

Austin Tamil School 2017-18

Parent's Orientation Meeting

9/24/2017

Agenda

- ▶ Kick off, Tamil school Background - Dhinakar
- ▶ Mission Vision – Anbu
- ▶ Introduction to the Board – Anbu
- ▶ Curriculum Review - Suganthi
- ▶ Attendance and Communication Process – Suganthi
- ▶ Facility and Administration - Sankar
- ▶ UT Collaboration – Anbu
- ▶ Accreditation – Dhinakar/Mohan
- ▶ Social Outreach
- ▶ Q&A



Kick off, Tamil school Background

Dhinakar



Mission/Vision

Anbu

Austin Tamil Palli - Mission

*The mission of Austin Tamil School is to provide a **fun interactive learning experience** to the kids of Tamil community in Austin to **sufficiently** learn Tamil language to be able to **practically** understand, speak, read, and **write** Tamil*



Introduction to the Board

Anbu

Introduction to the Board

- ▶ Mahen Nagarajan – Founding Director, Admin Oversight
- ▶ Dhinakar Karuppusamy – Founding Director, Treasurer
- ▶ Anbu Krishnaswamy – Founding Director, Principal
- ▶ Sankar Muthusamy – Center Director, Administration, NA
- ▶ Suganthi Govind – Center Director, Curriculum, NA
- ▶ Selvi Shan – Center Director, SA
- ▶ Mani PR – Director, ATS President





Curriculum

Suganthi

American Tamil Academy Curriculum

- <http://www.amtaac.org/>
- Unified Curriculum
- Class Levels
 - Mazhalai
 - Nilai 1 through 8
 - Mazhalai to Nilai 4 in Austin



Curriculum

வகுப்பு (Class)	காறிக்கோள் (Learning Objectives)	அ த க (ATA Material)	Supplemental Material (sample)	Projects (Examples)
ஒன்றாம் வகுப்பு	உயிர் எழுத்துகள், சில பாடல்கள் மற்றும் கதைகளுடன் சாமார் ஐம்பது எளிய சொற்களகைக் கற்றறிதல்	மழலை	Youtube rhymes (links needed) http://kidsone.in/tamil/rhymes/index.html http://kids.noolagam.com/videos/index.asp	Draw pictures from Uyir letters http://kids.noolagam.com/coloringpages/index.asp http://win.tamilnool.net/books/e1.pdf
இரண்டாம் வகுப்பு	உயிர், மயெய் எழுத்துக்களுடன், சில கதைகள், பாடல்கள் மற்றும் சாமார் நூறு எளிய தமிழ்ச் சொற்களகைக் கற்றறிதல்	Nilai 1	Youtube stories Book based stories http://kidsone.in/tamil/stories/index.html	Find out vegetable names from your mom http://kids.noolagam.com/worksheets/index4.asp
மூன்றாம் வகுப்பு	உயிர்மயெய் எழுத்துகள் பயிற்றுவித்தல். பெயர்ச்சொற்கள், வினசைச்சொற்களையாம், பயிலுதல்.	Nilai 2 (Beginners)	Tamil Crossword puzzles (Basic) Link Dumb charades in Tamil Pictionary in Tamil	Write the names of objects in your living room Projects to build vocabulary Identify Animals, Birds, Vegetables, Fruits
நான்காம் வகுப்பு	பெயர்ச்சொற்கள், வினசைச்சொற்களையாம், அவற்றின் மூலம் உரவான எளிதான சொற்றொடர்களையாம் பயிலுதல். ஒவ்வொரு பாடத்திலும் திருக்கூறள், ஆத்திசூட்டி, கதைகள், பழமொழிகள் மற்றும் பாடல்கள் கற்றறிதல்	Nilai 2 (Advanced)	Story in spoken Tamil Tamil Riddles Pictionary in Tamil http://tamiltutor.com/Mythological_Stories/Mythological_Stories.swf	Create a PowerPoint presentation in Tamil for a given topic Projects to build vocabulary Creating your own stories with few pictures

Curriculum

ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு	உயிர் மெய் எழுத்துக்களுடன் சிறுவாக்கியங்களைப் படித்து பாரிந்து கொள்ளுதல், எழுதுதல்	Nilai 3 (Beginners)	Find sub-words in a word or sentence Urayadal (Group Discussion) http://win.tamilnool.net/books/s1.pdf கொன்றை வந்தென் - Introduction	Projects to learn about thiruvalluvar, avvaiyaar, bharathiyar or bharathithasan..... Projects to build vocabulary Group stories, drama by 3 to 4 kids, some songs, moral stories (நீதி கதைகள்) Create a cross word puzzle
ஆறாம் வகுப்பு	சிறுகதைகளை உள்வாங்கி கருத்தை கிரகித்தல். சொற்களைத் தெளிவாக உச்சரித்தல், கலந்தரையாட கற்றல். சொல் கருத்து பிழையின்றி மொழி மாற்றம் செய்தல்.	Nilai 3 (Advanced)	Word search (provide a table of Tamil letters and kids find and circle words) Introduction to Bharathiyar songs	Create a cross word puzzle. Projects to build vocabulary
ஏழாம் வகுப்பு	சிறுவாக்கியங்களைப் படித்து பாரிந்து கொள்ளுதல், எழுதுதல். சிறுகதைகளை உள்வாங்கி கருத்தை கிரகித்தல். பெயர்ச்சொற்கள், சூட்டுப்பெயர் பல்வறோ வினைச்சொற்கள் காலநிலைகளை அறிதல்.	Nilai 4 (Beginners)	Advanced cross word, Group discussions in Tamil Bharathiyar songs	Find some riddles Writing essays in Tamil on a given topic Projects to build vocabulary
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Attendance & Communication

Suganthi

Calendar

North Austin Calendar 2017-18	
9/10/17	Class 1
9/17/17	Class 2
9/24/17	Class 3 - Parents conference
10/1/17	Class 4
10/8/17	Long week end (4 Days)
10/15/17	Class 5
10/22/17	Class 6
10/29/17	Class 7
11/5/17	Class 8 Accreditation visit
11/12/17	Exam 1
11/19/17	Thanksgiving
11/26/17	Thanksgiving
12/3/17	Class 9
12/10/17	Class 10
12/17/17	Class 11
12/24/17	New year
12/31/17	New year
1/7/18	New year
1/14/18	Long weekend
1/21/18	Class 12
1/28/18	Class 13
2/4/18	Class 14
2/11/18	Class 15
2/18/18	Class 16
2/25/18	Class 17
3/4/18	Exam 2
3/11/18	Spring break
3/18/18	Spring break
3/25/18	Class 18
4/1/18	Class 19
4/8/18	Class 20
4/15/18	Class 21
4/22/18	Picnic/Class 22
4/29/18	Class 23
5/6/18	Class 24
5/13/18	Exam 3
5/20/18	Graduation

- ▶ RRISD Calendar
- ▶ Holidays
- ▶ Trimester Exams
- ▶ Picnic
- ▶ Graduation

Attendance Categories

- ▶ Present
- ▶ Excused Absence
- ▶ Unexcused Absence
- ▶ Tardy



பெற்றோர் தகவல் தொடர்பு

▶ Remind App

- ▶ Can be used in mobile or Computer
 - ▶ Public schools are using this for parent/Student communication
 - ▶ You don't have to know all the parent phone numbers/ Parent doesn't have to know your phone number
 - ▶ You can send group message or individual message
 - ▶ If you have concern about a kid, you can chat with the parent through Remind
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- After downloading the app, you can create a class (You have to provide a unique name like AustinTamil)
- Then you have to give that unique code to the parents to join the class (The class code is very important)
- You can see how many parents joined and you may need to send reminders to parents so that they will join.
- After that you can start sending messages, pdfs or pictures or anything either from your phone or from your computer.
- Parents can choose the method of communication through their account in remind (It can be Push notifications from remind app, text to your phone or email)



Facility and Administration

Sankar

Facility

- ▶ Parking and Direction
- ▶ Accessible areas for parents
- ▶ Pickup and Drop off
- ▶ Cafeteria usage and clean up



Facility – NEED VOLUNTEERS

- ▶ **Use the projector for Audio Visuals**
 - ▶ Use the serial port from the docking station
 - ▶ Connect it back before you leave
- ▶ **SMART BOARD – Please do not WRITE**
- ▶ **Leave no trace – Keep the classrooms clean and do not disturb anything**
 - ▶ Take a picture in the beginning and arrange the same way before you leave



Best Practices

- ▶ **BE PUNCTUAL**
- ▶ Inform absence ahead of time (GRADED)
- ▶ Please complete homework (GRADED)
- ▶ Focus on learning and not on Tests/Scores
- ▶ Speak Tamil at Home





UT Collaboration

Anbu

UT Collaboration

- ▶ Teachers Trained and Certified by UT (Dr. RK)
- ▶ UT Teachers visited the school
- ▶ MoU from UT for university credits





Accreditation

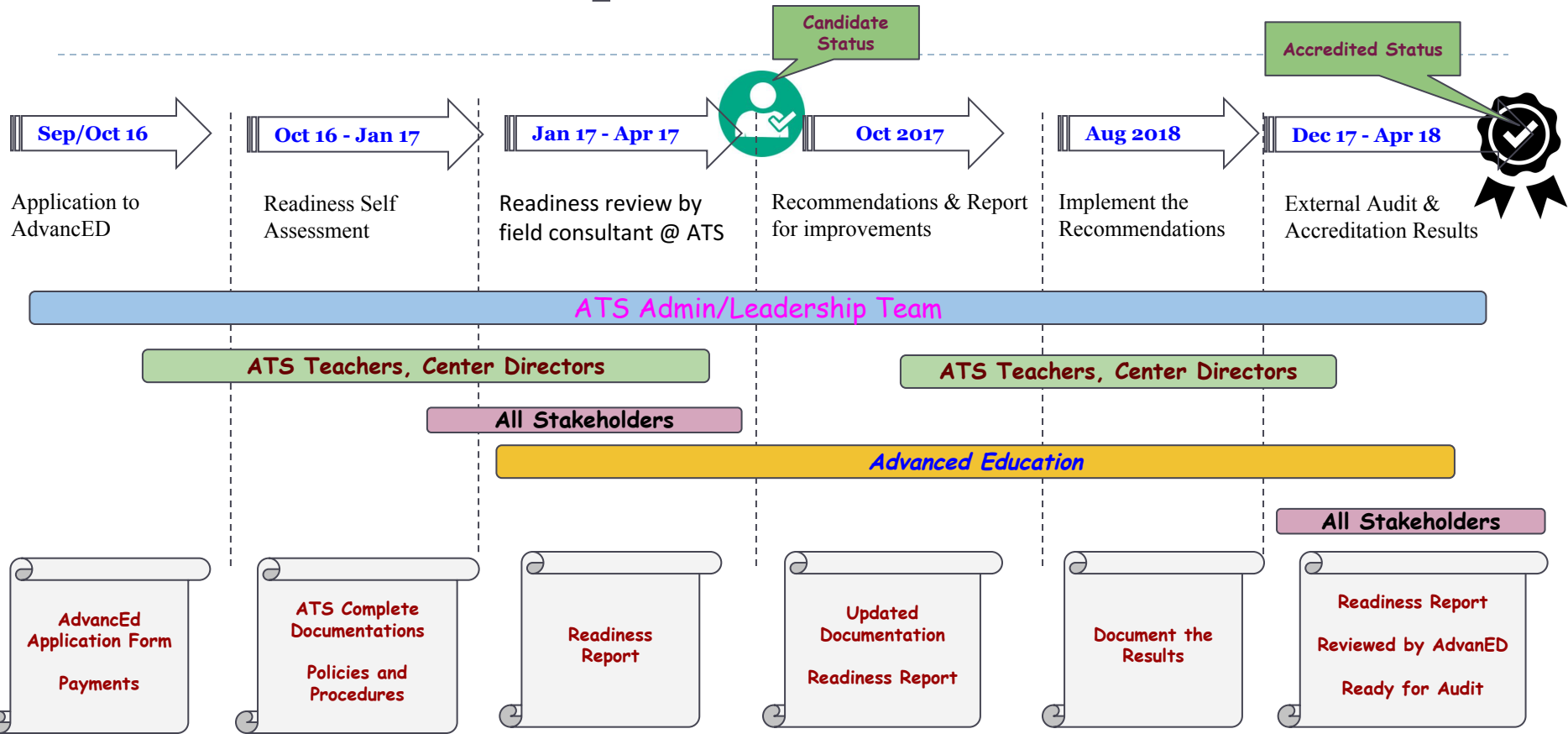
Dhinakar/Mohan

Accreditation

- ☀ Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance
- ☀ Voluntary activity initiated by ATS
- ☀ Requires a rigorous self-evaluation and an independent, objective appraisal of the overall educational quality by peers.
- ☀ Emphasizes quality assurance and a commitment to continuous quality enhancement.
- ☀ To achieve accreditation ATS must:
 - ☀ Comply with rigorous standards
 - ☀ Develop and implement an Institutional Effectiveness Plan
 - ☀ Undergo an annual review of its systems and financial stability
 - ☀ Undergo announced and unannounced site visits by accrediting / external agencies



Accreditation Update





Social Outreach

Anbu

Social Outreach

- ▶ **Tamil School Website**

- ▶ <http://www.austintamilschool.com/>

- ▶ **Facebook Group**

- ▶ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/austintamilschool/>

- ▶ **MailChimp – For Schoolwide communications**

- ▶ Please ensure that you are receiving MailChimp emails

- ▶ **Remind App – For Classwide Communications**

- ▶ USE the app or TEXT (Used for Emergency Communication)





Q&A

Thank You!