

# My Weekend

Mr Kurt Wee (right), 40, is chairman of the Children's Society's appeals standing committee and a private equity investment manager. He will be at the Walk For Our Children event this Sunday at West Coast Park, which aims to raise funds for children in need.

“I usually have dinner with my wife every day. She is a housewife in her 30s who takes care of our four children and helps me with some of my private equity work.

We dine out to give her some time away from the kids, who will stay home with the maid in our apartment in the west of Singapore.

On Fridays, I end work at around 6pm, pick her up from home and head somewhere for dinner. We enjoy the Thai food at Gold Thai Food at Sunshine Plaza. They have authentic Thai food cooked by Thais. I usually get the nam pok moo (grilled pork salad) for starters.

After that, we go to an ice-cream shop called Merely Ice Cream, also at Sunshine Plaza, run by some young Singaporeans. I really like the coconut ice-cream there.

I'm also a durian addict. There's a fruit shop in Balestier where I get my durian fix. We would take the durians home and open them up in front of our kids, who are aged between two and nine.

Between 8 and 10pm, we put our kids to bed. I usually sleep at 1am after clearing my e-mail.

On some Saturdays I might have meetings but I try to schedule them early so that I'm home by 10am.

My older kids have classes in the first half of the day – my

son takes football and taekwondo, and my daughter has Chinese and singing classes. After that, we might spend time at the museum or in a mall. For example, we took the kids to Singapore Art Museum during Chinese New Year this year.

At 6pm, we take the children home and my wife and I have dinner. Sometimes we go to Il Lido at Sentosa Golf Club or Dancing Crab at Turf City, or somewhere simple such as Toast Box at ZhongShan Mall in Balestier.

We're home at 8pm to put the kids to bed and we wind down by watching a film or chatting.

I'm a hi-fi freak and audiophile. Sometimes I listen to music to relax. I like jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli, jazz pianist Red Garland and Taiwanese singer Tsai Chin. I've also been working on my hi-fi system for the past eight or nine years. Some of the equipment is custom-made.

On Sundays, we take the kids to brunch at Yah Hua Bak Kut Teh in Keppel Road. We might go shopping for a couple of hours at Great World City or Parkway Parade, and end up at my parents' or in-laws' place.

Sometimes my wife and I might go to Punggol Nasi Lemak or Nam Nam at Wheelock Place.

When we are out, our kids will always ring us to ask when we are going home. We're usually back by 8pm to put the kids to bed and I try to sleep by 1am, especially if I have a morning meeting on Monday.

For me, a perfect weekend is when the weather is not too hot and there're good events to check out and my kids are very well behaved. If we get to eat some good food and the kids get to learn something new, that's a good weekend.

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