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SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Elementary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) will celebrate the **School Children's Oral Health Awareness Week** on October 5-9, 2009 as one of the highlights of the School Health Month in October with the theme "Wastong Pangangalaga sa Ngipin Alamin, Antas ng Kaalaman Palawigin".
2. The highlights of the week-long celebration are the following activities:
 - a. Scaling up the implementation of the Essential Health Care Program (EHCP) in all schools, per DepED Order No. 65, s. 2009;
 - b. Reinforcing the 7 o'clock toothbrushing habit among Grade I pupils;
 - c. Conduct of advocacy activities on oral health in the schools and communities in collaboration with the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) local chapters and Local Government Units (LGUs); and
 - d. Conduct of lectures/symposia on oral health promotion.
3. All school health and nutrition personnel, specifically the school dentists are expected to take the lead in the conduct of the aforementioned activities. It must be emphasized that such activities should not disrupt classes. School heads shall ensure that reports on accomplishments be submitted to the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) on or before October 30, 2009.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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References: DepED Order: (No. 65, s. 2009)
DepED Memorandum: No. 426, s. 2008
Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)
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