



SEP 18 2009

DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. **414**, s. 2009

2009 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829 dated November 8, 1991 (copy enclosed), the **2009 National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week** will be on November 8-14, 2009 with the theme "Tinig Ko... Dinggin Mo..." (Hearken to My Voice).
2. The observance aims to strengthen public awareness on deafness, its prevention and rehabilitation and to ensure the integration of the hearing impaired in the mainstream of the society.
3. All public, private, special schools with programs for the deaf and Special Education (SPED) Centers are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities provided that the Engaged Time-on-Task Policy of the Department shall be observed as stipulated in DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005:
  - a. hanging of streamers;
  - b. academic competitions;
  - c. arts and crafts competitions;
  - d. visual and performing arts competitions;
  - e. sports competitions with hearing students;
  - f. skills training and jobs fair;
  - g. tiangge exhibits;
  - h. free screening and sign language;
  - i. parent symposia on early detection, intervention and education of the deaf; and
  - j. week long exhibit of education services offered to the deaf.
4. For more information, please contact the Bureau of Elementary Education, Special Education Division (BEE-SPED), 2/F Bonifacio Building, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. no.: (02) 631-9993 or e-mail address: bee-deped@pldtdsl.net.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**RAMON C. BACANI**  
Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge

References:

DepED Order: (No. 9, s. 2005)

DepED Memorandum: No. 410, s. 2008

Allotment: 1—(50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Madel: Deaf Awareness Week  
9-16-09

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
of the Philippines  
Malacanan

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 829

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 10 - 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS  
"DEAF AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the deaf, a vital segment of our society, can be transformed into a significant force in the efforts for national development; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, there is need to focus public awareness on deafness, its prevention and rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare NOVEMBER 10 to 16 of every year as "Deafness Awareness Week" under the auspices of the Philippine Institute for the Deaf and the Philippine School for the Deaf and other concerned organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE In the City of Manila, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.

By the President:

*Corazon C. Aquino*  
CORAZON C. AQUINO  
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

*Francisco B. Quinsion*

