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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THE 28TH NATIONAL
DENTAL HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinators, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

1. The 28th National Dental Health Week will be celebrated from February 8 to 9, 1978 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 285 dated January 24, 1961. The annual celebration is geared towards increasing dental health consciousness among the people, particularly school children.
2. In this connection, all schools are enjoined to observe the Week with appropriate activities. A suggested program of activities is included.
3. All school personnel, particularly school dentists, are expected to cooperate with local dental societies in planning activities designed to develop dental health awareness among the people.
4. It is desired that the contents of this Department Memorandum be widely disseminated to all concerned, and a report on the Week's celebration be included in school dental reports.

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Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
Department Memorandum No. 214, s. 1976

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Last Department Memorandum for 1977: Department Memorandum No. 292, s. 1

SUGGESTED "CHECK" OF ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK PROGRAM - February 3 to 9

I. Opening Program - February 3, 1978

1. Dental Health Parade - School children participating with placards and posters depicting dental health information.
2. Convocation
 - a. Talk by the school dentist or an invited dental practitioner on the importance of dental care and oral hygiene.
 - b. Talk on the significance of dental health in relation to community service by the health supervisor or an invited barangay chairman.

II. Classroom Activities During the Week

1. School dentists/classroom teachers to check on the dental health habits of school children especially on brushing their teeth daily.
2. School dentists to conduct toothbrushing drills with emphasis on the correct way of brushing their teeth.
3. School teachers to give a daily five-minute talk on the importance of dental health.
4. Hold contest on the selection of 4-1 child with the best set of teeth per age group and give simple awards of recognition.

III. Audiovisual Activities During the Week

1. Hold film/slides exhibition on dental health wherever available.
2. Radio broadcasts in cooperation with local dental societies or civic groups.

IV. Closing Program - February 9, 1978

1. Motorcade or parade by school children with dental health as the main theme in collaboration with the local parent-teacher association or any civic group.
2. Literary-musical program with an invited guest speaker to talk on any of the following topics:
 - "The Importance of Nutrition to Dental Health"
 - "The Care of the Teeth at Home"
 - "The Need of a Dental Checkup at Least Twice a Year"
 - "How to Prevent Tooth Decay"