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Parents and community take over at Hopwood

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Twenty-four government and private agencies contributed to the success of Hopwood Junior High School's 4th Annual Parent/Community Take-Over Day last Tuesday.

The Division of Environmental Quality, Emergency Management Office, Historic Preservation Office, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Public Safety, Crime Stoppers, Department of Public Health, Northern Marianas College and the United States Probation Office sent representatives to the event.

Attorney Matthew Smith, KZMI's Harry Blalock, and the Torres Brothers also participated in the event.

Overall coordinator and teacher Christine T. Masga said the event was intended for parents to reach out to their children and the students. The parents and community members talked about their careers. Masga said the parents also shared their talents such as cooking and crafts. The whole-day affair convened almost a hundred parents and community members.

"The importance is that we want the students to learn the experience of the adults as role models and leaders in the community," Masga said.

Counselor Patty Mendoza added that the event is also part of the school's commitment to PeaceBuilders. She said HJHS is also a member of the PeaceBuilders and one of its mottos is to "seek wise people." Mendoza said the children's parents are the ones they could acquire wisdom and learning from their experiences.

DFW officer Pete Teigita said the Parent/Community Take-Over is a good venue for the parents and community leaders to come out and share what they do at work. He said he distributed brochures about his office and shared with students some information about his work and the career he is into right now.