









"Twas a blast!" was how the Filipino Community described the two celebrations that marked the Asian Heritage Month Sports Festival last May 30 at St. Barnabas School and the Philippine Independence Day Celebration last June 12 at St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The **May 30** Filipino/Asian Sports Festival, was participated in by Filipino International Languages students and parents from St. Barbara, St. Barnabas, Canadian Martyr, St. Maria Goretti, Blessed John XXIII and St. Ignatius of Loyola, with representations from the Malayalam and Tamil communities. The joyful atmosphere coupled with a beautiful weather, made it a perfect day to share and learn traditional games and sports, giving families a fun break and time to bond with each other. Bonding with the community from TCDSB were Trustee Angela Kennedy, Carla Marchetti, Anthony Tommasone, Jody Huang, Philippine Deputy Consul General Imelda Panolong and Toronto Police Service Community Officer, Phillip Mendoza.

The **June 12** Philippine Independence Day was celebrated with much fanfare at St. Ignatius of Loyola, starting with Philippine product exhibits in the morning, followed by spelling/quiz bee about Philippine History interspersed with cultural performances, and ending with sportsfest in the afternoon. Students cluded on to their precious and much deserved trophies and medals. Celebrating with students and parents were Superintendent Gerry Dagenais, School Principal Carolyn Anco, Filipino Teachers Maria Regala, Maricar Stephen, Fely Gabriel, Kababayan Worker, Aurora Regala and TCDSB's Community Officer, Jody Huang.