



Plymouth Meeting Tamil School

Annual Report

YEAR: 2015-2016

As we approach the end of this academic year towards providing quality Tamil education, we thank the support and guidance from our parents, students, teachers, patrons and our well-wishers.

Our school boasts the strength of 97 students. In total 74 families are part of our school and 17 of them are new this year.

Curriculum Updates

PM Tamil School is affiliated to ATA (American Tamil Academy), one of the versatile Tamil language boards in North America. PM Tamil School requests parents to report any printing mistakes in the text books to the concerned level's primary teacher any time during the school year.

At the beginning of this academic year, teachers derived lesson plans for the respective Nilai they were teaching and tried to follow the plan throughout the year. In the teachers meeting conducted in March 2016 the lesson plan was reviewed and



additional changes were noted down to incorporate in the next academic year lesson plans.

Starting from **February 21st, 2016** we extended the lesson time until 5 PM. This helps the teachers to spend more quality time with their students. It also helps the students to learn Tamil in many interactive ways other than using ATA books. Higher level teachers can make use of this extra time to teach without rushing to cover the syllabus.

Teachers

We are ever thankful to our amazing talent pool of teachers who dedicate their time and effort in making our Tamil School a unique learning environment. Here are our valuable resources:

Mazhalai:	Mrs.Meena Subbiah & Mrs.Sangeetha Nachimuthu
Nilai 1:	Mrs.Radhika Aravumudhan, Mrs.Mythili Ramanujam, Mrs.Suhanya Kumarasamy, Mrs.Rajeswari Harinathan & Mrs.Krithika Pichaiyan
Nilai 2:	Mrs.Sumathi Parthasarathy, Mrs.Sudha Ganesh & Mrs.Suhanthini Santhirasegaran
Nilai 3:	Mrs.Yogeswari Thulasiram & Mr.Samy Jayagopalan
Nilai 4:	Mrs.Anandhi Kannan & Mrs.Jaya Satheesh



Nilai 5:	Mr. Joseph Vedam
Nilai 6:	Mrs. Alli Natesh & Mr. Anand Balasubramanian

We conducted teachers meetings on the following dates to discuss and decide on how to provide quality Tamil education to our kids:

August 29, 2015 @ Mrs. Ranjini Muhuthan's place

November 15, 2015 @ Montgomery County Community College

January 18, 2016 via Teleconference

March 20, 2016 via Teleconference

OpenSIS

An integrated Student Information system was floated this year on **November 15th, 2016** to enhance E-Learning and make day to day school administration more easy using online tools. Comments about HW, attendance, identifying and working towards a specific goal, teacher communication are a few salient features offered through OpenSIS.

Language Management System: Various options for an effective Language Management system to facilitate students and teachers interacting online, store lesson plans, exercises in Audio / Video format were explored this year through ATA. Moodle was recognized as a better fit to our needs.



Tamil School Website

We updated our Tamil School website www.tagdvtamilschool.org in April 2016 with a great look. The new website is very informative and resourceful. It will help us meet the accreditation requirements and will be the go to place for all our Tamil School information.

Parent Handbook

We have created the first Parent Handbook for our Tamil School, which explains the policies, rules and expectations for our parents. The Parent Handbook is available online in our website.

Parents

This year we introduced ‘**Monthly Volunteers**’ system in our school. Parents who are not teachers are requested to sign up for a month to volunteer, to help us run the school more productively. It is a great success and the parents have been very cooperative. Parents meetings were conducted on the following dates:

November 22nd, 2016 @ Montgomery County Community College

April 24th, 2016 @ Montgomery County Community College



Events

TAGDV Deepavali, Pongal & Chithirai Thiruvizha:

Our school students have been participating in TAGDV events regularly and this academic year is no exception. In this academic year, in each TAGDV's event, around 55 students have participated. Parent volunteers play an important role in helping our kids to participate in the TAGDV events.

Chennai Flood Relief:

Our Tamil School supported the Chennai flood relief by collecting donations & money for Charity Crossing. Our parents participated in the TAGDV's fundraising event for the Chennai flood relief.

Thirukkural Bee & Tamil Bee Competitions:

Many of our Tamil School students participated in the TAGDV's famous Thirukkural Bee & Tamil Bee competitions and won many awards.

Field Day & Graduation Ceremony:

More information will follow soon.