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2008 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF THE WEEK FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED

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

1. Every fourth week of November, the nation observes National Week for the Gifted and Talented, an event declared through Presidential Proclamation No. 199 signed on October 19, 1999. This year's celebration will be observed on November 24-28, 2008 with the theme "**Building Gifts into Talents**".
2. The celebration aims to strengthen public awareness on the education of the gifted and talented in the country.
3. All public and private SPED Centers, including the regular schools with organized classes/programs for the gifted and talented are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities:
  - a. visual and performing arts competitions;
  - b. arts and crafts exhibits;
  - c. science leadership, ecology camp;
  - d. academic competitions;
  - e. educational field trips to museums, science centrum;
  - f. fun games and sports activities;
  - g. symposia on parenting the gifted and talented on meeting their needs;
  - h. lectures on building gifts into talents of these learners; and
  - i. other related activities.
4. The observance should be made part of the regular classroom activities to avoid disruption of classes, and to maximize time for learning. This is consistent with DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005.
5. For more information, please contact the Special Education Division-Bureau of Elementary Education (SPED-BEE), DepED Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. no. (02) 631-9993.
6. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference:

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