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DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. **227**, s. 2011

**2011 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEAF AWARENESS WEEK**

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED) through the Special Educations-Division of the Bureau of Elementary Education (SPED-BEE) will spearhead the **2011 National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week** with the theme "*DAW 2011: Educate, Enrich, Empower.*" on November 6-12, 2011. This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829 dated November 8, 1991 entitled "*Declaring the Period from November 10-16 of Every Year as Deaf Awareness Week.*" The week-long celebration is in coordination with the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (Department of Eyes, Nose and Throat and Master in Clinical Audiology Program), the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences (Department of Speech Language Pathology), the UST College of Education (Section of Special Education) and the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (Community Services).

2. The observance aims to enhance significant public awareness on the prevention, early detection, intervention, rehabilitation and education of people with hearing impairment.

3. All public, private and special schools with Special Education (SPED) Centers and programs for the deaf are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities provided that the *Engaged Time-on-Task Policy* 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 and competitions;
- e. Sports competitions with hearing students;
- f. Skills training and jobs fair;
- g. Product output exhibits;
- h. Free screening and sign language lessons;
- i. Parents' symposia on early detection, intervention and education of the deaf; and
- j. Week-long exhibit of education services offered to the deaf.

4. Likewise, free hearing assessment in selected schools in the National Capital Region (NCR) will be administered by a team from the Starsky Foundation (USA).

5. For more information, please visit the **SPED-BEE**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bonifacio Building, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City or contact this Office at telephone no.: (02) 631-9993 or send a message through e-mail address: [sped\\_bee.deped@yahoo.com](mailto:sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com).

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 397, s. 2010

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
of the Philippines  
Malacanang

**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:

*Francisco M. Drilon*  
FRANCISCO M. DRILON  
Secretary of Education

*Corazon C. Aquino*

