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## *The Goddard School*

*Kam Hasmukh, Owner*



Kam Hasmukh, owner of The Goddard School in Friendswood, was born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago. He attended the University of Oregon, obtaining his Bachelor of Science in General Science with a minor in Biology and Chemistry. He worked in hospitality for over fifteen years. Family is the most important thing, which is why Kam and his wife, Nerhana opened The Goddard School in 2008 at 1650 Friendswood Lakes Boulevard and currently employs fifteen persons. They have been residents of Friendswood and the immediate area for the past nine years with their two children attending the Friendswood Independent School District. They considered several preschool concepts, however The Goddard

School's holistic approach to early childhood education really resonated with the Hasmukhs as it matched their own parenting style. By bringing The Goddard School's high-quality early childhood education program to the area, the Hasmukhs are complimenting the strong school districts in Friendswood.

The Goddard School's play-based approach, called Fun, Learning Experience (or F.L.EX.®), is grounded in research on how children learn best: children experience the deepest, most genuine learning when they are having fun. Learning through play reinforces 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, including social behaviors such as communication, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. The school also promotes STEAM learning as career fields in such subjects are the fastest growing in the U.S. economy. Other programs outside of the regular school

schedule include Summer Camps and Mother's Day Out, which allows families the flexibility of choosing a half-day program for two to four days a week.

As one of the Directors for the Fisd Education Foundation, Kam has made it a priority for The Goddard School to better prepare their children for Kindergarten. He was also on the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Board from 2012 to 2015 and continues to be a member. He has also been a volunteer for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo since 2011. Kam has been a member of the Rotary Club of Friendswood since 2010. As they helped families, he said their decision to live in Friendswood was further reinforced. "This is a community that came together to help lift up those in need. Friendswood is a community that puts the needs of others above their own. It is definitely a small town with a big heart feel."

