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Manila

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MEMORANDUM  
No. 286, s. 1979

30th NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION

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

1. The 30th National Dental Health Week will be celebrated from February 3 to 9, 1980 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 235 dated January 24, 1951. The annual observance of the week is geared towards arousing dental health awareness among the people most particularly school children and make them practice the good habits of oral hygiene.
2. The theme of the week-long celebration is "Dental Health of the Child Tomorrow - Our Responsibility Today." There will be a poster contest on dental health open to all private and public elementary and high school students in the Philippines to be conducted by the Philippine Dental Association. Cash prizes will be given to winners in both elementary and high school categories. Inclosed are the rules of the contest.
3. All schools, both public and private, should observe the Week with appropriate activities. A suggested program of activities is inclosed for reference in which an educational campaign on the use of medicinal herbs by school health guardians for dental ailments is included.
4. All school personnel, particularly school dentists, are expected to coordinate with local dental societies in planning dental health activities to maximize a meaningful celebration of the Week.







5. 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 monthly reports of school dentists.

(SGS.) CNOPRE D. CORPUZ  
Minister of Education and Culture

Incls.:  
As stated

Reference:

MEC Memorandum: No. 2, s. 1979

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

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(Inclosure No. I to MEC Memorandum No. 286, s. 1979)

THE POSTER CONTEST ON DENTAL HEALTH

Theme: "Dental Health of the Child Tomorrow - Our Responsibility Today"

Rules for the Contest:

1. The poster contest is open to all private and public elementary and high school students in the Philippines.
2. The poster may be done in charcoal, pencil, pen and ink, water color, pastel or crayon. It must be drawn in any white drawing paper or illustration board 16" x 20" in size and bear at the back the name of the contestant, teacher, school, grade/year, town, city and province.
3. The poster's caption may be either English or Filipino and must contain five or more words but not to exceed ten words. It must jibe or complement with the 30th National Dental Week's theme which is "Dental Health of the Child Tomorrow - Our Responsibility Today."
4. Kins or relatives of the Philippine Dental Association officers are disqualified from the contest.
5. All entries should be addressed to:  

DR. MARCEL L. GARCIA  
Chairman, SLOGAN AND DENTAL HEALTH  
COMMITTEE  
NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION  
c/o Bureau of Dental Health Services  
San Lazaro, Manila
6. Entries should be submitted on or before January 10, 1980.
7. Decision of the panel of judges shall be final.
8. Winning entries shall become the property of the 30th National Dental Health Celebration Committee.
9. Proclamation of winners will be on February 9, 1980 to coincide with the last day of celebration of the 30th National Dental Health Week.



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10. Prizes may be claimed at the office of the chairman or may be sent through Postal Money Order to the winners of the contest.

WIN CASH PRIZES ! ! !

Elementary Level

1st Prize . . . . . \$300  
2nd Prize . . . . . 200  
3rd Prize . . . . . 100  
Ten Consolation Prizes of  
\$25 each

High School Level

1st Prize . . . . . \$400  
2nd Prize . . . . . 300  
3rd Prize . . . . . 200  
Ten Consolation Prizes of  
\$50 each









(Inclosure No. 2 to MEC Memorandum No. 786, s. 1979)

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

I. Opening Program - February 3

1. Dental Health Parade - Schools participating with placards and posters depicting dental health information.
2. Convocation
  - a. Talk by 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.
  - c. Role of school dentists in community development.

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. Talk on the use of medicinal herbs for dental ailments by school dentists/school health guardians.
4. School teacher to give a daily five-minute talk on the importance of dental health.
5. Hold contest on the selection of 2-3 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 broadcast in cooperation with local dental societies or civic groups.

IV. Closing Program - February 9

1. Marchband 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."





