

*It was great seeing you all!  
Happy Thanksgiving!*



*"When we give cheerfully and accept  
gratefully, everyone is blessed."  
- Maya Angelou*



"I like Diwali because of the history we learn from India. I am honored to keep our traditions alive including the divine sweets, Indian clothes, and beautiful lights. It is a joy to celebrate this festival. I admire every part of it; wonderful celebrations, fireworks, bright colors, and rituals we follow. Happy Diwali!"

-Tejasi Hublikar

"Diwali is fun time for me with all cool food and getting together with friends."

-Sailesh Srinath

"My favorite parts of celebrating Diwali are when we spend quality time with friends and family. Enjoying special treats and putting out decorations around the house are fun memories from past years. I love how we all come together in spirit to light the path for Lord Rama's return, and celebrate good over evil!"

-Anika Shrotriya

## Our favorite parts of Diwali celebrations!

"My favorite part of Diwali is decorating house, lighting diyas, playing with sparkles, and enjoying Indian sweets, all while spending time with my family."

-Anneka Singh

"I love beautiful lights everywhere. Also, I enjoy helping my mom making sweets and we share them with our family and friends."

-Sia Agnihotri

"I never understood Diwali, I thought it was like every other celebration with just pretty lights. One day I decided, 'Why not do some research about this annual celebration?' I learned things I never thought I would even know, it was like a new pathway of knowledge about Diwali, and all of a sudden I had formed newfound respect for it. Let's celebrate Diwali, with everything going down, this can help us find the beauty of 2020 again."

-Pavi Dubey

"In Bengal, the Goddess of strength, courage, and love is known as Kali. The Goddess Kali is black in color and she has four arms that each carry weapons. Bengali's celebrate the Goddess on a new moon day in fall. On the day of the celebration of Kali, people decorate their homes with oil lamps. The festival of Kali represents the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. At Sanskriti, we made diyas for Diwali. We always went to Madhu auntie's house for Diwali where we ate lots of sweets and lit sparklers."

-Launa D. Mitra



"I like fireworks. They go Boom, Boom! I also like making designs on the floor with tea light candles."

-Keertna Anand

"My favorite part of Diwali is the rituals we do such as washing Bhagwan with milk and water, putting tika on his forehead, performing arti, eating mithai and playing with firecrackers. Another thing I like about Diwali is when we get to decorate the house with lights."

-Darsh Shah

"I love Diwali because my family does firecrackers and rangoli. We dress in Indian clothes that my grandma sends from India"

Prisha Ghosh

"I like Diwali because we burst firecrackers and light diyas. We make little sweets and gifts to send to our friends. I love Diwali!"

-Ridhima Das

## We love to celebrate the festival of lights!

"I like Diwali because there is Rangoli, decorations, Puja and it is so much fun. Also, I love all the food, sweets and lights."

-Aarya Sharma

"Diwali is my favorite Indian celebration. We give sweets to our friends, put light. We use colored powder art on our front porch. My most favorite is bursting firecrackers! And, I like to burst firecrackers with my family and friends. Do you want to join me in Diwali?"

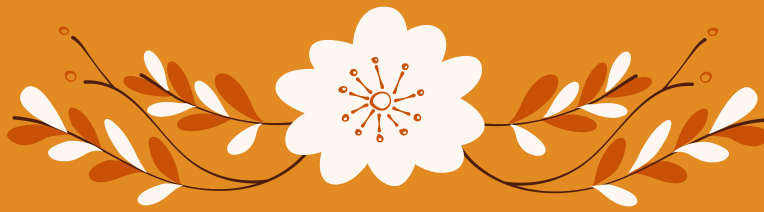
-Rayansh Das

"My favorite things about Diwali are, bursting the firecrackers, eating sweets, lighting the lamps, and getting together even though we can't get together this Diwali, I hope the spirit of Diwali will remain in everyone. Happy

Diwali!!"

-Parvati Ajay





## Announcements



### Picture of the Month

- "The artwork is about the connection these two people feel, the colors in their heads representing the different emotions, while the different values of gray is the people around them, fading in color. The real fact is that this relationship could be romantic, platonic or however you perceive it."

**by: Pavi Dubey , AMS-8th Grade (Winner)**



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### Upcoming Events

- Children's Diwali Craft and Kahoot Game Event on November 15th (Planned by ICA Youth Group).
- ICA online Bingo event on November 21st @8PM!!"
- A musical night by Debarpan Dhar"  
When: December 5th, starting 7PM

