji.  
The winners were :

- 5-6 years: **Lakshya Yadav, Nayka Pandya, Prisha Agarwal.**
- 7-8 years: **Raja Pandya, Jiya Makati, Arjun Kumar**
- 9-10 years: **Vipaschit Nanda, Meera Borle, Kabir Borle**
- 11 + years: **Roma Nayyar, Anusha Sood, Mehak Sikka**

Congratulations to all the winners and the participants. We feel participation in this event itself made all the children the winners.

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## **DAV Montessori Book Fair and Republic Day**

### **Celebrations**

The **annual book fair** is being held **February 9-14**. All are welcome!

The DAVSS students get the first look at the books on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 12 noon.

If you have never seen the Usborne books, they are a must see for their quality, the pictures, and their ability to reach children of all age levels. This isn't your typical book fair!

The students of DAV Montessori celebrated **Republic Day** by writing and reading speeches of Indian personalities and their versions of Martin Luther King "I Have a Dream." The speeches were impressive and even more impressive is that they were written by Kindergartner thru 2nd graders.

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### **Swami Dayanand birthday celebrations**

DAVSS will celebrate **Swami Dayanand's Birthday** which falls on **February 12, 2014** by teaching all the students about Swamiji's life and accomplishments for two Sundays. Later on a quiz on Swami Ji will be held.

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