

Vibha's Math Champs raise funds for needy kids!

On March 6th, the new Alpha Math center on Hwy 6 was bustling with activity. The scene on the Saturday morning included eager parents and enthusiastic kids gathered, to participate in the second annual Vibha - Alpha Math: Math contest.

The contest was for 2nd through 6th Graders. The questions were devised as fun word problems. Fifty two happy children faced a battle with a few math problems and emerged as winners. After 30 minutes of employing their critical thinking abilities, the participants were also given an opportunity to have fun, while waiting for the results. Thanks to thoughtful Vibha volunteers – the organizers who gave the participants whistles and balls.

The test was held in two batches, first, Batch A for 5th and 6th graders and subsequently Batch B was grade 2 through grade 4. The highest scorer (list below) in each batch received grand prizes that included a gift pack, medal and a certificate. The two runners up in each batch also received medals along with Certificate of Merit during the prize distribution ceremony. As the names of the winners were announced, there was a round of applause for the kids from one and all. Every participant was awarded a participation certificate.

This is the second time Vibha, a volunteer-driven, non profit , non religious organization is collaborating with Alpha Math Station, Houston's leading Math learning center. Parents were excited about this event. This provided an opportunity for their kids to participate in a fun filled learning activity. The kids were also educated about the less privileged children. "This probably is one of the very few contests in the Houston area, that allows us to gauge the abilities of our kids with respect to other kids, we would like to see this event happen more often than once a year "says Rao, parent of a third grader.

This event has grown bigger this year and the response was overwhelming. The publicity and logistics of the event was handled by Vibha volunteers. The participants were excited that they were being a part of a great cause. Some children donated books, some others pledged to raise funds on their own by collecting Vibha donation box.

Vibha 's(www.vibha.org) mission is to educate, empower and enable every individual who wishes to make a positive difference in the life of the underprivileged child. Vibha's Houston chapter is an energetic and enthusiastic group of young professionals. The fund raisers, such as this, organized by Vibha directly impact thousands of children impacted by its 42 projects in India and US. Please visit www.vibha.org/projects to learn about the beneficiaries of this fundraiser. " This is only our first event for 2010, we have more interesting events coming up" says Jayna, the Action Center Coordinator of Vibha Houston. Stay tuned!!

Top Scorers:

2nd Grade : Gold- Pratik Pohuja , **Silver-**Vikram Padmanaban , **Bronze-** Spoorthi Cherivirala

3rd Grade : Gold- Arya Ranjan , **Silver-**Akash Karanam , **Bronze-** Anish Ganti

4th Grade : Gold- Ruhi Patel , **Silver-**Muskaan Chaturvedi , **Bronze-** Riya Chakraborty & Rashu Jain

5th Grade : Gold-Aniket Joshi , **Silver-**Ankur Bhagwat , **Bronze-** Sanjay Annigeri

6th Grade : Gold- Akhil Jonnalagadda , **Silver-**Rishabh M , **Bronze-** Sharad Kalaga



