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Significance of Buddha Jayanti

बुद्धं शरणं गच्छामि। धर्मं शरणं गच्छामि। संघं शरणं गच्छामि।

Buddham śaraṇaṃ gacchāmi.

Dharmaṃ śaraṇaṃ gacchāmi.

Samghaṃ śaraṇaṃ gacchāmi.



I take refuge in the Buddha, I take refuge in the Dharma, I take refuge in the Sangha.

Born in Nepal more than 2500 years ago, Buddha Jayanti (Buddha Purnima) is observed on Apr 30, 2018 this year. This day is celebrated in Remembrance of Lord Buddha in Nepal and Worldwide by all.

Buddha attained enlightenment, free from all faults and mental obstructions, in 588 BC and attained nirvana at the age of 80. **Right view, right thought, right speech, right conduct, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration** are Buddha's noble eightfold paths. Buddha travelled and taught to liberate human beings from the misery and sufferings and attain nirvana. His teachings and their effectiveness spread all over the world.

Non-violence, peace and compassion to all sentiment beings grow from the meditation and study of Buddha teachings. Mahatma Gandhi, Dalai Lama and many other great modern leaders sacrificed for the sake of other based on Buddha's teachings. Buddha's teachings are secular and hence it has the power to bring close to all human of different faith, color, ethnicity and personal opinion. Buddha teachings have same meaning and importance today as they were in the past and they will remain important for eternity.

Lord Buddha is considered the ninth incarnation of Vishnu. In Chicago, we also observe Buddha Jayanti every year to remind ourselves of the simplicity of Buddha's teachings and their effectiveness towards knowing and gaining our potential by praying and worshiping for peace and compassion at Shree Ra-dheShyam Temple 245 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL-60108 during our regular monthly puja. Family and friends from different ethnic and cultural background worship and offer prayers.

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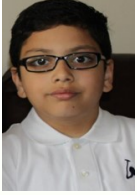
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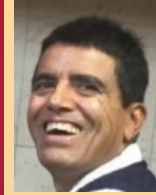
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The Pizza Wars

Zoom! Then spacecraft blasted into space in the speed of light. Intensely Nick and Mike held on to their seatbelt as they blasted into the other universe. Behind them was the Crust134447 pizza robot carrier. Beep, Bopp, Bleep went the robots. Nick knew the way to run away, but they took a repaired spacecraft because Mike said that the other one looked rusted and extinct. Apparently, the spacecraft was actually had not a wash in a long time. Zap zap went Nick's laser shooter destroying the launching bot from the launching pad. Boom! They were hit by the extra mega cheesy pizza cheese lasers. "Ha `said the evil molted cheese pizza king. `Those two cannot hide from anymore since that spaceship is a crust fighter`. BAM! The fighter engine got hit. SHOSH! The crust fighter went down with Mike and Nick inside. `Get out `said Mike tensely. `No we will die out there without a spacesuit` said Nick surprised. Nick thought that all this time that Mike was the smart one in this entire mission to save their universe, but it seems that Mike forgot that he was the smart one. Nick thought for a while, but it was hard that they are going to a planet that they don't know at the speed of 130 mph per minute. Then a thought came to his head. About 7 hours ago the time that they fell out of the bike Mike might have hit his head. If the smart Mike was their when they were running he would of knew that the spaceship they chose was a crust fighter! He needed to get smart Mike back. When they got to the atmosphere of the planet Mike hit his head hard on the seat handle when he was spinning around and got to knocked out. Nick splashed some water on him. `Where are we and why are we on a spaceship that is a crust fighter`. `Long story short you hit your head when you fell out of the speed bike` Nick said. `Shouldn't be screaming? ` asked Mike. `Yep` repealed Nick. They screamed as they fell down.

Aarogya Regmi



धुर्बे हात्ती

न नियम मान्छ !
 न कानुन मान्छ !
 एक छत्र छ
 धुबेलाई !
 कुल्चिने काम हो
 निमुखालाई !
 अबुरोध गर्न खोजेलाई
 सजिले संग
 ठेगान लगाई
 सबैत्र गर्यो
 यसले रजाई !
 टियुर ग्यासको
 धुवाँ भित्र
 फलामको जाल फालि
 समाउने पर्यो
 धुबेलाई !
 टाउकामा बन्चरो हानि
 सधायर लाईदिउं
 काम गर्ने बानी !

- सत्यदेव न्यौपाने



Differences

People are different. Everybody is different. You, I, he and she all are different. You have different thoughts and I have a different one. If we have different ideas and thoughts, it can help us to solve problems. But we treat differences in different ways.

If we see a person with fairy large ears, one huge and another puny eyes then what do we do? Tease them, scream because they are horrible? But what about their feeling? Ha-ha she can't even think properly, why to be their friend? No, we should be their friend and help them to be better instead of teasing. People who are deaf, who can't speak, who are disabled, who are humiliated they are the people who don't hurt us. Because they know the meaning of hurt. I would like to be their friend. Because they are the people who smile. Think hundreds of time before you tease people who are different.

Discrimination is another word for differences. We discriminate in caste, gender, class, rich, poor etc. How does it look a garden with only red rose? Good? Nope not at all. If there are different colors of roses, sunflower, lily, and other flower then it would look perfect. Like that if a country consists of only Buddhism then all the nook and corners will have only Lord Gautam Buddha's picture and statue. But if there are all kind of people living then there will be verities of temples, the country will look perfect! It is said that Dalit shouldn't touch high class people. But why not? We all have red blood. If a parent or an elder discriminate then a child will discriminate in his or her school too. Anyway, we all are human. But I don't think we are behaving like human. Why? We are called HUMAN but we lack the main aspect to be a HUMAN and that is HUMANITI. So, it's our duty to make aware illiterate people about differences. People should aware their children, relatives, neighbor and everyone around them so that they can aware other people and the world can be aware. And don't forget different people are the sweetest in the world. Think hundreds of times before you tease people in differences.

- Nupur Phuyal - 7th Standard, Aksharaa School, Kathmandu



Lou Malnati's

On March 17, 1971, Lou Malnati's opened his first Lou Malnati's store near Lincolnwood, IL. His restaurant was a success and loved by many in Lincolnwood. This encouraged him to make more restaurants in Illinois near popular areas. But he knew that there were many other popular pizzerias such as Giordano's pizza. He made one in Elk Grove near the O'Hare airport. Lou would die later on 1978 due to cancer. His wife and his sons took over the business. The family trio expanded and made another pizzeria in Wilmette. This location particularly did fairly well because of the new carry out and delivery feature that was implemented for the first time. They were booming in business in all 3 locations. Many people liked their Chicago style deep dish pizza. The deep dish pizza was originally created by popular Uno's Owner Ike Sewell but apparently Lou's father, Rudy Malnati used to work at Uno's and developed this recipe. But later on Rudy would quit at Uno's to work with his son Lou. Word came across the world and people around the world came just to try Lou's legendary Chicago deep dish pizza. In 1981 they had 10 active pizzerias in Illinois. In the 21st century due to the success of the franchise they partnered with Chicago brands like Lettuce Entertain You, Portillo's, and Eli's Cheesecake Company to make a popular group of Chicago favorites called Tastes like Chicago. All of these restaurants successfully made lots of money being in the group. Now Lou Malnati is now a successful business that provides people with delicious pizza. - **Rohit Joshi**

"बुद्ध बनौं जस्तो भयो"



जिन्दगि यो कस्तो भयो, नचाहेरै सस्तो भयो
आपूर्ति कम माग धेरै, अर्थशास्त्र फेल भयो

पढ पढ भन्थे बाले, काम नगर आमा भन्ने
पैसो कमा भन्थिन आमा, जागिरखा बाले भन्ने

जोड्नु पर्छ धन सम्पत्ति, चाहिन्छ घर जग्गा पनि
सबै देखि अबैरै सम्म, दौडीएकै छ पैसा भनि

छोरा छोरीलाई लत्ता कपडा, श्रीमतिलाई गर गहना
भाई बहिनिका फर्माईस छन्, साथी भाईका चाहना

पुग्दैन कसैलाई क्यै गरि, कुबेरको भाँडो भरिन्न
छन् भोग्न अझै धेरै कुरा, नभोगी त मरिन्न

जिन्दगि यो कस्तो भयो, नचाहेरै सस्तो भयो
बहुमुल्य जीवन थियो, बुद्ध बनौं जस्तो भयो

- जेराणा, ०४.३०.२०१८



Leif Eriksson

Most of us think that Christopher Columbus was the first one who reached North America, but that is not true. It was Leif Eriksson who found the Americas. See Christopher Columbus came to the Americas in the 1490's and Leif Eriksson came to the Americas in the 1000's. So why we have Christopher Columbus Day instead of Leif Eriksson day or that Christopher Columbus so famous?

Leif Eriksson was the son of Erik the red. He had two other brothers. His father established a colony in Greenland. Once sailed to Norway, where the king (King Olaf) converted him into Christianity. When he tried to come back to Greenland he landed in a place called Vinland. He named it Vinland because there were so many vines. When Eriksson came back to Greenland he never come back to the American coasts and told no one about Vinland. That's why he was not known to first European explorer to find the Americas. His father died later on and he had two kids. When Eriksson died there was nothing further about his descendants.

There are many arguments of where Vinland is. Some say the Northern Atlantic coast or some say Canada. People though found a few Viking camps around the some coasts of Canada, but they have very little information about which one Leif Eriksson was in. In the 1900's though the president of the United States saying that Leif Eriksson day is on October 9. If there is a holiday on Eriksson why does no one know about it? It is not on our local calendars because everyone thinks Christopher Columbus found the Americas. Leif Eriksson was a historic man who was a big part of history!

- **Aarogya Regmi**





Best Year Indeed

I am a 10th grader at Aksharaa School in Nepal. It's just been two years that I joined Aksharaa but I feel like I am here since many years. It's all because of the loving and caring people I have met here. I have nothing much to say about the previous year. This year has been the best and luckiest for me.

After the starting of new session, I was so excited to meet my new friends and start my days in grade 9. It actually went as I had expected; excitingly and happily. After one month we had election in school to form Aksharaa Student Council. I gave my nomination for the post of School Treasurer. I was glad to be the winner of the very post. Then after I started to feel that I was then needed to be more responsible to the school also. I have still been helping the Council to run smoothly by giving my best in what I can and is needed. I too am actively participating in every activity inside and outside the school. As our school believes in learning through fun, it fosters the practical and creative learning. So, we are lucky to show our creativity to others by the programs organized by the school. Likewise, this year also we had different programs organized like Writers Workshop, Aksharaa MUN, Aksharaa Educational Expo, etc. which helped me to develop my leadership and presentation skill, critical thinking and creativity skill too. It's about the school's internal programs.

Besides that, I too was involved in various outer programs amongst which more were insisted by the school. The biggest achievement for me was the learning I got by exploring through various platforms. I was firstly introduced to an event by Leadership Academy; poem reciting competition. I just participated in that and got to know something about poetry. Then I took a step to my field of interest i.e. empowering women. I had gone for 12 weeks program organized by Ujyalo Foundation. It's EmpowHER Junior, a platform for young girls to learn and lead safely. I take this journey as a turning point of my life. I am happy that I am a winner of this. Despite the win, it also has given me something which I feel has changed my life to some extent. I have now learnt to be self-dependent which is important to lead and do the things of our own choices. Also, I have developed my self-confidence and leadership skills.

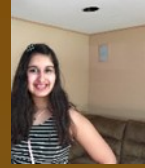
Next, we had Annual Sports Meet in school. It too was fun and happiest moment for me as I grabbed two medals. Then our school took us to 9 days trip which has now become my life-time memory and also some learning. The trip to Syangja taught me about adjustment and also gave a chance to explore a different lifestyle from which we are living every day. At the starting of Falgun, I had gone for the selection of Central Development Region women cricket team. It gave me some exposure and experience though I didn't get selected. As the month Falgun is special for women, I had an invitation for the 5km marathon named as "Run for Fun Run". I participated in that as it's my interest. I also had participated in an inter-school Nepali Speech Competition. It was organized by an organization working for the consumer's rights on the occasion of "World Food Day." I secured third position in the very competition. This year has really given a lot to me. And also the ending was the happiest one. These all the achievements throughout the year made me win the title of "Aksharaa Outgoing Personality 2074."

These are the happiest moments I lived this year. I will forever remember these beautiful times. Also, the learning I got by exploring such alluring platforms will always be a great aid for me to lead and progress in future. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me to make this year a memorable one; especially to my parents, friends and Aksharaa School and each one of you reading this.

- Sanskriti Phuyal, Kathmandu, Nepal

Best Wishes to our May Birthday Stars

May 4 - Ashna Rimal



May 7 - Pramsu Parajuli



May 14 - Rhea Joshi/
Aarya Rayamajhi



May 26 - Sita Kharel



May 29 - Ronit Jha / May
31 - Mona Pudasaini

