



Hillview College's Walkathon, Barbecue and Family Day 2019 Review

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Hillview College hosted its yearly fundraiser, the Walkathon, Barbeque and Family Day on Saturday, 9th February, 2019. What a memorable event it was!

After the walk began at 6:30 a.m., it was time for the activities of the day! Upon entering the school compound, one was hit instantly with the delectable aroma of barbecue being feverishly prepared by the hardworking members of the Hillview Parent Teacher Association (PTA). In the quadrangle, there were tables and chairs comfortably set up to seat students, family members, visitors or tired participants after their walk.

Continuing the walk past the tents, the dunk tank, one of the Walkathon's main attractions, with 'dunkees' taking a dip in the water could be seen. This activity prove to be one of the most successful attractions at the Walkathon, Barbecue and Family Day.

Just to the right of this activity, in the Form Four West classroom, video game consoles were set up for those interested in playing. "FIFA" and "Call of Duty" were the main video games available.

Next, on the hill, there was a plethora of activities for students or visitors to choose from. One such activity was the maze, done by the UNESCO Club and inspired by the hit Netflix original "Birdbox." What was the catch? The maze had to be completed blindfolded! UNESCO also organized the "Tin Pan Alley" where participants had to knock down a stack of tins with the throw of a ball and win a prize as a result. At surface level it seemed simple but this activity prove to be very difficult for everyone.

Adjacent to the “Tin Pan Alley” was a ring toss hosted by the Film and Photography Club of the school. Infamous for its difficulty, the ring toss produced few winners. Every year students try and barely anyone succeeds. This year was no different.

At the farthest end of the field was the Hillview Biological Organisation’s (HBO’s) wildlife exhibit. A returning favourite, the exhibit attracted many students who loved seeing the various animals that would be presented each year. Snakes and a wide variety of birds were the major attractions this year. Students who were brave enough got the chance to have a snake put around their neck!

Though all events were available to the public, the “Fortnite” competition took the spotlight for this Family Day. The Hillview Dragon Boat team had the brilliant idea to take advantage of the popularity of the video game “Fortnite” and host a tournament open to all. Over one hundred students gathered in the Senior Physics Lab, and participants were provided with necessary consoles, keyboards and mouses, for a chance to play and win against their comrades. To the other players’ detriment, the competition was easily dominated by one team of two which eventually took gold in the tournament.

“Fortnite” was not the only tournament available on the day for students to enter. Cricket and football tournaments were also scheduled to take place. The cricket tournament was up first and it was fierce. Players brought their A-game to the court. Students such as Sanjay Harrylal stood out amongst the rest of his team “The Hunters”. However it was “The Leftovers”, originating in Upper Six, who outlasted their competition and won. Throughout this tournament and the next, commentary was kept intact by resident Computer Science and I.T. teacher, Mr. Siewsarran. His jokes and digs at the players on the field kept the games entertaining.

A huge crowd also gathered to watch the best of the best in school duke it out for glory in the football tournament. The last standing teams were “Pran FC” and “OJO to the World”, both of which were named after current students. After a long and gruelling battle, Upper Six, once again, brought home the gold with “Pran FC” winning the match. What a finale!

Overall the annual event was a resounding success and students and staff are eager to see what next year will bring.