

Parent Volunteer Welcome Breakfast



PVs getting to know the CPC and fellow PVs over breakfast



PVs listening intently to CHIJ Pr Principal, Mrs Margeret Tan; and CPC Chairperson, Angelia Yeo

For 2018, I decided to be more present with my children so when I heard about the breakfast meeting for parent volunteers, I thought it would be a good start to learn more about volunteering at CHIJ. For many working parents, it is usually an issue of having to take time-off to volunteer for activities in school and sometimes, it may also seem troublesome and daunting as one may not know other parents. These were my sentiments and in the past, I had always made excuses to not volunteer in school. However, now I am reminded of my positive volunteer experience at the Lifeskills event last year that has changed my mind.

The breakfast meeting is the first event of the year for the Central Parents Council to introduce themselves to parent volunteers. Parent volunteers get to meet the members in the council, learn more about planned activities for the year and most importantly meet and mingle with other parents. For parents wanting to be more involved in their daughter's lives, this is an excellent start to a meaningful and rewarding journey. Once one takes this initial step, one will meet parents who may be there for the first time; dedicated parents who have volunteered year after year and yet other parents who face the same issues that one faces with one's daughter. And it is heartening to meet other parents who share one's joys and challenges in raising well-adjusted children.

I am glad to have made this first step in attending this breakfast meeting and meeting with other parents. May this be the start of a fruitful and enjoyable 2018 with my daughters and the other parents!

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