



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 464 s. 2023

**2023 Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa
in All Schools of DepEd SDO Bulacan**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
District Supervisors
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School
All Others Concerned

1. In support of DepEd's commitment to make the curriculum relevant to produce job-ready, active, and responsible citizens by strengthening literacy programs, this Office informs all concerned of the conduct of 2023 Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa (PBAP) this November.
2. The objectives of the activity are:
 - a. To promote love for reading among learners and enhance their full awareness and understanding of the role of reading and literacy in cultivating 21st century skills;
 - b. To fortify the school Reading Program so as to facilitate the development of foundational reading skills especially among learners in Key Stage 1; and
 - c. To generate greater interest among stakeholders to further advance the status of functional literacy in the community.
3. This Reading Month celebration has the theme " PAGBASA Pag-asa sa MATATAG na Kinabukasan ". Schools are encouraged to explore related activities listed in Enclosure No. 1 of this Memorandum. A school - level kick-off is prescribed on November 7, 2023 during flag raising ceremony.
4. The PBAP shall culminate with a nationwide synchronized reading time on November 28, (Tuesday) The Araw ng Pagbasa (declared through RA No. 10556) in all elementary and secondary schools in the country is scheduled on November 7, 2023 (Tuesday)
5. It is emphasized that school activities during the PBAP must not disrupt the essential contact time between the teachers and learners as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 95 s. 2005 Instituting Measure to Increase Engaged Time-on -Task and Ensuring Compliance There with.
6. Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of this activities can be charged from canteen/school funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. _____ s. 2023

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 PAMBANSANG BUWAN AT ARAW NG PAGBASA
Share a Book Drive. Schools are encourage to put designated boxes for storybook donations in conspicuous places. Learners who do not have much access to storybooks will be given donated books.
Book Buddy. Allowing elementary learners to read aloud to a partner from a lower grade level will help them develop their reading confidence. During buddy-reading sessions, partners set up a time each other's classroom. Have the older learner choose books that they believe their younger peers will enjoy.
Reading Pantry. Set up an accessible reading pantry for all learners with a variety of reading materials for all learners. Each learner will receive a Reading Challenge Log to write the title and author of the books they have read, along with their reflection in each reading episode.
Book Talk. A daily 10-minutes Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) episode shall be given to learners to share with their classmates about a book that they have read.
Classroom-level Read-A-Thon. Include 10 to 15 – minutes segments into English/Filipino class periods where volunteer learners wither retell stories of offer oral reading interpretations of text written by Filipino authors. Assess performance using rubrics centered on storytelling accuracy, organization, expression, and other relevant criteria.
Poster Making. Incorporate into arts activity an activity where students craft poster either championing the benefits of reading or promoting a storybook they have recently enjoyed.
Reading Ambassador. Parents, teachers, DepEd officials and other stakeholders are invited as Reading Ambassadors for a week. Ambassadors are chosen for their love of reading and zeal to inspire others. They shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• read stories to groups of learners during organized sessions or broadcasting via local TV or radio• be featured weekly as the National Reading Ambassador on the official FB page of DepEd; and• actively promote reading culture by familiarizing themselves with reading technologies, serving as reading role models, and recommending worthwhile books, and other reading materials.
Book Exchange Fair: To ensure that everyone has access to a wide range of reading materials, encourage learners to bring in books they have already read and trade them with their peers.
Dugtungan Pagbasa. Assign a group of learners to read a pre-determined passage from a certain story. Each reader must use a power point recorder to record their interpretation of the pre-assigned passage. When permission is obtained from the parents or legal guardian, the recorded session may be shared on the school's official social media channels or played at the flag-raising ceremony and/or at the beginning of each morning class.
Book Report. All Grades 4 to Senior High School learners are assigned to read a book of their own choice and to prepare a book report following the format found in Kagamitan ng mag-aaral-Filipino Baitang IV.
Reading Challenge. Learners will read the Reading Challenge text and respond to questions posed by the teachers in the Reading progress using MS Teams during the school-level activity. Top readers may be recognized during the flag-raising ceremony and on the Araw ng Pagbasa