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DepEd ORDER
No. **11**, s. 2003

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SY 2003-2004

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

1. For School Year (SY) 2003-2004, the following schedule shall be observed in all elementary and secondary schools:

- a. The SY 2003-2004 shall be preceded by the **National Schools Maintenance Week**, scheduled on **May 19-23, 2003** or three weeks before the school opening, to enable the community and the school to prepare the school facilities for the coming school year activities.
- b. The school year shall **begin** on Monday, **June 9, 2003** and shall **end** on Friday, **April 2, 2004**. It shall consist of two hundred four (204) school days. The number of school days per month and the indicative events for the school year are listed in Enclosure No. 1.
- c. A **five (5)-day break** shall be scheduled after the second quarter examination for the purpose of **upgrading the competencies of the school teachers** through participation in division/cluster and school-based training programs. The pupils/students shall be given assignments, projects and research work to complete during the break. The outputs shall be evaluated to form part of subject specific projects.
- d. The **last day** of school for CY 2003 shall be on Friday, **December 19, 2003**. The Christmas break shall **begin** on Monday, **December 22, 2003** and classes shall **resume** on Monday, **January 5, 2004**.
- e. The secondary school **summer classes** shall **begin** on Monday, **April 19, 2004** and **end** on Friday, **May 28, 2004**. It shall consist of a **3-hour session per subject area**, daily for **thirty-six (36) days**.

2. The dates given in this calendar shall be compulsory for public elementary and secondary schools. The private schools may deviate from this SY 2003-2004 Calendar, provided that they do not open earlier than the second (2nd) Monday nor later than the last Monday of June 2003. However, they need to complete the minimum number of class hours and class days of 204; and to notify the appropriate DepEd Office in advance. *a*

3. The observance of school celebrations or activities and holidays other than those indicated in the calendar shall be allowed provided that the minimum number of class hours and class days is maintained. Please see Enclosure no. 2 for other school events.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.



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Secretary

Model: School Calendar
3-5-03
Computer used: Carol

Encls.:
As stated

References:
DepEd Orders: Nos. 10, 22, and 28, s. 2002

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

CALENDAR, SCHOOL
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(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Order No. 11 , s. 2003)

Number of Class Days for SY 2003-2004

June	-	15 days
July	-	23
August	-	21
September	-	22
October	-	23
November	-	20
December	-	15
January	-	20
February	-	20
March	-	23
April	-	2
TOTAL		- 204 days

2003-2004 School Calendar

2003	May	19-23	National School Maintenance Week
		26-30	School Planning Meetings
	June	9	All classes begin
		12	Independence Day (legal holiday)
	August	14-15	1 st Quarter Examinations
		25	National Heroes Day
	October	23-24	2 nd Quarter Examinations
		27-31	Teachers' INSET
	November	1	All Saints Day (special holiday)
		25	PEPT Administration for Luzon
		28	PEPT Administration for Visayas/Mindanao
		30	Bonifacio Day (legal holiday)
2004	December	1	Education Week begins
		22	Christmas Vacation begins
		25	Christmas Day (legal holiday)
		30	Rizal Day (legal holiday)
	January	31	Last day of the Year (special holiday)
		1	New Year's Day (legal holiday)
		5	Classes resume
	February	15-16	3 rd Quarter Examinations
	March	22-27	National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)
		9	Achievement Test for Grade V
		11	Achievement Test for 2 nd Yr. High School
		15-16	Final Examinations for Grade VI and 4 th Year
	22-24	Final Examinations for Grades I to V	
		Final Examinations for 1 st to 3 rd Year	
April	2	School Year ends	
	5-9	Year-end Review and Assessment	
	9	Araw ng Kagitingan (legal holiday)	
	15	Holy Thursday (legal holiday)	
	16	Good Friday (legal holiday)	
	19	Summer classes begin	
May	1	Labor Day (legal holiday)	
	26-27	Final Examinations for summer classes	
	28	Summer classes end	

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2003)

LIST OF SCHOOL EVENTS

<i>Schedule</i>		<i>Celebrations/Activities</i>	<i>Legal Bases</i>
January	18-24	National Cancer Consciousness Week	Proc. No 1348 dated Nov 12, 1994
January	16-22	Autism Consciousness Week	Proc. No. 711 dated Jan 4, 1996
February	22-25	EDSA Revolution/Commemoration of EDSA People Power I, and EDSA People Power II	A.O. No. 47
February	3-9	National Dental Health Week	Proc. No. 235 dated Jan. 4, 1951
February	13-17	National Awareness Week and Prevention of Child Home Sexual Abuse and Exploitation	Proc. No. 731
February	14-20	National Mental Retardation Week	Proc. No. 1385 dated Feb. 12, 1975
February		Heart Month Celebration	PD No. 1096 dated January 15, 1973
February		National Arts Month	Proc. No. 683 dated Jan. 1991
March		National Women's Month	Proc. Nos. 224 and 227
March	2-8	Girl Child Week Celebration	Proc. No. 759
April	9	Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week	Proc. No. 154
June	12	Independence Day Celebration	AO No. 33
June		National Kidney Month	Proc. 184 dated May 31, s. 1993
June		Month of Mountains	Proc. 176 dated April 15, 2002
July		Nutrition Month	PD No. 491 dated June 25, 1974
July	1-7	National Disaster Consciousness Week	Proc. No. 137, s. 1999
July	17-23	National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week	Proc. No. 361 dated August 19, 2000
	26-31	Arbor Week	EO No. 113 dated July 22, 1993
August	1-31	Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa	Prok. Blg. 1041, s. 1997
August	1	White Cane Safety Day	Republic Act No. 6759
August	12	Philippine National Youth Day	Proc. No. 229, s. 2002
August	25	National Heroes Day	Act No. 3827, s. 1931
August	7-13	ASEAN Week Celebration	Proc. No. 1008 dated May 21, 1997
September	1-7	National Crime Prevention Week	Proc. No. 461, dated Aug. 31, 1994
September	3 rd Wk	Linggo ng Kasuotang Pilipino	Proc. No. 241 dated August 30, 1993

September	Last Week	Family Week	Proc. No. 60
September	1 st Wk	National Science Club Month Literacy Week	Proc. No. 28, s. 1986 Proc. No. 239, s. 1993
September	15-21	National History Week Celebration	Proc. 1304, s. 1974 Proc. 251 dated Sept. 9, 2002
September	18-24	National Tourism Week	Proc. No. 894, s. 1996
October		Consumer Welfare Month	Proc. No. 1098, s. 1992
October	Last Week	Food Safety Awareness Week	Proc. No. 160 dated August 16, 1999
October	1-7	Linggo ng Katandaang Pilipino (Elderly Filipino Week)	P.D. No. 470 dated Sept. 26, 1994
October	2 nd Week	National Mental Health Week Celebration	Proc. No. 452 dated Aug. 25, 1994
October	3 rd Week	Meat Safety Consciousness Week	Proc. No. 276 dated October 15, 1993
October	8-14	National Health Education Week	Proc. No. 255 dated August 20, 1967
October	8-12	School Children's Oral Health Awareness Week	DECS Memorandum No. 336, s. 2000
October		National Statistics Month	Proc. No. 647
October	18-24	United Nation's Week	DM No. 218, s. 2002
October		National Children's Month	Proc. No. 267, s. 1993
October		School Health Month	Proc. No. 471 dated September 22, 1994
November	9-15	Deaf Awareness Week	Proc. No. 829 dated Nov. 8, 1991
November	10-16	Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week	Proc. No. 124 dated November 26, 2001
November	Last Week	National Music Week	Proc. No. 25, s. 1998
November		Filipino Values Month	Proc. No. 479 dated October 7, 1994
November	25-29	National Week for the Gifted and Talented	Proc. No. 199 dated Oct. 19, 1999
November	28-30	2002 National Day of Youth	DepEd Memorandum No. 235, s. 2002
December	1	World Aids Day	DECS Memorandum No 205, s. 2000
December	1-7	Government Employees Week	Proc. No. 1130
December	1 st Mon	Father's Day and Mother's Day	Proc. No. 58, s. 1998
December	3-10	Human Rights Week	Proc. No 177 dated October 30, 1987
December	7-11	National Volunteer Month	Proc. No. 55, dated December, 5, 1998
December		Education Week	Proc. No. 2399 dated February 1985