

# Eureka SuperKidz

Districts

Chennai

Kanchipuram

Thiruvallur

Vellore

Cuddalore

Pondicherry

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**Quality education for all children**

As the academic year is coming to a close, the SuperKidz centers have been conducting many community events. The Eureka teachers and trainers have also been busy evaluating children and assessing the impact of the program. We will bring you the improvements in learning levels in the next newsletter. Stay tuned !

Annual Day celebrations were held at the Eureka after school centre in Pudur village in Thiruvallakadu block, Vellore, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Children attending the centres kept the audience entertained with various song and dance programs till late in the night. The children were given certificates upon achieving the skills focused in the program. The village leaders, parents and the community were present to witness the progress of these children and have expressed their full support for the program. This event has also been covered and telecast in one of the local television channels.



Full scale evaluations were conducted in schools enrolled in the EurekaSuperKidz school program in Kerrapalayam, Bhuvanagiri and Parangipettai blocks in Cuddalore district and the children who had attained the skills chart were given “I CAN” certificates.

## ESK Impact



**Murali** is an active and energetic young boy of class 5 who never misses your attention when you visit the Kammanandal Center. He studies in the Panchayat Union Primary school. Murali doesn't have a mother and his father works in TASMAL (Government run liquor shop)

He has been regular to the center only from October 2014 though he had joined much earlier. When asked why he was absent for so long, he smiles mischievously and says "I started attending the centre when I was in standard 3 but many of my friends used to play in the evenings and so I too joined them invariably on many days and bunked my class". Well, what prompted him to come back here then? He answers very solemnly "In standard 4 many of them did not do well in school and were getting scolded constantly. Hence they

started attending the Eureka after school centre to improve their learning levels so I had no one to play with and I decided to join them." When asked whether he misses his playtime he smiled and said "I like it here. Akka (EurekaTutor) teaches us so many interesting things and fun activities, it is as much fun as playing!" When asked whether there is any difference between school teaching and Eureka Centre teaching, Murali said, "At school, teacher teaches lots of things at one time. Here, we learn one thing at one time and Akka spends a lot of time on revision."

**Chandra** is a daily wage labourer and her elder son Dinesh goes to a nearby primary school in Thuringikuppam village, Polur. He is currently studying in class 7. He has been attending the Eureka after-school centre for the past 2 years since std 5. Chandra feels that her village being very backward, needs support through programmes like the Eureka SuperKidz as it not only creates awareness but also makes children learn well. Chandra says that at first, she too like many other parents was hesitant to ask and understand what her son has been learning, mainly because she herself had not been to school and does not know much. But after she attended a couple of Parents' meetings at the Eureka SuperKidz center, she realised the importance of the role parents play in ensuring that their children learn.

She dreams of her sons working in a multinational company in the city one day, where they get to wear ironed clothes and identity cards!



## Corporate News

Latent View joins the Eureka group of patrons. We look forward to working the wonderful and enthusiastic team at Latent View.

## Other Happenings

- External evaluation to determine the program impact was conducted by NCIS, an evaluation agency, towards March-end. Results of the same will be shared in our next newsletter.
- Content workshop to develop worksheets and materials for the next academic year was held on 9-10 April. All the participants came up with several innovative and creative designs to help children learn basics of Tamil and Math.
- ESK certificates will be given to all the children who have achieved the desired skills and to teachers and schools where there is 100% skill achievement.
- Our Annual Super teacher awards event is to be held at Sir Pitty Thyagaraja hall on May 10. Please do join us in congratulating all wishing all the teachers, the details will be shared in the next issue.
- We plan to utilise the summer to do a **Campaign** on improving Math skills for children of classes 1-5.