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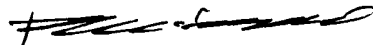
DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. **148**s, 2005

**SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

**To: Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Head of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary & Secondary Schools**

1. In line with the DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005, "**Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**", which aims to limit school celebrations to those events directly relevant to the instructional program, this Department hereby provides this list of events of historical, cultural and political significance which schools may wish to celebrate.
2. In general, discussions and/or conduct of a lesson-centered activity on the significance of said events should be integrated in related subject areas utilizing various strategies during the regular classroom instruction. The said integration should serve as the mode of imparting important messages to students.
3. For the events whose celebration is spearheaded by DepED, additional activities may include:
  - conduct of poster, slogan and essay writing contests on the theme of the significant event;
  - holding of symposia/lectures/ and other fora on topics related to the event and inviting speakers during the flag ceremony to talk about the significant celebration;

- putting up of bulletin board display in strategic places in the schools depicting the theme of the event;
  - publication of relevant articles in the school newsletter explaining the historical/political/cultural significance of the event; and
  - inviting civic spirited groups, associations and the like to render services to school children.
4. Enclosed is the list of school events for your information and reference.
  5. Every School Head must send to the Division Office a letter acknowledging receipt of the DepED Memorandum including the date of receipt and committing to comply with its provisions .
  6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**FLORENCIO B. ABAD**  
Secretary

**EDUCATION-RELATED NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS**

Schedule		Celebration/Activities	Legal Bases	Lead Agencies
January	16-22	Autism Consciousness Week	Proc. No. 711 dated January 4, 1996	DOH, DepED, DSWD
February	14-18	National Mental Retardation Week	Proc. No. 235 dated February 12, 1975	DOH, DepED, DSWD
	25	EDSA People Power I & II	A.O. No. 47 DepEd Memo No. 8, Series 2002	All Concerned Agencies
March	1 <sup>st</sup> Wk	National Women's Week  Women's Rights & International Peace Day	Proc. No. 224	National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), DepED (NEAP)
April	09 5-11	Araw ng Kagitingan Philippine Veterans Week	A.O. 383 M.O. 420 M.O. 85	DND, DepED
May		Month of Festivals	R.A. No. 7356	NCCA, DepED, DOT
June	12	Independence Day Celebration	A.O. No. 33 R.A. No. 8491	National Celebration (All concerned agencies)
July		National Disaster Consciousness Month  Nutrition Month	Proc. No. 137 s 1999  Sec 7, PD 491 DepEd Memo 44 s, 2002	NDCC, DepED  National Nutrition Council (NNC), DepED
August		Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa	Prok. Blg. 1041, s 1997	National Celebration (All concerned agencies)

September	1 <sup>st</sup> wk	<b>Literacy Week*</b>	Proc. No. 239 s 1993	DepED
	19-25	Girl Scout Week	DepEd Memo 373, s. 2004	Girl Scout of the Philippines National Office, DepED
	26-30	Family Week	Proc. No. 60	
October		<b>School Health Month*</b>	Proc. 471	DepED
		Boy Scout Month	Commonwealth Act 111 dated Oct. 31, 1936, Sec. 3, RA 7278	Boy Scout of the Philippines National Office, DepED
November	14-18	Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week	Proc. No. 124 dated Nov. 26, 2001	DOH, DILG, DepED
	25-29	National Week for the Gifted and Talented	Proc. No. 199 dated October 19, 1999 -DepED Memo 252, s, 2002	DepED, DOST, DILG
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> wk	<b>Education Week*</b> (Teachers Day)	Proc. No. 2399 dated Feb. 1985	DepED

\*refers to activity celebrated and spearheaded by DepEd only

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