

## PONGAL CELEBRATION

Pongal, the Harvest festival – is a time to celebrate Mother earth.

The Pongal festival is celebrated all over India. It is the harvest festival or it can be considered as the ‘thanks “**giving festival**, because this festival is celebrated to **thank Sun God and Lord Indra** for helping farmers in getting better yield of their crops. **Pongal** is a Tamil word, which means ‘**overflowing**’. This festival signifies good wishes, wealth, abundance and prosperity.

As a part of the culture and tradition to cultivate into the children, we at Rudrappasamy school organized the virtual celebrations with the students to give the significance of the Pongal and the various types of its celebration in the country.

We conducted programs using the Teams platform on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.

The program Started with Prayer, Slokhas, bhajans and Thirukural performed by students, followed by speech about Pongal and its importance by the students in Tamil, English and Hindi.

Few students also performed classical Dance online.

Pot painting competition was conducted for the students and fashion walk in traditional costumes were conducted for the parents.

Later in the school premises, Rangoli & Uriyadi competition was conducted for the teachers and all the teachers participated with great festive spirit and enthusiasm.

We appreciate all the students and parents for their support in participating enthusiastically and special thanks to all teachers for organizing the program and participating in the traditional folk dance which was beautiful and flawless.

We thank our management and Principal for arranging such fun times amidst our hectic schedules.

However, during this pandemic situation, we are ensuring that traditions and cultures are addressed to all. Students learn that these festivals are sacred moments that help everyone to establish love, unity and nourish their relationship.