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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **492**, s. 2009

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS  
MONTH THROUGH SCHOOL LEVEL ACTIVITIES

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will jointly celebrate the Environmental Awareness Month through school level activities in November 2009.
2. The celebration will focus on the following:
  - a. Republic Act No. 9512 – An Act to Promote Environmental Awareness Through Environmental Education;
  - b. Republic Act No. 8749 – Philippine Clean Air Act;
    - National Clean Air Month (Ligtas Hangin); and
  - c. Climate Change Consciousness Week (November 19-25, 2009)
3. The major objective of the activity is to enhance the awareness of all students/pupils, teachers and parents on their role in taking care of the environment including their consciousness on the present challenge posed by climate change.
4. This Department hereby directs all Regional Directors to instruct the Schools Division/City Superintendents to undertake the activities listed in the enclosure (Enclosure No. 1).
5. For this year's celebration, the following Departments in the schools shall spearhead/take charge of the activities:
  - a. Awareness Campaign – MAPEH Department;
  - b. Curriculum Integration – Science Department/HEKASI;
  - c. Civic and Community Activities – CAT Department; and
  - d. Culminating Activities – Student Government Organizations.
6. School Heads are advised to request updated, sufficient and relevant information materials on environment and climate change from the local offices of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

7. The Schools Division/City Superintendents shall assign a monitoring team to see to it that the activities listed were conducted. Monitors shall use the enclosed instrument (Enclosure No. 2). A documented Accomplishment Report shall be forwarded to the Secondary and Elementary Education Regional Chiefs for consolidation before submission to:

**Hon. Jesli A. Lapus**

Secretary

Department of Education (DepEd)

**Attention: Antonio A. Inocentes**

Undersecretary for Teachers' Welfare

8. In consideration of the adverse effects to the lives and properties due to environmental problems, there is a need to prioritize the issuance of this Memorandum.

9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 260, s. 2008

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION  
PUPILS  
SCHOOLS  
TEACHERS

Sally: environmental awareness month  
November 6, 2009

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

**2009 Project Proposal**

I. Elementary Level

a. Awareness Campaign

Week 1 – Launching the different School Level Contests on Climate Change Consciousness:

- a. Poster Making
- b. Slogan Making
- c. Jingle Writing Contest
- d. Essay Writing Contest (Filipino)
- e. Tula Making Contest
- f. Others

b. Curriculum Integration – HEKASI Teachers

Week 2	Monday	-Ang Nagbabagong Klima
	Tuesday	-Mga Tanda na Nagbabago ang Klima
	Wednesday	-Mga Epekto ng Nagbabagong Klima sa Likas na Yaman ng Bansa
	Thursday	-Mga Dahilan/sanhi ng Pagbabago ng Klima
	Friday	-Ang magagawa ng Tao Para Makatugon o Maiakma ang Sarili sa Nagbabagong Klima

c. Civic and Community Activities

Week 3	Monday	- (c/o Pupil Government Organization) Planning for the clean up of the school, survey of sanitation facilities like toilets, trash cans and medicinal plants
	Saturday	- Clean-up day with the Homeroom PTA in the school campus

Week 4	Monday	- Submission of entries (various contests for judging and declaration of winners and awarding and submission of results in the DepEd Central Office
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	Friday	- Culminating Program
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Features:

- Guest speaker to deliver the theme
- Special numbers like creative dance numbers, songs
- Proclamation of winners and awarding of prizes

**Note:** Principal (School Head shall create a Committee to prepare the criteria for judging).

II. Secondary Level

a. Awareness Campaign

Week I - Launching the different school level contests on environmental awareness:

Theme: "Kapaligirang Pinagpala at Hanging Malinis Buhay Ko, Buhay Mo. Ligtas sa Sakuna".

- a. Poster Making Contest
- b. Slogan Making Contest
- c. Jingle Writing and Singing Contest
- d. Essay Writing Contest (English)
- e. Tula Making Contest
- f. Others

**Note:** The Principal/School Head shall create a Committee to prepare the criteria for judging.

b. Curriculum Integration

Week 2	Monday	- Lesson 1 Nature of Philippine Environment
	Tuesday	- Lesson 2 The Issues, Problems and Concerns Relative to Environment and the Natural Disasters
	Wednesday	- Lesson 3 An Act to Promote Environmental Awareness Through Environmental Education (RA 9512)
	Thursday	- Lesson 4 Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (RA 8749)
	Friday	- Lesson 5 Ways and Means to Conserve/Protect our Environment and the Air

c. Civic and Community Activities

Week 3	Monday	- (c/o Student Government Organization officers and Barangay Council) Coordinating with the SK for planning community services like: clean up, survey of sanitation facilities (drainage, comfort rooms and backyard gardening, preparing for natural disasters and community adaptation to climate change).
	Saturday	- c/o the Fourth Year CAT students and class officers Clean-up day and tree planting activities in the community in coordination with the PTA and local government officials.

d. Culminating Activities

Week 4	Monday	- Submission of entries (various contests for judging and declaration of winners and awarding and submission of results in the DepEd Central Office
	Friday	- Culminating Program

Features:

- a. Guest speaker will talk on the theme
- b. Special numbers like creative dance numbers, songs, etc.
- c. Proclamation of winners and awarding of prizes

### MONITORING GUIDE

Instruction:

Kindly rate the conduct of school level activities in connection with the celebration of the National Environmental Awareness Month  
Thank you.

Part I

In a rating of 1-4, being 4 as the highest and 1 as the lowest, rate the following by putting an "x" on the column of your choice

Areas of Concern	Rating				Remark
	1	2	3	4	
1. Preparatory Activities					
• Information dissemination					
• Participation of teachers					
• Participation of Parents					
• Participation of students/pupils					
2. Conduct of Activities					
• All Activities					
a. Curriculum Integration					
b. Awareness Campaign					
c. Community Service					
d. Culminating Activities					
3. Overall Rating					

Part II

Please complete the following sentence

1. The best feature of the celebration is

2. The activities most liked and participated in by the students/pupils are

3. Aspects/ areas which can be further strengthened are

4. The problems encountered in the conduct of activities are

5. The lessons gained by the students in the activities are

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Part III  
Comments and Recommendation

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Signature of Monitor