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29TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION

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

1. The 29th National Dental Health Week will be celebrated from February 3 to 9, 1979 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 235 dated January 24, 1951. The annual celebration is geared towards arousing dental health consciousness among the people particularly the school children and make them appreciate the importance of dental hygiene.
2. In all schools, both public and private, the Week should be observed with appropriate activities. A suggested program of activities is inclosed for reference.
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 Memorandum be widely disseminated to all concerned, and a report on the Week's celebration be included in the school dental reports.

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Incl: as stated

Reference: Department Memorandum No. 1, s. 1978

Attachment: 1-2-3-4 (D.O. 1-76)

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 3 to 9

I. Opening Program - February 3

1. Dental Health Parade - School 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 by the health supervisor or an invited barangay chairman on the significance of dental health in relation to community service.

II. Classroom Activities During the Week

1. School dentists/classroom teachers to check on the health habits of school children.
2. School dentists to conduct toothbrushing drill with emphasis on the correct way of brushing the teeth.
3. School teachers to give a daily five-minute talk on the importance of dental health.
4. Hold contest on the selection of A-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

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 the "Significance of the National Dental Health Week."

