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Department of Education
 REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF OZAMIZ CITY

January 31, 2024

DIVISIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. *045* , s. 2024

OBSERVANCE OF THE 20TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisors (SGOD and CID)
 Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 School Health Section Personnel
 All others concerned
 This Division

- Pursuant to **Presidential Proclamation No. 559**, dated February 24, 2004 declaring the month of February of every year as National Dental Health Month, and to **OUOPS Memorandum No. 2024-09-00586**, titled Celebration of 20th National Dental Health Month in February 2024, this Office informs the field of its observance with the theme, “Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles”.
- The 20th NDHM aims to promote oral health awareness and education nation-wide, and promote good oral hygiene habits.
- Schools are enjoined to observe the month-long celebration through the following suggested activities:

WEEK	ACTIVITIES
First Week	Oral Health Awareness Campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate schoolwide campaign to raise awareness about oral health Printing and posting of IEC materials in visible and prominent areas of the classrooms and school premises, use of news letters, and social media platforms to share oral health tips, facts, and resources, Participate in the National Toothbrushing Day, “Isang Milyong Sipilyo, Sabayang Pagsisipilyo” on February 5, 2024
Second Week	Oral Health Workshops and Seminars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom activities via lectures, games, etc Social media campaign School community oral health awareness through orientations, lectures, and activities involving



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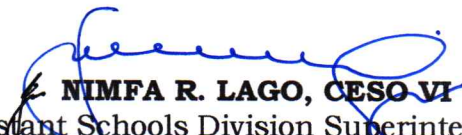




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	parents, teaching and non-teaching personnel (ie having school dentists or members of the local dental chapter as resource speakers)
Third Week	Delivery of Dental Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of dental services through the School Dental Health Care Program and/or in collaboration with local dental clinics or practitioners to organize on-site dental check-ups for students • Provide information to parents about the importance of regular dental check-ups
Fourth Week	Interactive Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up interactive workshops that include hands-on activities • Have demonstrations on proper brushing techniques and provide students with toothbrushes and dental floss to practice.

- IEC materials which have been curated by our Division Dentists may be accessed through the following link: <http://surl.li/pwxaa>
- The field shall ensure that the conduct of activities follow recommended health & safety protocols, and shall not entail interruption of classes.
- The schools shall submit consolidated narrative and pictorial reports of their 20th NDHM activities on or before March 15, 2024. Reports may either be hard copies and handed to the Dental Unit of the SGOD, or soft copies via e-mail through ernestojr.anteola@deped.gov.ph
- Please coordinate with Dr. Ernesto C. Anteola, Jr, Dentist II at (+63) 918-925-2836 or Dr. Cesar C. Bagaloyos, Dentist II at (+63)09172733943 for related concerns.
- Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.


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 Reference: Presidential Proclamation 559, OUOPS Memorandum No. 2024-09-00586
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM : *[Signature]*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **CELEBRATION OF 20TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

DATE : **January 11, 2024**

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), will celebrate the 20th National Dental Health Month in February 2024 with the theme "Celebrating Decades of Healthy Smiles". This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004.

The celebration aims to:

- a) To promote oral health awareness and education nationwide and
- b) Promote good oral hygiene habits.

The month-long celebration should launch fun-filled activities that will increase oral health awareness among the learners and the school populace as well. The following are the suggested activities:

First Week	Oral Health Awareness Campaigns: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate school-wide campaign to raise awareness about oral health• Use bulletin boards, newsletters, and social media platforms to share oral health tips, facts, and resources.• Attend National toothbrushing day "Sang Milyong Sipilyo Sabayang Pagsisipilyo."
Second Week	Oral Health Workshops and Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom activities (lectures/Oral health education)• Social media campaign

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- School community oral health awareness through orientation, lectures and activities involving parents, teaching and non-teaching staff

Third Week

Delivery of Dental services

- Collaborate with local dental clinics or practitioners to organize on-site dental check-ups for students.
- Provide information to parents about the importance of regular dental check ups

Fourth Week

Interactive Workshops

- Set up interactive workshops that include hands-on activities
- Have demonstrations on proper brushing techniques and provide students with toothbrushes and dental floss to practice

DepEd school dentists are advised to coordinate with the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) local chapters and other stakeholders on the activities scheduled during the month - long celebration. Dentists and other school health personnel in the regions and school's divisions shall take the lead in the celebration

For more information, all concerned may contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) 3rd floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at Landline (02) 8632-9935 or through email blss_shd@deped.gov.ph and the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) at telephone nos (02)890 -4609 and (02)897 - 8091.

For dissemination to all concerned