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Department of Education

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19TH NATIONAL AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 711 entitled **Declaring the Third Week of January as Autism Consciousness Week** dated January 4, 1996, the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Special Education (SPED) Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), will celebrate the **19th National Autism Consciousness Week** with the theme *Autism Inclusive Philippines: Aim High Fly High* from January 25 to 31, 2015.

2. The week-long celebration aims to generate awareness, acceptance, understanding, inclusion and employment of people with autism to provide equal rights, access to education, services and facilities enjoyed by the non-disabled people, and to function independently and contribute productively in the long run for them.

3. All public and private schools especially schools with programs for Children with Autism and SPED Centers are encouraged to spearhead the following creative activities, events and programs in their respective jurisdiction:

- a. Hanging of streamers;
- b. Arts Workshops and Contests (Visual Arts and Performance Arts such as sports, drama and dance);
- c. Community and Parent's Forum on understanding passengers with autism and possible employment;
- d. Forum on Disaster Preparedness for People with Autism; and
- e. Activities for professionals and general public and seminars on adaptive technologies for persons with autism.

4. All concerned schools in the National Capital Region (NCR), Region IV-A (CALABARZON), and other schools which are interested may participate in the following activities:

Activity	Date	Venue
Angels Walk for Autism (All attendees must wear Angel wings.)	January 15, 2015 (7:00 a.m.)	SM Mall of Asia-Arena, Pasay City
Flag Ceremony with <i>Isang Bansa, Isang Pangako</i> Campaign	January 16, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)	All regions, divisions and schools
Arts Workshop for Children with Autism (50 Elementary and 50 Secondary)	January 16, 2015 (1:00 p.m.)	8 th Floor, DILG Quezon Avenue Quezon City
Developing Assistive and Emphathic Technology for Persons with Autism	January 27, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)	DLSU-Taft Avenue

Forum on Employment for Adults with Autism	January 28, 2015 (8:00 a.m.)	Carmona Cavite City
Basketball Clinic for Persons with Autism	January 28, 2015 (1:00 p.m.)	Quezon City Multi Purpose Hall
Sensory Friendly Movie	January 29, 2015 (12:00 noon)	SM Manila
Public Consultation with Department of Health (DOH)	January 30, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)	DOH Offices
<i>Artismo: Kulay at Himig ng Autismo</i>	January 31, 2015 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)	SM Aura, Global City, Taguig
Autism Service Awards Closing Ceremony		Schools Division

5. All activities conducted for the celebration shall be in accordance with DepEd Order No. 9, s 2005, *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.
6. All regional offices shall submit a report on the conduct of activities celebrating the **19th Autism Consciousness Week** within 30 days after the observance through email at sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com.
7. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Education (SPED) Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE)**, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO), DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 631-9993.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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 Secretary

References:

DepEd Order: (No. 9, s. 2005)
 DepEd Memorandum: No. 5, s. 2014

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