



வணக்கம்!

நல்வரவு!

வள்ளுவன் தமிழ் மையம்
உங்களை அன்புடன் வரவேற்கிறது

First Day Orientation

2021 - 2022



தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து





Code of Conduct

- ▶ Requesting all participants to be on **MUTE**.
- ▶ Please type in your questions in the CHAT window, we will answer them at the end of the presentation or will address it via email.
- ▶ In case you get disconnected, please try connecting the session again. If you are not able to, please access the recorded session which will be made available on the website.



இயக்குனர் குழு அறிமுகம்



Election 2021

- ▶ Election conducted for 4 positions for 2021-2023 term : Vice-President, Treasurer, Teachers Representative & Parents Representative in May 2021.
- ▶ Newly elected board members are
 - ▶ பொருளாளர் (Treasurer) - ஸ்ரீபிரியா ஜெயராமன் (Sripriya Jayaraman)
 - ▶ பெற்றோர் பிரதிநிதி (Parents Representative) - ஈஸ்வரி சிவராஜ் (Eswari Sivaraj)
 - ▶ ஆசிரியர் பிரதிநிதி (Teachers Representative) - அனு சதீஷ் (Anu Sathish)
 - ▶ துணை தலைவர் (Vice President) - ரஷ்மி பழனியப்பன் (Rashmi Palaniappan)



Board Members

Elected Board Of Directors	Responsibilities	Year 2021 – 2023
தலைவர் (President)	Oversees the entire operations	Lekshmi Velraj
துணை தலைவர் (Vice President)	Technology & Communications	Rashmi Palaniappan
செயலாளர் (Secretary)	Logistics and Legal	Ganesh Palanisamy
இணை செயலாளர் (Joint-Secretary)	Cultural Events	Siva Selvanathan
பொருளாளர் (Treasurer)	Financial Activities	Sripriya Jayaraman
பெற்றோர் பிரதிநிதி (Parents Representative)	Parents Liasion	Eswari Sivaraj
ஆசிரியர் பிரதிநிதி (Teachers Representative)	Teachers Liasion	Anu Sathish



Board Members : 2021



Lekshmi Velraj



Rashmi
Palaniappan



Ganesh
Palanisamy



Siva Selvanathan



Sripriya
Jayaraman



Eswari Sivaraj



Anu Sathish



ஆலோசனை குழு

Advisory Committee

● Role

- To provide guidance or advice as deemed necessary.
- To help sustain and preserve the core values defined in the by-law.

Advisory Committee Members

Annapurani Suresh	Balaji Radhakrishnan
Baskar Kumaresan	Bharathi Karthikeyan
Ilanchezhian Murugan	Jeba Jerin Selvamony
Kumar Krishnan	Lakshmi Srinivasan
Ma. Mathivanan	Rams Muthukumaran
Ravi Sampath	Shankarnarayanan Sundararaman
Sharmila Arumugam	Velmurugan Periasamy



நன்றி



Velmurugan
Periasamy



Annapurani
Suresh



Ilanchezhian
Murugan



Balaji Malappu
Radhakrishnan



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**Our sincere thanks to
Teachers, Volunteers,
Parents & Students**

**Requesting your continued
support!**

Recognition of VTA ESTEEMED Sponsors for 2021



EdKonnnect Academy
High Quality Online Tutoring



Key Accomplishments in 2020 - 2021

- Academic Council Committee with help of our VTA teachers & parents have created VTA class books and homework books for all Nilais : ILamazhalai to Nilai 8.
- Successful establishment of online classes and events throughout the school year. 100% attendance in multiple classes observed.
- Talent showcase for 10th year anniversary successfully portrayed our students talents.
- All of our regular school events were conducted successfully via online means - Tamil Fair, Teachers Debate (Attempted for first time in 2021), Teachers Appreciation.
- Alumni Team established in 2021.
- Legal Committee formalized with additional members.



Current Year Goals

- Making Tamil learning environment fun for kids.
- Standardize teaching methodologies across all classes of same Nilai.
- Greater participation from parents in all facets of school operations.
- Continue to invest on teachers training to improve the teaching standards.
- Prepare for external exams (TVA, FCPS & LCPS credit)
- Strengthen our Volunteer Base.
 - ▶ Minimum of 20 Hours volunteering.

SUPER CRITICAL - NEED ALL PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER!!!!



Key Updates : 2021-2022

School location change : Rocky Run Middle School, Chantilly, VA

■ Current mode of operations - Online school

▶ 620 registered students

- 600+ since 2017

▶ 43 class rooms

- 14 Classrooms for Morning session :
 - This year Morning Session covers Mazhalai to Nilai 5.
- 29 Classrooms for Afternoon session:
 - Afternoon Session covers ILamazhalai to Nilai 7.

▶ 88 volunteer teachers

- We love to have more teaching assistants. Please come forward to help.
- VTA Graduates/Students volunteering pool to grow - Student volunteers for assisting in class / other academic activities.



Other Key Activities

- ▶ Coaching for FCPS and LCPS Tamil Credit Exams
- ▶ Thamizhar Thirunaal / Tamil Fair
- ▶ Parents Conference : Fall & Spring
- ▶ Virtual Talent Showcase
- ▶ Arts and Musical Showcase
- ▶ Combined Sessions for fun learning
- ▶ Annual Day *
- ▶ TVA Exams
- ▶ Volunteer Picnic *
- ▶ Teachers Appreciation

* In person only



Nilai Allocation

Age	Grade	Nilai
4	Preschool	Jr Mazhalai
5	Kindergarten	Mazhalai
6	First Grade	Nilai 1
7	Second Grade and above	Nilai 2(Age appropriate section) New Students to VTA start at Nilai 2
8 to 16	Grade 3 and above	Nilai 2 or above (Based on VTA evaluation)



Section Allocation Guidelines

- Students within same Nilai are grouped into different sections based on various criteria. Below are the section names for this year.
 - *Afternoon Classes:* **முல்லை, மல்லிகை, அல்லி, ஆம்பல், குவளை, தும்பை, வாகை**
 - *Morning Classes:* **குறிஞ்சி, மருதம், நெய்தல், சோலை**
- On a best effort basis, new students are placed together in the same class.
- On a best effort basis, students from the same class last year are placed together.
- Students who passed Nilai-5 will move to TVA intermediate class (**இடைநிலை**)
- Some students are placed in 2-year Nilai completion program either by Parents choice OR Teacher's recommendation (**இளநிலை, முதுநிலை**).

New classes
introduced/changed in 2021



General Promotion Policy

Promotion of students to the next Nilai is determined by the following criteria:

- *Minimum 70% aggregate in the mid term tests.*
- *Minimum 70% attendance.*
- *Completion of HW, class participation, events participation.*
- *If any of the above criteria is not met, the student should repeat the same Nilai for another year.*



New Evaluation Method

VTA is planning to Standardize the teaching framework & evaluation methodology across all Nilais.

- The new evaluation methodology is a Skill based assessment and grading (proficiency based) method rather than content/percentage based.
- Also this is in-line with our teaching framework (Skill based-LSRW) goals.
- This new Evaluation Methodology is planned to be **Piloted only in Nilai 3** this year (2021-2022).



Where to go for Q's?

- For any questions in regard to registration, class change requests, issues with website/forum, login issues with my.valluvan, any school event registration queries etc. please use the JIRA forum for communication.

Email to

help@valluvantamil.org



Volunteer Tracking System

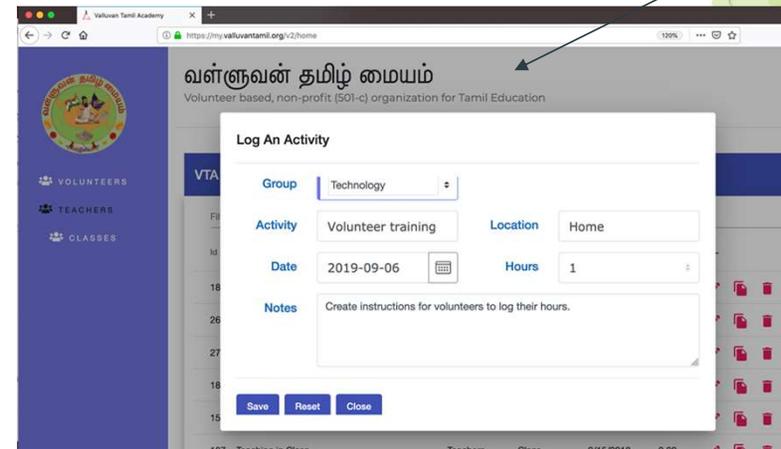
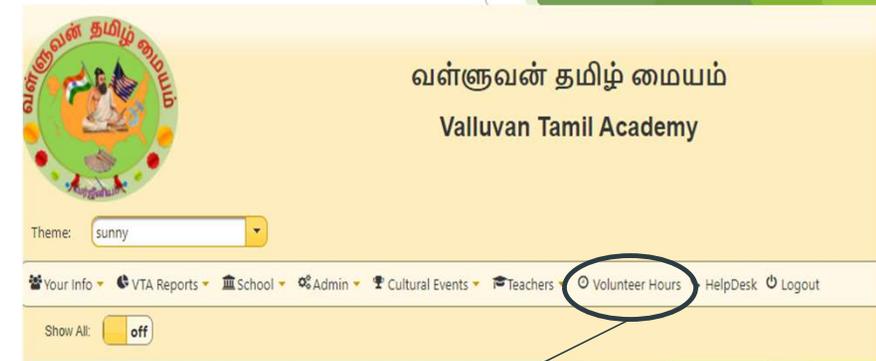
SUPER CRITICAL - NEED ALL VOLUNTEERS TO ENTER THEIR HOURS!!!

- ▶ Volunteer Tracking system in place to enable our volunteers to track their hours. It is available in

<https://my.valluvantamil.org>

- ▶ How ?

- Login to my.valluvantamil.org
- Actions > Volunteer Tracking
- Click on '+' to log a new activity
- Enter the details and Save





Committees Overview

- ▶ Audit
- ▶ Cultural
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Logistics
- ▶ Multi-Media
- ▶ Parents
- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Election



தணிக்கைக் குழு Audit Committee

- ❖ Audit Lead : Alagappan Annamalai & Gopinath Sundaram
 - Email: audit@valluvantamil.org
- ❖ Audit committee members
 - Bala Sundaram & Baskar Kumar
- ❖ All audit committee members are also members of VTA
- ❖ Board members and Finance committee members are NOT part of the Audit committee
- ❖ Audit committee is an independent committee and not influenced by BOD or other committees



தணிக்கைக் குழு Audit Committee

Audit Scope:

- General Ledger (Quick books) maintained by Finance committee
- Bank statements
- Paypal statements
- Expense receipts
- Board approval for the expenses (JIRA board)



தணிக்கைக் குழு Audit Committee

Where are we now?

- ❖ Auditing is completed till 2020-21 school year.
- ❖ All Audit findings are stored in Google docs and shared with FC and Board.
- ❖ Validated IRS Tax filing till 2020.
- ❖ Audit team will review the findings and any suggestions with Board/Finance committee.
- ❖ Audit team is following VA PTA standard audit checklist.



சட்டக் குழு Legal Committee

Members :

- ❖ Sris Achuthan Sriskandarajah
- ❖ Lekshmi Velraj
- ❖ Baskar Kumaresan
- ❖ Bharathi Karthikeyan



கலை-கலாச்சாரக் குழு Cultural Committee

Cultural Committee Scope:

- Prepare/Revise Guidelines for cultural events.
- Each competition has a lead and 2 coordinators.
- Once registration is closed, to sort them in groups.
- Identify Judges for each Competition.
- Video/Audio editing for online events.



கலை-கலாச்சாரக் குழு Cultural Committee

Cultural Leads :

- Bavani Ramanathan and Seetha Kamal
- Email : culturalleads@valluvantamil.org
- Cultural Committee members: Laxmi Balaji, Divya Sarathy, Vidya Muthu, Surekha Mohan, Rajesh Swaminathan, Sathish Raja, Kishore Singh, Prem Thirunavukkarasu, Shanthi



Events & Competitions @ VTA

- Adzap - விளம்பரப் போட்டி
- Art/Kolam – ஓவியம் /கோலம்
- Katturai - கட்டுரை
- Music - இசை
- Speech - பேச்சு போட்டி
- Tamil Bee - தமிழ்த்தேனீ
- Thirukkural - திருக்குறள்
- Teachers debate - பட்டிமன்றம்



நிதிக் குழு Finance Committee

Finance Committee Scope:

- Accurate accounting of all income and expense through Quickbooks Online
- School registration payment processing & fee refund processing
- Verification and payment of all school expenses
- Manage all Bank accounts
- Preparing the budget for the school year and keeping track
- Yearly Tax filing
- Fundraising Support



நிதிக் குழு Finance Committee

- Email : finance@valluvantamil.org
- Advisor – Annapurani Suresh
- Leads : Selvamani Muthuswamy, Sowmiya Suresh, Selva Sivaprakasam
- Team Members : Priya Srinivasan, Kanchana Venkat, Vijay Jayapal, Rajesh Kanna Pasupathy, Shankarnarayanan

Account Summary for School Year 2020-2021

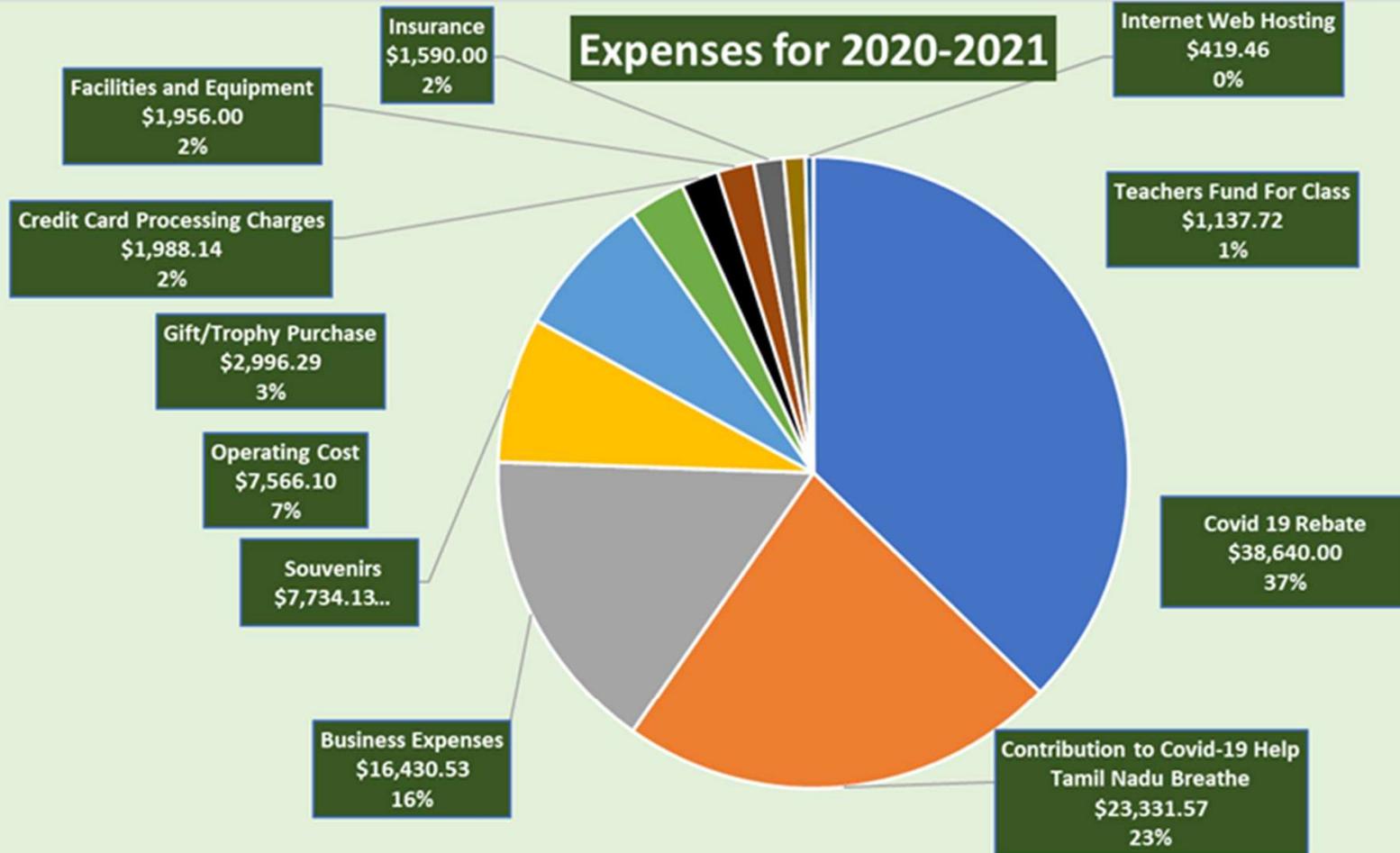
Details	Income	Expense
Program Income	\$114,880.00	
Direct Public Support	\$4,205.08	
Fundraising	\$23,331.57	
Other Contributions/Income*	\$481.15	
Covid 19 Student rebate **		\$38,640.00
Total Expenses***		\$65,149.94
	\$142,897.80	\$103,789.94
Income over Expenses	\$39,107.86	

* *Other Income varies each year*

** *Rebate given to returning students*

*** *This could change since there are still unclaimed/pending expenses*

Expenses for 2020-2021





How can you help?

- Student fee is not tax-deductible.
- All your other donations are tax-deductible.
- Check if your employer has gift-matching program or volunteer program.
- Please sign up with Amazon Smile - 0.5% to Valluvan Tamil Academy www.smile.amazon.com
- VTA gets grants from Verizon, Navy Federal Credit Union, SAP, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, Northrop Grumman & CenturyLink (thanks to these members).



தடவாளக் குழு Logistics Committee

General Responsibilities

- Regular Check in/Check out - making sure we are leaving the classrooms in same condition- for morning and afternoon sessions
- Directing students to respective classrooms
- Assist with Traffic flow and Parking
- Crowd control during school in session
- Monitor the main doors for unusual activity
- Maintain cleanliness of the school
- Help during the major school events
- Volunteer Recruitment Drive
- Book Distribution



தடவாளக் குழு Logistics Committee

Logistics Committee Leads: Sathguru Dhandapani(Evening) & Arul Kumaran/Sivakumar Sundaram(Morning)

Logistics Members:

Anthoniz Thanaseelan

Kamalakrishnan Srinivasan

Srinivasan

Justin

Gangadaran

Raghavan

Dilliraj

Kandipan

Karthik Murugamani



General Logistics Information In Person

Parents are requested to remind their kids about the following FCPS requests please...

- ❖ Do not allow students or adults to touch teacher's desk, drawers or other FCPS property/supplies(including candies, students 'books)
- ❖ If chairs and desks are moved, please bring back to the original set-up
- ❖ Parents - Do not park at disabled parking spaces.
- ❖ Each parent is responsible for picking up and dropping off kids inside class room.
- ❖ Carpool is recommended due to limited parking in afternoon session.
- ❖ No Foods, Drinks, instance sticks permitted inside the facility
- ❖ No Alcohol, illegal drugs permitted on the school premises



பெற்றோர்க்கு குழு Parents Committee

Parents Committee Scope:

- Connect class parents together
- Ensure parent concerns are heard by the board and teachers and will work towards resolution
- Provide help to ensure smooth operation of classes : Homework correction (if needed by teacher), assist during exams, manage bio breaks(In person)
- Launch and conduct parent survey for school year
- Coverage when teachers are absent / Available on call per teachers request.
- Help in class participation for school activities : Facilitate Teacher appreciation, Tamil Fair, Competitions.
- Assist with technology issues in a virtual setting.



பெற்றோர்க்கு குழு Parents Committee

- Parent Committee Lead: Sivasubramanian Sivaraj
- Email : parentscommittee@valluvantamil.org
- Team members: Parent helpers from each Nilai
- This is an important committee in our school – “You” as parents can come forward to provide feedback in all arenas of school operation to better improve processes/communication.



ஆசிரியர் குழு Teachers Committee

- Teachers are the pillars of VTA.
- Teachers play a pivotal role in the advancement of academic side of the school.

Teachers Committee Includes:

- Teachers from all classes (Jr.Mazhalai to Nilai-7 teachers)
- All Volunteers who are helping with improving Academic side of school



ஆசிரியர் குழு Teachers Committee

Other Volunteers involved with advancement of academic learning:

Academic Council :

- Goal : Making “Learning Tamil fun for kids”

Teachers Committee Leads :

Goal : Collaborating with the teachers to effectively implement the academic year goals and also help them with addressing the operational challenges.



ஆசிரியர் குழு Teachers Committee

➤ Teacher Committee Leads :

▶ Vijayalakshmi Kumar

▶ Padma Raja

▶ Arivupponni Chandrasekaran

➤ Email : teacher_committee_lead@valluvantamil.org



தொழில்நுட்பக் குழு Technology Committee

Typical school year activities

- School year open/close tasks
- Competition and annual day event registration process
- Google Classroom & Groups
- Renew non-profit status with software vendors**
- Generate reports for various committees

Projects in 2020-21

- Monthly volunteer hour notification to members
- Class allocation module
- Expenses submission, approval and reporting workflows

Advance VTA's teaching mission through Technology



Google Cloud Platform



Joomla!
...because open source matters



தொழில்நுட்பக் குழு Technology Committee

Projects for 2021-22

- Automation/Integration
 - Email alerts for student/teacher absence
 - Streamline school starting and closing activities
- Security Patches
- Enhancements to volunteer tracking, reading log

Wishlist

- Modern UI (mobile compatibility)
- ID Card for volunteers and students
- Email migration to Azure
- PayPal to Quickbooks sync
- Reporting tool integration (Tableau, Looker)



தொழில்நுட்பக் குழு Technology Committee

Technology Committee

- ▶ Deepak K
- ▶ Amar R
- ▶ Rajasekar K
- ▶ Praveen
- ▶ Sundaramoorthy

Advisors

- ▶ Selvamohan Neethiraj
- ▶ Ilanchezhian Murugan

Do you have an interest in being part of Technology?

Please attend first interest meeting: **September 18, 2021 @ 2pm-3pm**. Drop an email to technology@valluvantamil.org for Zoom link to the meeting.



Student Volunteers : 2020-2021

Next Generation to lead our school!!!!

Teaching volunteers

- ▶ Balaji Azhagu
- ▶ Vishal Kamal Krishnan
- ▶ Harini Ganabady
- ▶ Tharini Kuzhali Senthil kumar
- ▶ Pravesh Yogaraj
- ▶ Anushri Baskar
- ▶ Shreya Baskaran
- ▶ Akshara K. Subburam

Cultural team volunteers

- ▶ Padmesh Elango
- ▶ Skandan Govindan
- ▶ Nidhish Jayapal Mahesh
- ▶ Poorna Prakash

Technology team volunteers

- ▶ Pradhyumnan Rajasekar

Other special activities: Rakshitha Thanasekaran and Tharun Dilliraj

We expect more participation this year and we request the interested kids to email alumnirep@valluvantamil.org for further details.

நன்றி வணக்கம்