



INAUGURAL HP CULTUREFEST DRAWS CROWD OF MORE THAN 500 TO CELEBRATE CULTURE, BUILD CONNECTIONS

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On Saturday, November 5, Highland Park ISD and Park Cities International Friends sponsored the first annual HP CultureFest, a celebration of cultures from around the world right here in the Park Cities.

The event was the brainchild of members of Park Cities International Friends (PCIF). Founder and event co-chair Nazli Guven moved to Dallas from Turkey in 2017. With two school-aged children, she became a representative for ESL students and families. In 2020, during the pandemic, she and a few other parents formed PCIF to help families stay connected. The group started planning for a cultural festival, but COVID-19 delayed its implementation.

The group's efforts finally came to fruition on Saturday in the Highland Park High School cafeteria. HPISD Superintendent Tom Trigg and HPISD Trustee Stacy Kelly were on hand to provide opening remarks, touting the district's growing diversity and praising the festival as an opportunity for celebration and learning. A crowd of over 500 community members attended the event that featured over 30 visual displays showcasing countries and cultures from six continents.

Attendees enjoyed samples of everything from crepes to a guacamole bar to samosas and baklava, crafts like Chinese calligraphy, origami, and Mexican "papel picado," games like loteria (similar to bingo) and piñata, plus various musical and dance performances. More than 100 high school students and HPISD family members volunteered or hosted these events and country tables.

HPISD elementary school students performed a Bollywood dance number; HPHS students contributed a Laotian dance and songs in Chinese and Japanese; and Highland Park High School's Park Version performed as well. A group from Korean American Youth Artists of Texas (KAYAT) led a spirited K-Pop dance, and professional performers included Rising Phoenix Lion Dance, Javier Aguilar's





Pura Sangre Mariachi, and Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance ensemble.

“Our intention with this event was to help people build connections and community, and I think we definitely succeeded. It was amazing to see so many families at the event engaging with each other, asking questions, enjoying the performances, and tasting different foods,” said Luciana Rapisarda, a PCIF member whose family is Italian. “Events like these prepare our students to truly ‘Go forth to serve’ as global citizens,” added event co-chair Parul Harsora.

The group is looking forward to continuing to hold HP CultureFest in future years, as well as other events that welcome and celebrate culture, community, and connection. For more information about HP CultureFest and Park Cities International Friends or to get involved, please visit the group’s website at www.pcifhp.org.



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