



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VI-Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF KABANKALAN CITY
City of Kabankalan

November 25, 2019

DIVISION MEMORANDUM


No. 274, s. 2019

2019 NATIONAL READING MONTH

To: Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief, School Governance and Operations Division
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisor
Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. Republic Act 10566 declares November 27 of every year as "Araw ng Pagbasa" which shall be a regular working holiday to be celebrated in all elementary and secondary schools in the country. In support of the nationwide celebration, all schools in the division are enjoined to conduct the **School-Based Celebration of the 2019 National Reading Month [NRM]** this November.
2. This year's theme is, "**Magbasa't Umunlad.**" All elementary and secondary schools are advised to hold any of the following activities:
 - a. Mystery Reader
 - b. Reading Challenge
 - c. Road Trip – Oh the Places You'll Go!
 - d. #Shareabook
 - e. Leaders of readers
 - f. Help a Reader. Be a Volunteer
 - g. Poetry/ Interpretative Reading
 - h. Classroom-Based Oral Reading
 - i. Verse Choir/Speech Choir
 - j. Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading
 - k. Reading Marathon
3. Division Chiefs, Education Program Supervisors, Public Schools District Supervisors, School Administrators and other DepEd Officials are directed to join the nationwide story reading before a group of learners. Local government officials and other stakeholders may also be invited to participate in this activity.
4. The Public Schools District Supervisors shall ensure the implementation of the reading activities of all schools. They are expected to conduct monitoring of the literacy initiatives and enrichment programs of school.
5. The celebration will culminate with the nationwide synchronized story reading on **November 27, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning Philippine Standard Time**. However, it should be emphasized that the school activities during the celebration of the NRM must not disrupt the contact time between the teachers and learners as stipulated in **DepEd Order No. 9, 2005 re: Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**.

6. Accomplishment reports [ARs], *with pictures and plan of activities*, shall be submitted to the division office **on or before Friday, December 6, 2019**. For paperless submission of ARs, send them to Mr. Junry M. Esparar and Mrs. Eden Joy B. Nifras, through this email addresses [junry.esparar@deped.gov.ph] and [edenjoy.nifras@deped.gov.ph].
7. Reading teachers are encouraged to upload pictures of their month-long reading activities on their timeline [FB] or any group account of SDO Kabankalan City with the official hashtag - **#2019NationalREADINGmonth**, and **#ArawngPagbasa2019**. It is suggested that screenshots of these posts can be added to their ARs.
8. Widest dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.


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Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 358, s. 2019

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