



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**


DepEd MEMORANDUM  
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**16<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 711 dated January 4, 1996, the nationwide celebration of the **16<sup>th</sup> National Autism Week** with the theme "*Making the Rights Real for Filipinos with Autism*" will be held on January 22-29, 2012.
2. The celebration aims to:
  - a. generate awareness on autism; and
  - b. provide educational, health and social services for children with autism.
3. All public and private schools with special program for Children with Autism and Special Education (SPED) Centers are encouraged to undertake any of the suggested activities listed below to support the week-long celebration:
  - a. Hanging of streamers;
  - b. Art and Crafts competitions;
  - c. Academic competitions;
  - d. Parent forum/symposia on autism; and
  - e. Exhibit of educational services offered to children with autism.
4. However, the activities should not violate the provisions of DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith."
5. For more information, all concerned shall contact **Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (SPED, BEE)**, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 631-99-93 or send a message through e-mail address: [sped\\_bee@yahoo.com](mailto:sped_bee@yahoo.com).
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 9, s. 2005

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