

Dear Khalsa/Punjabi School Educator:

Dasvandh Network, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization aimed at inspiring giving and activism within the Sikh community, would like to invite you to participate in the Dasvandh Box Initiative, a program to educate the younger generation on the importance of Dasvandh.

Dasvandh is a cornerstone of Sikh philosophy. Established with the concept of Vand Chhakna by Guru Nanak Dev Jee, Dasvandh is the responsibility of every Sikh. For years, Sikhs have participated in Dasvandh and have supported countless activities aimed at doing the Guru's work. More recently, however, young Sikhs growing up in North America have become less familiar with this duty. In an effort to educate Sikh children about the responsibilities of giving, Dasvandh Network is sponsoring a unique initiative to encourage our children to be active participants in Dasvandh. We would like to partner with you in an effort to emphasize the importance of Dasvandh by proposing the following:

1. A brief presentation for your students on the history and importance of Dasvandh.
2. A 7 week of the Dasvandh: Each child will be given their own "Dasvandh Box" to take home. At the end of each week, children will be asked to bring back their Dasvandh or donations to the Khalsa School and add it to the larger group collection.
 - a. Children can collect money in a variety of ways such as: money they have earned from a job, money they have earned from allowance, money they have saved, or money given by parents, family members, and friends.
 - b. There is no expectation for the collection amount to be large, but rather an emphasis placed on the consistency of giving, no matter how big or small.
3. Each school group will pick a project the Dasvandh Network website. Money will be donated to the selected project at the end of the 7 weeks.
4. We ask that you count the money on a weekly basis to see how you're tracking towards the goal and give updates to the Dasvandh Network.

Our hope with this initiative is to promote a sense of sharing and giving amongst our Sikh youth. Collectively, we would like to see a spirit of giving become a part of the lives of all our Sikh children. Every major religious group has a similar giving responsibility and the principles are established in their members from a young age. If our community wants to have impact in this world and continue to do the Guru's work, we need to educate our children about the importance of Dasvandh.

For references and resources related to Dasvandh and for more information on our organization, please visit our website {www.dvnetwork.org/kids}. We look forward to working with you and truly appreciate your tireless efforts in helping to shape the future of our Sikh Panth.

Sarbatt daa bhala,

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