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DECS MEMORANDUM  
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1987 FAMILY WEEK CELEBRATION

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

1. This year's Family Week will be celebrated on December 1-7. The theme is "Strengthen the Family to Build a Strong Nation".
2. The Week's activities will focus on the role of the family in values development. It is believed that strengthening the family helps build a strong nation. The themes for each day are as follows:

Tuesday, December 1	- The Family and the Development of the Spirit of Patriotism
Wednesday, December 2	- The Family and the Development of Moral Character
Thursday, December 3	- The Family and the Physical Development of the Young
Friday, December 4	- The Family and the Development of Economic and Social Well-being
Saturday, December 5	- Strengthening Family Harmony Through Communications
Sunday, December 6	- Father-Daughter Focus on Spiritual Development
Monday, December 7	- Mother-Daughter Focus on Intellectual Development



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3. All schools are encouraged to participate in the observance of the Week. The promotion and involvement of the local barangay and other government offices may also be deemed to have a wider and more meaningful observance of the week.
4. It is suggested that the theme and the spirit of the year's celebration of Family Week be incorporated in the daily lessons in the different learning areas.
5. The suggested activities in the Inclusion may serve as basis for planning and launching the program. However, local needs and conditions must always be taken into consideration.
6. An account of the observance of the Month's celebration in each division is expected to be included in the Superintendent's annual report.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is encircled.

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Reference:

MECS Memorandum No. 190, s. 1968

Attachment: 1-2-3-4-CMO, 1-PRT

To be indicated in the Permanent Annex  
under the following subject:

\* CELEBRATIONS and FESTIVALS  
\* COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
\* REPORT  
\* SCHOOLS







(Inclosure to DECIS Memorandum no. 203, s. 1987)

1987 FAMILY WEEK CELEBRATION  
December 7-13

Theme: Strengthen the Family to Build a Strong Nation

Tuesday, December 1

Sub-Theme ~ The Family and the Development of the Spirit of Patriotism (Motivation for simple yet relevant steps for civic efficiency should be emphasized by the Filipino family. This will significantly contribute to the sense of patriotism.)

Suggested Activities:

1. Inviting the whole family to attend flag ceremony in school or in the community.
2. School children assume government posts for a week.
3. In-depth study of the lives of national heroes.
  - a. Inviting elders in the community to tell stories about local heroes.
4. Slogans contest on the theme.
5. Radio/TV program on the theme.

Wednesday, December 2

Sub-Theme ~ The Family and the Development of Moral Character (A strong society is composed of morally strong families, hence the captain of the family should be stronger when it comes to the development of this aspect)

Suggested Activities:

1. "Best in Department" contest in the school (by grade level).
2. Choosing model families in the community.
3. Campaign against the spread of pornographic magazines.
4. Encouraging values enhancement in the school and in the community.







### **Thesis/essay: Theme 3**

**Sub-Theme 1:** The Family and the Physical Development of the Young. (From the early stage of a child's life, the family plays a major role in his physical development. A person becomes stronger when he continues his physical growth/development.

#### **Suggested Activities:**

1. Contests given to families with the most number of A+ children.
2. Aerobics/Sports/football.
3. Organized health camps in homes and schools.
4. Presentation of different folk dances and modern dances.
5. Home demonstration in cooking nutritious but inexpensive dishes conducted by mothers.

### **Thesis/essay: Theme 4**

**Sub-Theme 2:** The Family and the Development of Economic and Social Well-Being (The family should participate in income-generating projects to augment its resources thereby improving/uplifting the economic status. Economic sufficient significantly contributes to the development of social well-being which eventually leads to the building up of a strong nation.)

#### **Suggested Activities:**

1. Distribution of articles/leaflets on feasible income-generating projects in schools and community.
2. Lecture-demonstration during community assemblies on some flourishing income-generating projects.
3. Contest for the best school/family income generating project.
4. Cultural presentation of the motto "Pasta sa Horay" showing dramatics, songs and dance numbers.







## Saturday, December 4

Sub-Theme ~ Grandparents' Important Role in Family Harmony Between the Generations (Grandparents have a distinct and crucial role in assuring harmony in the home. The child sees the grandparents exemplars in the preservation of family harmony. Chances are he grows up constantly holding on to this value).

### Suggested Activities:

1. School program where a child participant presents and tells something about his grandfather/grandmother.
2. Community program where all the participants are grandparents or where grandparents and grandchildren share a number.
3. Presenting a community project initiated by a grandparent.

## Sunday, December 5

Sub-Theme Father's Day: Focus on Spiritual Development (The child always looks up to his father as model. As the head of the family, the father exerts a great influence along the spiritual development of the child and the whole family. Spiritually strong families will definitely lead to a spiritually strong nation.)

### Suggested Activities:

1. Campaign in schools for families to go to church together on this day (Sunday) or on other day of worship.
2. Community prayer rallies for peace, unity and economic recovery initiated by fathers.
3. Quotational contest on the subject "My Father".
4. Search for the "Father of the Year" in the community.
5. Making Father's Day cards.

## Monday, December 6

Sub-Theme ~ Mother's Day: Focus on Intellectual Development (The first five years in a child's life is deemed very important. It







is said that the first teacher of the child is always his mother. Whatever intellectual development he has in later years is a part of what he gets during the formative years when the home exerts a great influence on him.)

#### Proposed Activities:

1. Writing of poems:
  - a. Poem on God & both parents are living.
  - b. Poem which the parent is dead while the other parent are alive.
2. Academic contests by grade level in all subjects.
3. Presentation of Artworks by grade level
4. Essay contests on the subject "My Mother"
5. Making greeting cards addressed to mothers.
6. Selection of the "Mother of the Year" in the community.





