

TOTAL DEFENCE DAY 2017

I volunteered for the Total Defence Day (TDD) event in school. This was my first volunteer experience and I didn't know what to expect. I was a bit nervous as I was worried it would be one of those things where one was told that it would be easy but on the actual day, it would be a nightmare. But it turned out, my fears were unfounded.

The Central Parent Council (CPC) sent out an email a week before the event informing all parent volunteers about the event and what was expected from us. The instructions were detailed and clear. After receiving that email, I felt assured that volunteering at the event would not be as hard as I thought it would be.



The preparation by Parent Volunteers before the children come out for some TDD fun



Shortly after arriving for the event in school, Angie briefed the parent volunteers about what we had to do. After about 15 mins, the first bell went off and the first batch of girls came down for their recess.



They were the P5 and P6 girls. I was surprised to see so many girls come up to us to hand in their questionnaires. Some of them were so eager to know their score that they ran to the projected screens to get a glimpse of the answers which could be found on the slides that were projected. All too soon, the 2nd bell went off to indicate the end of recess and they returned to their classes.



The most heartfelt part for me was when the P1 and P2 girls came down for their recess. Those lovely darlings looked so cute with their pinafore uniforms, carrying their questionnaires, and marching to the projected screens.

They all looked so eager to fill up their questionnaires. It was also great to see my girl with her friends. It really brought me comfort to see her coping so well in school.

The last batch of P3 and P4 girls came down after the young ones went off. They, too, were so eager to fill up and hand in their questionnaires.

I had a great time helping out at this event. Even though it was a small task of only handing out and collecting the questionnaires, there were so many heartfelt moments, from seeing the smiles on their faces to the interaction I had with them.

I hope to be able to volunteer for more events and create more precious moments for these girls.

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