



## **Field Demo boasts Global Mardi Gras**

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Philippine School Doha held its day-long Field demonstration again for the first time after the pandemic on November 24 at the Al Rayyan Sports Club priding its Global Mardi Gras theme to its spectators.

The Grade 6 still defended its title as the Champion from three years ago, leaving behind the Grades 5 and 4 as first and second runners-up, respectively in their battle of the Festival of Music.

Choreographer and MAPEH Teacher, Lyra Dawn Concepcion during an interview with the LINK moderator said that they really had a hard time practicing due to the schedule especially because of the heat of the sun when they practiced outdoors. "But the kids were very good; the students were really into it, and I think that passion made them win."

Likewise, Concepcion wished to commend all her level colleagues, the Grade 6 teachers, the level leader, and the Grade 6 parents because they were all very supportive.

Qatar-based content creator and vlogger, Carlo Yan of Filipiknows Network was one of the judges and expressed his amazement of the performances comparing his generation when all he knew was the traditional folk dance of "Maglalatik." He gave credit to the school and its quality of education, saying that these splendid performances are all reflections of the good teachers and students of PSD. He exclaimed, "I'm very happy and inspired by these performances."

Meanwhile, the defending champion of Junior High School also emerged the Champion in this school year's Field Demonstration which focused on the Festival of Colors. The results and prizes of the JHS field demonstration are as follows:

Champion: Grade 8 (QR 3000 and trophy)

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up: Grade 9 (QR 2,500 and trophy)

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: Grade 7 (QR 2000 and trophy)

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up: Grade 10 (QR 1,500 and trophy)

Timothy Joseph Decano, one of the five judges stated that all the performances were really based on the theme. "I'm surprised at how the kids were able to put that into dance and also the good use of the props." Being a choreographer himself and an educator from Phoenix Publishing House, he said, "I congratulate everyone for their good performance and choreography and their smart use of the props to make sure that they really look good from afar and even up close."

For the Senior High School, student choreographers were empowered as they got to conceptualize the Festival of Seasons and teach their fellow students the steps and formations. Supervised and guided by their teachers, the SHS students landed in the following rankings and prizes:

Champion: Blue Team (Winter Season) (QR 3,000 and trophy)

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up: Red Team (Autumn Season) (QR 2,500 and trophy)

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: White team (Spring Season) (QR 2000 and trophy)

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up: Yellow Team (Summer Season) (QR 1,500 and trophy)

Also present in the celebration was the Third Secretary and Vice Consul Monica Remsy Calangian who gave her special message in the morning program. Cultural Attache Camille Manlapaz also attended as an esteemed guest to witness the different performances.

During the opening program, Dr. Alexander S. Acosta, school principal and Arch. Melito M. Gomez, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, both expressed their joy and pride for the resilience of PSDians despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Dr. Acosta stated, "In celebration of the global Mardi Gras as a tribute to the whole world as we strived and thrived through all the challenges, we now gather again in this venue. I salute you all, teachers, parents and students." He also expressed his gratitude to the founding fathers of the school, especially to Mr. Roberto Abit and Mr. Edgar V. Bondoc.

The afternoon events featured the Festival of Flowers of the Preschool Department and The Festival of Masks of the Primary Department.

Gracing the event only as special participants, the Nursery Little Bloomers showcased their performance, celebrating the Panagbenga Festival of the Philippines. Soon thereafter, the K1 Amazing Dancers graced the stage with their presentation of Colombia's Festa De Flor followed by K2's dance performance inspired by Colombian Magnifico Bailarin. All three groups were awarded with trophies and cash gifts of QR 2000.

Completing the batch of afternoon performances, the Primary Department's presentations depicted The Festival of Masks beginning with the Latin American Dances of Grade 1 highlighting the cultural identity of the people in the face of adversity and change and the unifying power of music and dances amongst people while the grade 2 level promoted the Masskara Festival of the Philippines anchoring the theme, **"It's Time to Smile Again"** as its compelling message. Finally, the grade 3 level, flaunted the **"Carnaval de Nice"** which celebrated local culture and tradition of the rich artistic heritage of Nice manifested by the mask and wings costumes of France.

The Primary Department's Festival of Masks results and prizes are as follows:

Champion: Grade 3 (Carnaval De Nice) (QR 3000 and trophy)

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up: Grade 2 (A Celebration of Masks: The MassKara Festival) (QR 2500 and trophy)

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: Grade 1 (Latin American Dances) (2000 and trophy)

Moreover, one lucky parent, Mrs. Rowena Ugtuhan, a parent from Grade 7 Herschel won a round-trip ticket (Manila-Doha-Manila) from Philippine Airlines.

Faced with a daunting task, the panel of judges was composed of Mr. Carlo Yan, Mr. Jayson Pio Castillo, Ms. Irene Ainza-Singian, Arch. Marvin M. Tejada, and Mr. Timothy Joseph P. Decano.

The entire festivity was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the PSD Administration, Board of Trustees, PSD PTA Board of Directors, its vice principals, faculty and staff as well as the following clubs and organizations who took part in the day-long program:

PSD Hiyaw Chorale (Mr. Wilson Escaner)

PSD Hiyaw Dance Troupe (Mr. Lochlan John Villacorte)

Junior-Senior Dance Club (Ms. Sarah Garcia and Mr. Arnie Gutierrez)

Drum Corps and Majorettes (Dr. Allen Rosima, Mr. Elmer John Casabuena, and Ms. Kimberly Olvida)

CAT Officers (Mr. Richard Caballero)

The host department, Preschool, headed by Dr. Nida H. Garcia, wishes to thank other event sponsors such as PSD PTA-BOD, Adaar Thattukada Restaurant, Deqada Restaurant, Pampangeños Restaurant, Palmeras Café and Restaurant, FlaminGo Restaurant, Filipino Hot Pack, SM Development Corporation (SMDC), Laylati Sweets, Big Diners Restaurant, Megaworld International, Philippine Embassy, Picture World Studios, Mc Donald's, and Mall of Qatar.





### CHAMPION: SHS BLUE TEAM

Right in the feels: SHS Blue Team puts to life the Winter season through the depiction of Elsa's character from the movie Frozen.



### CHAMPION: GRADE 6

afterglow: The Grade 6 put the audience in awe as it illuminated the dimmed stadium with glow sticks in their rendition of Tomorrowland.



### CHAMPION: GRADE 3

In Full Bloom: The Grade 3's Carnaval de Niños in full bloom to snag the Championship of the Festival of Masks of the Primary Department.



### KINDER 2

Kinder 2 pupils perform their dance depicting the Colombian Magnifico Balarin from the Festival of Flowers.

### SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

ALL OUT SUPPORT: Parents show different ways to cheer their children on this momentous school event.





**1ST RUNNER-UP: GRADE 2**

Unmasked Emotions: This Grade 2 pupil bares her intense emotions even behind the mask.



**OPENING SALVO**

SETTING THE STAGE: The Hiyaw Dance Troupe hints a festive occasion in its Opening Salvo.

