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To: PSDS of SPED Schools
School Principals of SPED Schools
SPED Teachers

From:  **NATIVIDAD P. BAYUBAY, CESO VI**
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the schools Division Superintendent

Subject: **Observance of the 2016 White Cane Safety Day**

Date: August 18, 2016

Please be advised on the observance of the **2016 White Cane Safety Day**; see attached DepEd Memorandum no. 114, s. 2016 and Regional Memorandum no. 89, s. 2016 for your guidance and information.

SPED implementing schools shall submit a brief narrative report with pictorials on the conduct of the said activity on or before September 9, 2016, c/o Dr. Grace T. Dela Cruz, the Division SPED Coordinator.

Immediate Dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

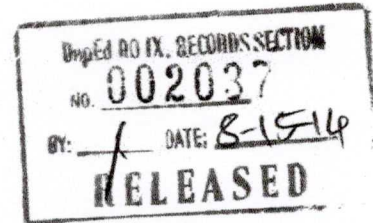


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 89, s. 2016

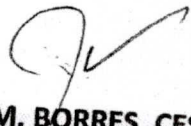
2016 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY



To: Schools Division Superintendents,
Division SPED Coordinators,
Public Schools District Supervisors,
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads

1. Attached is the DepEd Memorandum No. 114, s. 2016 from **LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**, Secretary, Department of Education, re: **2016 White Cane Safety Day** to support the efforts of the present administration in promoting good governance through respect and realization of all human rights. This year's theme is **Putting Baston : Matibay na Gabay Tungo sa Sama-samang Pag-angat at Pagkakapantay-pantay ng Lahat.**
2. The celebration will commence with the activities celebrating Sight Saving Month in August. The activities aims to :
 - a. Stimulate public awareness on the rights and welfare of people who are blind and with low vision;
 - b. Promote recognition and acceptance of the white cane as symbol of mobility and safety for people who are blind and with low vision ;
 - c. Strengthen and protect the physical , moral and social well – being of people who are blind and with low vision ; and
 - d. Serve as vehicle of information on the continuing development of programs being implemented through partnerships between public and private sectors to realize the rights and fundamental freedom of people who are blind and with low vision.
3. The following relevant activities may be conducted at the division level/ school level through the initiative of the Special Education (SPED) division supervisor or school focal person in cooperation with other government organizations(GOs), nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) , civic organizations (Cos) , and white cane interagency committee throughout the month of August and beyond:
 - a. Showcasing of talents of blind and low vision learners;
 - b. Sharing of information on best practices concerning the education of the visually impaired by inviting blind learners or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for people who are blind and with low vision;
 - c. Inviting either ophthalmologists or optometrists to conduct free eye examination and screening to visually impaired learners;
 - d. Holding of symposia , for a , workshops , panel discussions and sports , arts and cultural activities relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness ; and

- e. Holding of academic contests in Braille reading and writing , quiz bee , and other activities which highlight the talents , skills and rights of the visually impaired learners.
4. All SPED centers , and public schools with SPED programs are encourage to observe the White Cane Safety Day with appropriate activities. However , activities to be undertaken should not disrupt classes as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 s, 2015 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
5. Every SPED Centers , and public schools with SPED programs shall submit a brief narrative with pictorials on the Celebration to Division Office to be consolidated for submission to CLMD , Department of Education Regional Office IX (DepEd RO IX) , at Airport Road , Tiguma , Pagadian City.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


DR. ISABELITA M. BORRES. CESO III
Director IV
Regional Director

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **114**, s. 2016

2016 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

To: Bureau and Service Directors
ARMM DepEd Secretary
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 6759, *Declaring August 1 of Every Year as White Cane Safety Day*, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), will celebrate the **2016 White Cane Safety Day** to support the efforts of the present administration in promoting good governance through respect and realization of all human rights. This year's theme is *Puting Baston: Matibay na Gabay Tungo sa Sama-samang Pag-angat at Pagkakapantay-pantay ng Lahat*.
2. The Celebration will commence with the activities celebrating Sight Saving Month in August. The activities aim to:
 - a. stimulate public awareness on the rights and welfare of people who are blind and with low vision;
 - b. promote recognition and acceptance of the white cane as symbol of mobility and safety for people who are blind and with low vision;
 - c. strengthen and protect the physical, moral and social well-being of people who are blind and with low vision; and
 - d. serve as vehicle of information on the continuing development of programs being implemented through partnerships between public and private sectors to realize the rights and fundamental freedom of people who are blind and with low vision.
3. The following relevant activities may be conducted at the regional level through the initiative of the Special Education (SPED) regional supervisor or focal person, in cooperation with other government organizations (GOs), nongovernment organizations (NGOs), civic organizations (COs), and white cane interagency committee throughout the month of August and beyond:
 - a. showcasing of talents of blind and low vision learners;
 - b. sharing of information on best practices concerning the education of the visually impaired by inviting blind learners or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for people who are blind and with low vision;
 - c. inviting either ophthalmologists or optometrists to conduct *free eye examination and screening* to visually impaired learners;

- d. holding of symposia, fora, workshops, panel discussions and sports, arts and cultural activities relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness; and
- e. holding of academic contests in Braille reading and writing, quiz bee, and other activities which highlight the talents, skills and rights of the visually impaired learners.
4. All SPED centers, and public and private schools with SPED programs are encouraged to observe the White Cane Safety Day with appropriate activities. However, activities to be undertaken should not disrupt classes as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.
5. Every region shall submit a brief narrative with pictorial report on the Celebration to **BLD-SID, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO)**, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
6. More details may be inquired from BLD-SID at telephone no. (02) 631-9993.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 77, s. 2015

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