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36th NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION

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

1. The 36th National Dental Health Week will be celebrated from February 3 to 9 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 making them appreciate the importance of dental hygiene.
2. The theme of this year's celebration is "Professionalism and Dentistry."
3. The Week should be observed with appropriate activities in all schools, both public and private. A program of suggested activities is reproduced on the reverse side for reference.
4. 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.
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 school dental reports.

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Minister

Reference:

MECS Memorandum No. 247, s. 1983

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

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 dental supervisor or health supervisor on the significance of dental health in relation to community health.

II. Classroom Activities During the Week

1. School dentist/classroom teachers to check on the dental health habits of school children.
2. School dentists to conduct toothbrushing drill with emphasis on the correct way of brushing the tooth.
3. School teachers to give a daily five-minute talk on the importance of dental health.
4. 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. Films/slides exhibition on dental health whenever available.
2. Radio broadcasts in cooperation with local dental societies or civic groups.
3. Poster contest on dental health.

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."

