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SCHOOL CHILDREN ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) will celebrate the School Children's Oral Health Awareness Week on October 6-10, 2008 as one of the highlights of the School Health Month Celebration in October.

2. The week-long celebration will create awareness on the importance of oral hygiene among school children, teachers and school administrators through the following activities proposed to be undertaken in all schools nationwide:

- Monday :
 - posting of streamers in designated areas,
 - conduct of Sodium Fluoride mouthrinsing.
- Tuesday :
 - Reinforcing 7'o clock toothbrushing habit among grade 1 pupils,
 - Inauguration of the Global Child Dental Health Taskforce (GCDHT) Beacon Center at DepED Central Office,
 - Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on "Zero Cavities, Zero Waste" (Oral Health and Recycling Promotion) Contest.
- Wednesday :
 - Dental services in collaboration with Philippine Dental Association's (PDA) local chapters
- and
- Thursday :
- Friday :
 - Conduct of lectures/symposia on oral health promotion.

3. School health and nutrition personnel, specifically the school dentists are expected to take the lead in the conduct of the aforementioned activities. It must be emphasized that such activities should not, in any manner, disrupt classes.

4. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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