

Laro ng Lahi 2025: A Celebration of Culture and Unity

Primary Department

January 28-30, 2025



The Primary Department, under the leadership of Vice Principal Dr. Cleofe P. Macaraeg, recently buzzed with vibrant energy and excitement during the three-day Laro ng Lahi event. This

celebration brought together not only students from grades 1, 2, and 3, but also teachers, parents, guests, and vice principals who graced the event with their presence.

Anchored on the theme "From Tradition to Connection: Filipino Games, Creating Bridges Across Generations," the annual event was dedicated to promoting traditional Filipino games and fostering a sense of unity and sportsmanship among young learners. It proved to be an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Day 1: The Grand Opening

The festivities kicked off with a grand opening ceremony held at the open court. The ceremony officially began with morning routines—initiated with an opening prayer, followed by the singing of anthems, the recitation of pledges and hymns, and culminating in a heartfelt welcome message from the acting school principal, Dr. Lorie S. Villanueva. In her inspiring address, Dr. Villanueva

emphasized the importance of games and exercise in the holistic development of students. She highlighted how physical activity not only fosters teamwork and discipline but also contributes to mental well-being and academic success. Her words resonated with the audience, setting a positive tone for the entire event.



Then the lighting of the athletic urn happened, symbolizing the spirit of sportsmanship and competition. The students then took their oath of sportsmanship. As the colorful rings representing different team colors were raised, the crowd erupted in cheers and applause.

One of the highlights of the opening day was the spirited yell and cheer competition, where teams showcased their enthusiasm and creativity. The raising of flags added a patriotic touch to the event, instilling a sense of pride and unity among the participants. Despite a brief drizzle at the start of the parade, the heaven was so gracious, and the rain ceased, allowing the sun to shine brightly, favoring the day's events.



The Search for Mr. and Miss Laro ng Lahi

Adding to the excitement of the first day was the much-anticipated Search for Mr. and Miss Laro ng Lahi. Candidates representing each team color took to the stage, donning cultural and sports attire that beautifully showcased their chosen traditional games. The audience was treated to a dazzling display of creativity and cultural pride.



chosen game. The Yellow Tigers' candidates adorned themselves in costumes made of sack, matched with tiger and tigress headdresses, captivating the crowd and highlighting the traditional Filipino game, sack race. The Blue Team impressed the audience with their elegant look, emphasizing the game "Pabitin" or the hanging game. Meanwhile, the Red Tamaraws enticed the audience with their creativity, showcasing the Hula Hoop Relay or Suot-Lusot game.

As the sun set on the first day of the event, students returned home brimming with enthusiasm, eagerly anticipating the games and excitement that awaited them on the second day. Their minds buzzed with thoughts of the fun and camaraderie yet to come, filling their hearts with joyful anticipation for the next day of this memorable event.

Day 2: A Celebration of Filipino Games

The second day was dedicated entirely to Filipino games, creating a nostalgic and joyous experience for all. The primary students from each grade level eagerly soaked up the fun, engaging in a variety of traditional games that brought smiles and laughter throughout the day. The playground, the open court, the lobby, and even the gym became vibrant hubs of activity as students participated in Tumbang Preso, Sack Race, Ball Relay, Bangkang Papel, and Hula-Hoop Relay.

Each game was met with excitement and enthusiasm as students, teachers, and coaches cheered on their teams. The air was filled with the sound of laughter, shouts of encouragement, and the occasional triumphant yells as students successfully completed their games. The joy and camaraderie were palpable, creating an atmosphere of pure delight.

The teachers and coaches took great pleasure in watching their students immerse themselves in these traditional Filipino games. It was heart-warming to see the students' faces light up with excitement as they discovered the fun and challenge of each game. The pride and happiness of the teachers and coaches were evident as they witnessed their students enjoying and appreciating the cultural heritage these games represent.

As the day came to a close, the students couldn't wait to share their stories of fun and adventure with their friends and families. Each student left with a sense of accomplishment and a deeper connection to their cultural roots, making the second day of the Laro ng Lahi event an unforgettable experience. Their thoughts now turned to the third day, which promised even more excitement, recognition, awards, and celebration.

Day 3: The Grand Finale and Awarding Ceremony

The third day of the Laro ng Lahi event was filled with anticipation and excitement as the games continued in the morning. Students who missed the opportunity to play on the second day eagerly joined in, ensuring that everyone had the chance to experience the joy and thrill of the traditional Filipino games. It was our goal to make sure that all students could participate, and the sense of inclusion and camaraderie was truly heart-warming.

As the morning progressed, the excitement continued to build. After recess, everyone gathered in the gymnasium for the highly anticipated awarding ceremony. The air was buzzing with

anticipation as students, teachers, and parents filled the gym, eager to celebrate the champions of the various games.

The ceremony began with the announcement of the winners of the different games. Cheers and applause filled the air as each champion was called to the stage to receive their medals and trophies. The highlight of the day was the announcement of the overall team champions. The tension was palpable as the results were revealed. The Red Tamaraws proudly took the stage as the 3rd runners-up, followed by the White Hawks as the 2nd runners-up. The Yellow Tigers secured the 1st runner-up position, and finally, the Blue Eagles reigned supreme as the overall champions of this year's Laro ng Lahi 2025.

The gym erupted in thunderous applause and jubilation as the winning teams received their trophies, certificates, goodies and other awards. The third day of the Laro ng Lahi event was a fitting conclusion to an unforgettable celebration of culture, unity, and fun. The memories created, the friendships strengthened, and the sense of pride in their heritage would leave a lasting impression on everyone involved.

As the Laro ng Lahi 2025 event came to a close, the atmosphere was filled with a sense of accomplishment and joy. The students, teachers, and parents celebrated the unity, sportsmanship, and cultural pride that defined the event.

The tables below summarize the winners of each game played, the champions of Mr. and Ms. Laro ng Lahi, along with their special awards, and other highlights from this memorable celebration.



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OVER – ALL GAME RESULTS

TEAM	GRADE 1 LEVEL	GRADE 2 LEVEL	GRADE 3 LEVEL	TOTAL (ALL LEVELS)	TOTAL (OTHERS)	MR. LARO NG LAHI	MISS LARO NG LAHI	GRAND TOTAL	RANK
BLUE	19	18	23	60	13	4	5	82	<u>Champion</u>
RED	17	17	16	50	11	2	2	65	3 rd Runner-up
WHITE	14	19	13	46	11	5	4	66	2 nd Runner-up
YELLOW	20	16	18	54	10	3	3	70	1 st Runner-up

Point System: Champion (5 pts.) 1st runner-up (4 pts.)
2nd runner-up (3 pts.) 3rd runner-up (2 pts.)



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MR. & MS. LARO NG LAHI 2023-2024

TEAM	ESCORT	MUSE	TOTAL
BLUE	4	5	9
RED	2	2	4
WHITE	5	4	9
YELLOW	3	3	6

Point System: Champion (5 pts.)
2nd runner-up (3 pts.)

1st runner-up (4 pts.)
3rd runner-up (2 pt.)



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OVER – ALL GAME RESULTS
(OTHERS)

TEAM	FLAG RAISING	CHEER DANCE AND YELL	HEAD DRESS	TOTAL
BLUE	4	5	4	13
RED	5	2	4	11
WHITE	3	4	4	11
YELLOW	2	3	5	10

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Hats off to the Primary Department for organizing such a splendid event! Congratulations to all participants for their remarkable achievements and enthusiastic participation. Here's to many more events that celebrate tradition, unity, and the spirit of friendly competition!



