



September 10, 2014

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 431, s. 2014

**2014 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD  
TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**TO :** Assistant Superintendents  
Division Supervisors/Coordinators  
District Supervisors/OICs  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. 96 s. 2014 entitled, **2014 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS** for your reference and guidance.
2. Reports on the activities conducted by the schools, districts, schools divisions and regions shall include clear photos and a comprehensive documentation of the various executed activities. These reports, including announcements, greetings, and others shall be posted at [www.facebook.com/DepEdPhilippines](http://www.facebook.com/DepEdPhilippines) for two months (September and October 2014).
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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**2014 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD  
TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
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. To acknowledge the crucial role teachers' play in building the future, the Department of Education (DepEd) will celebrate the **National Teachers' Month (NTM)** throughout the month of September starting September 5 with the month-long activities to culminate on October 4, 2014 a day before the **World Teachers' Day (WTD)**.

2. In honor of the teaching profession, the said celebrations are being organized and implemented in pursuance to Presidential Proclamation No. 242 signed on August 24, 2011 by His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III and to the designation of World Teachers' Day on every 5<sup>th</sup> of October, by the United Nations Education and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

3. The Celebrations aim to:

- a. give emphasis on the crucial role, loyal service and dedicated commitment of teachers in developing globally-minded citizens, nurturing families, strengthening communities and building the nation;
- b. revitalize the image of and respect for teaching as a vocation by increasing public awareness on the value of teachers in the Philippine society;
- c. take the occasion as an opportunity in building the image of teaching as an attractive and fulfilling profession;
- d. generate widespread support and assistance for teachers; and
- e. express gratitude for the positive influences of teachers on Filipino learners.

4. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, including schools division and regional offices, are enjoined to follow the synchronized programs, projects and activities. On October 3, 2014 school-based celebrations, including the recitation of *A Prayer for Teachers or Panalangin para sa mga Guro* shall be observed.

5. On the other hand, October 4 is set for district, division, regional and national celebrations. All expenses relative to NTM and WTD shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The central office (CO) shall conduct the pre-WTD Celebration on October 4, 2014 through a whole day program set in Victorias Sports and Amusement Center in Victorias City, Negros Occidental.

6. All school heads, district supervisors, schools division superintendents (SDSs), and regional directors (RDs) are enjoined to actively lead all activities for the NTM and WTD Celebrations.

7. All schools and district, schools division, regional and central offices are required to post streamers to ensure that the public is aware of the NTM and WTD Celebrations. The digital files of the new streamer designs may be downloaded from [www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines](http://www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines).

8. In accordance with the synchronized programs, projects and activities, all SDS and RDs are required to submit their respective plans, foremost of which is the conduct of their respective culminating activity on **October 4, 2014**, where officials from the DepEd CO will be assigned to attend. They are also required to submit names and contact numbers of their respective schools division and regional coordinators for the NTM and WTD Celebrations. These requirements shall be submitted on or before **September 3, 2014** to the Office of the Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages (OUPEL) through email address: [externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph](mailto:externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph), for coordination and monitoring purposes.

9. Reports on the activities conducted by the schools, districts, schools divisions and regions shall include clear photos and a comprehensive documentation of the various executed activities. These reports, including announcements, greetings, and others shall be posted at [www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines](http://www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines) for two months (September and October 2014).

10. Compliance with the abovementioned requirements and the synchronized programs, projects and activities for NTM and WTD Celebrations shall be strictly monitored by the Office of the Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages.

11. Enclosed for ready reference are the following:

- Enclosure No. 1 - Presidential Proclamation No. 242
- Enclosure No. 2 - Synchronized Programs, Projects and Activities
- Enclosure No. 3 - Official Streamer Designs
- Enclosure No. 4 - Official Logo Design
- Enclosure No. 5 - Prayer for Teachers
- Enclosure No. 6 - *Panalangin para sa mga Guro*

12. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Office of the Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages (OUPEL)**, DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 633-7207 or through email address: [externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph](mailto:externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph).

13. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. DUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encls.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 155, s. 2013

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS

PROGRAMS  
PROJECTS

SCHOOL  
TEACHERS

**MANILA**  
**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**PROCLAMATION NO. 242**  
**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM 05 SEPTEMBER TO 05 OCTOBER OF EVERY**  
**YEAR AS "NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated 05 October of every year as "World Teachers' Day," which is a day to celebrate the central role that teachers play in guiding the children, youth and adults through the life-long learning process;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to generate widespread awareness and support for World Teachers' Day here in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to revitalize the image of teaching as a vocation by increasing public awareness on the value of teachers in Philippine society and national development;

**WHEREAS**, the occasion can be used to celebrate the unique role and service that teachers play in guiding families, strengthening communities, and building the nation;

**WHEREAS**, to contribute to the growth and development of the teaching profession in the country as well as to publicly express appreciation to teachers, both active and retired, a Teachers' Month Campaign (TMC) was conceived in July 2008 by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), De la Salle Philippines (DSLIP), Philippine Business for Education (PBEd), and Campaigns Social Response (CSR), with the special participation of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the support of key business institutions;

**WHEREAS**, owing to its success, the Campaign has generated more support from government, private companies, and major organizations in 2009 and 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Proclamation No. 41 (s. 2010) declared the first Friday of September to 05 October 2010 as National Teachers' Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO II**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from 05 September to 05 October of every year as "**National Teachers' Month.**"

In this regard, and as recommended by the TMC Steering Committee, I also endorse the recitation of the National Prayer for Teachers (**Annex A**) during the same period.

Accordingly, all concerned departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, the various local government units, the private sector and the public at large are hereby enjoined to actively participate and support activities and programs for the celebration thereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PACQUITO N. OCHOA JR.**

Executive Secretary



Department of Education  
**NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION**  
 SYNCHRONIZED PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Programs, projects and Activities	Objectives/description	Person -in-Charge	Involved Individuals or Groups	Time Frame
<b>I. PREPARATIONS</b>				
A. Conduct of Meetings to Plan School-Based Activities	To design school-based activities and plan for its implementation relative to the conduct of the NTM and the WTD celebrations; to organize a school NTM and WTD committee; to secure the support of the school community and school-based organizations for its implementation	School Heads	Alumni Association, PTAs Supreme Student Governments and other School-Based Organizations	August 4-8, 2014
B. Conduct of Meetings to Plan District-led and Division -led activities	To design a set of activities that the district and division shall implement for NTM and WTD; to constitute a District and Division committee for NTM and WTD celebrations; to require the submission of written individual plans of the School Heads relative to NTM and WTD celebrations	District Supervisors and Schools Division Superintendents(SDs)	Division Personnel District Supervisors All School Heads	August 11-15, 2014
C. Conduct of Meetings to Plan Regional Led Activities	To design a set of activities that the region shall implement for NTM and WTD; to constitute a Regional Committee for NTM and WTD celebrations; to require the submission of written plans of each	Regional Directors(RDs)	Regional personnel SDSs	August 18-22, 2014

	schools division relative to NTM and WTD celebrations			
D. Finalization of Plans	To readjust plans pursuant to the result of the meetings	School Heads, District Supervisors, SDSs and RDs	School, District, Division and Regional NTM and WTD committees	August 25-29, 2014
E. Submission of Plans	For divisions and regions to submit their respective plans for the NTM and WTD celebrations to the Central Office c/o Office of Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages	SDSs and RDs	Division and Regional NTM and WTD committees	August 29, 2014
<b>II. NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH</b>				
A. Say "Thank You"	Everyone who has ever been a student is invited to say THANK YOU to at least one teacher who has made a difference in his or her life. Students can write a letter, send a card, offer a gift, or post a greeting in their facebook accounts. The schools, the district, division and regional offices shall write letters enlisting the support of local TV and Radio Stations, anchors, hosts and artists to say THANK YOU to their mentors and teachers in their respective programs Schools shall feature stories or write-ups about their teachers through their school papers, websites and Facebook accounts. They can also submit these write-	School Heads	Alumni Association PTAs Supreme Student governments and other school-based organizations	September 5 to October 5, 2014
B. Information dissemination		School Heads, District Supervisors, SDSs and RDs	Local TV and Radio stations, anchors, hosts and artists	August to October 5, 2014
		District Supervisors, SDSs and RDs	Filipino and English Campus Editorial Boards, Writers, Local and National Newspapers, School-	August to October 5, 2014

	ups to local newspapers and national broadsheets.			Based Organizations, Supreme Pupil/student governments, Pupils and Students active in Social Media	
C. Mobilization of Support	District, Division and Regional Offices shall mobilize the support of the community and commercial establishments in paying tribute to teachers by encouraging them to give discounts, freebies and special treats and promos for the whole month of September until October 5, 2014	District supervisors, SDSs and RDs		Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Business Establishments	August to October 5, 2014
D. Posting of Streamers and Announcements	Schools shall hang streamers or post on their main bulletin boards an announcement on the NTM and WTD celebrations for the whole month of September until October 5, 2014.	School Heads		Supreme Pupils/student governments and other School Based Organizations, Private Organizations for solicitations	September 5 to October 5, 2014
	District, Division and Regional Offices shall post tarpaulin streamers following the approved design at conspicuous places within the compound of their offices. They shall also encourage commercial establishments to do the same.	District Supervisors, SDSs and RDs		District, Division and Regional NTM and WTD committees	September 5 to October 5, 2014

Programs, Projects and Activities	Objectives / Description	In-Charge	Involved Individuals or Groups	Time Frame
E. Conduct of Specific Activities	Schools shall conduct special activities to honor teachers for the month of September, such as contests (on-the-spot poster-making, essay- writing, Thank You card design and text contests, and others) among pupils and students. Cultural performances, especially those expressed using the Mother Tongue, may also be incorporated in the activities.	School Heads	School NTM and WTD Committees, Supreme Pupil/Student Governments, PTAs, Alumni Associations, Sponsors	September 5 to October 5, 2014
F. Conduct of Other Activities	Other activities may be held by the school, district, division, and regional offices, which highlight and honor the contributions of the teachers in the society.	School Heads, SDSs and RDs	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	September 5 to October 5, 2014
<b>III. World Teachers' Day</b>				
A. Ringing/Sounding of School Bells	At 10:05 AM, school bells shall be sounded as signal for the synchronized anticipated World Teachers' Day celebration	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and Other school-based organizations	October 3, 2014
B. National Prayer for Teachers	Immediately after the ringing /sounding of school bells, the National Prayer for Teachers, either in Filipino or English, shall be recited.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil, Student Governments and Other school-based organizations	October 3, 2014

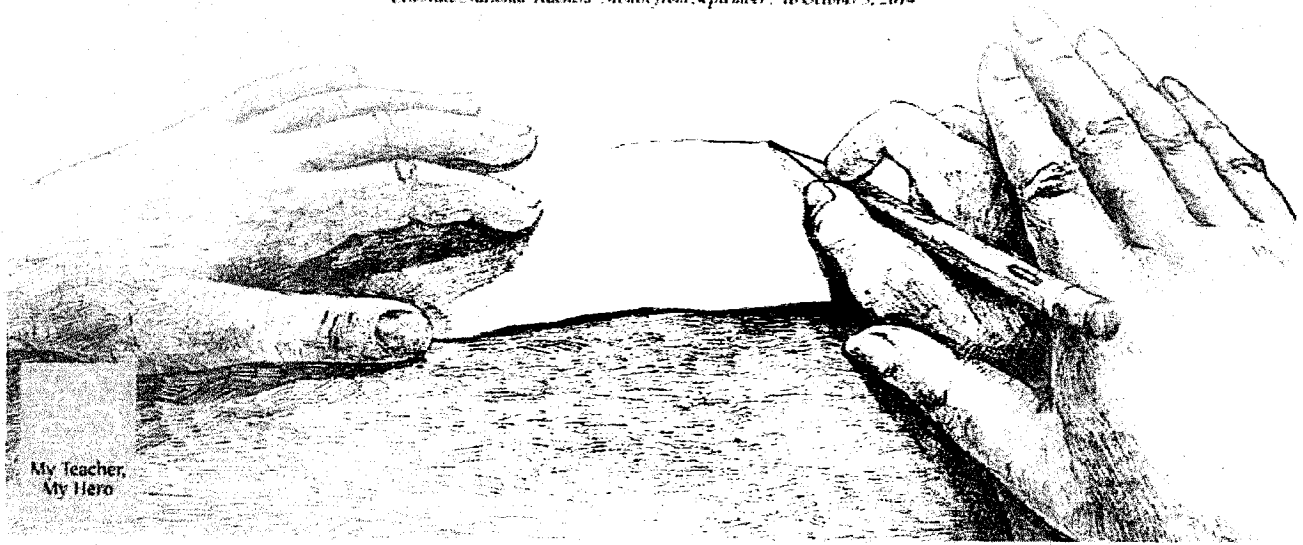


Programs, Projects and Activities	Objectives / Description	In-Charge	Involved Individuals or Groups	Time Frame
B. National Prayer for Teachers	This must be recited in the district, division, regional, and national celebrations nationwide at exactly 10:05AM	District Supervisors, SDs & RDs	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 3, 2014
C. Special Activities for Teachers	All teachers nationwide shall take a break from their classroom duties to give way for special classroom/school programs. Schools may organize Grade VI Pupils and Fourth Year High School Students to handle the classes on behalf of the teachers.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and Other school-based organizations.	October 3, 2014
	Teachers may be provided with free make-over and spa treatments (haircut, facial and foot spa, massage, pedicure, manicure, and other services) from EPP/TLE/TVE/STEP students/members or from private sponsors.	School Heads	Alumni Associations, PTAs, Supreme Student Governments, Supreme Pupil Governments, EPP, TLE, TVE and STEP Officers and members.	October 3, 2014
		District Supervisors Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 3, 2014

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D. Religious Activities	Schools, Districts, Divisions, and Regions may conduct religious ecumenical activities or liturgical celebrations.	School Heads	School NTM and WTD Committees	October 3, 2014
E. Synchronized Culminating Activities	Each District, Division, and Region is REQUIRED to conduct one culminating activity for the teachers on October 5, 2013. This is similar to the Grand World Teachers' Day Celebration organized by DepEd Central Office every year.	District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 4, 2014
F. Grand World Teachers' Day Event	The Department of Education Central Office organizes the Grand World Teachers' Day celebration (Venue and participation to be announced.)	DepEd – Central Office with Selected Regions	Teacher-representatives from the different selected regions, DepEd Officials, National Teachers' Month Coordinating Council, Guests, and other Government Officials	October 4, 2014
G. Submission of Reports	Schools and Offices (districts, divisions and regions) shall post their respective reports on the activities conducted pertinent to WTD celebration at <a href="http://www.facebook.com">www.facebook.com</a> . Reports shall include clear pictures and a comprehensive documentation	School Heads, District Supervisors, SDSs, & RDs	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 6-31, 2014

*If you can read this,*  
**thank your teacher.**

*Celebrate National Teachers' Month from September 5 to October 5, 2014*



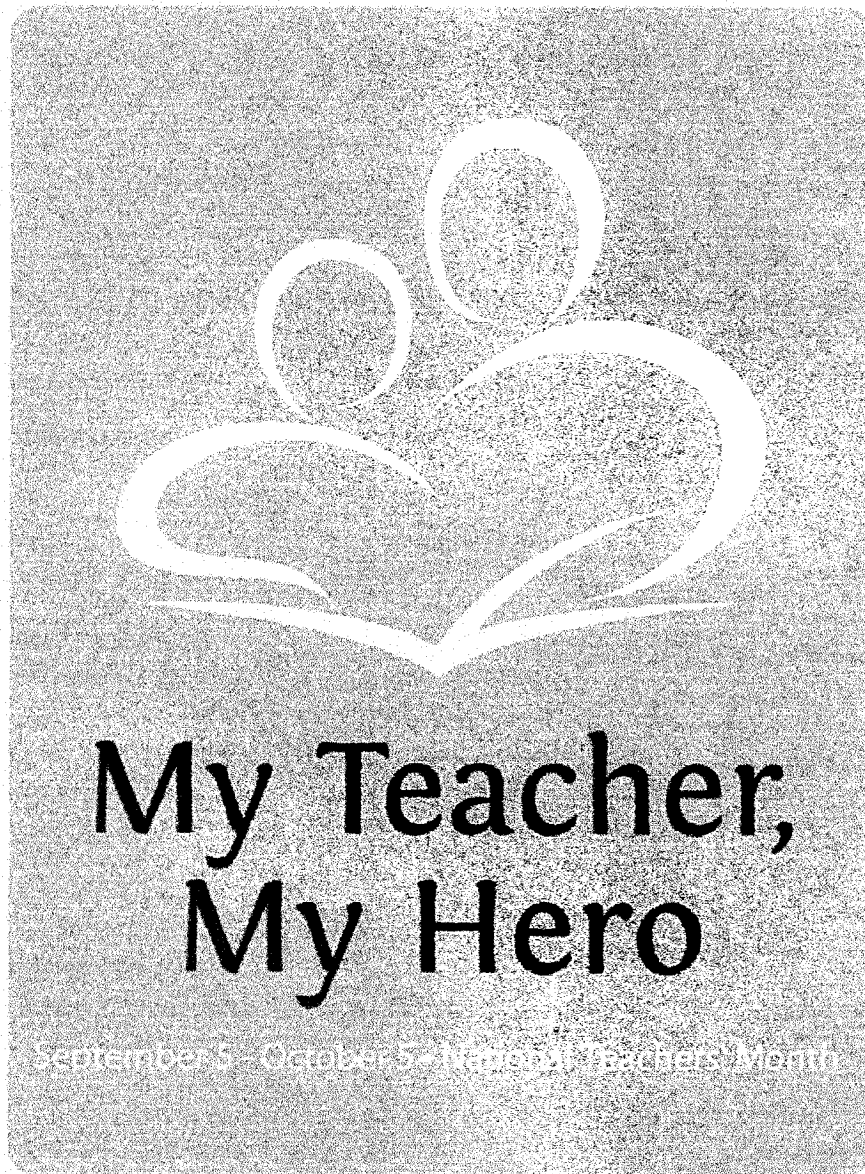
My Teacher,  
My Hero

*If you  
can read  
this,  
thank  
your  
teacher.*

Celebrate National Teachers' Month from September 5 to October 5, 2011




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**A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS**

Giver of All Wisdom and Greatest of all Teachers,  
Look upon our teachers with love  
Grant them the resolve  
To nurture our eager minds  
And to never give up on us who fall behind  
Bless their hearts  
For they rejoice when we succeed  
And encourage us when we fail  
Endow them with gentle patience  
For the path of learning is never easy  
Kindle a spirit of passion in them  
It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us  
Help them see the potential in each student  
Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make  
Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning  
It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences  
Inspire them to touch the future  
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves  
Bless our teachers who have come before  
For their work endures to this day  
Let the light of Your example shine upon all teachers:  
To build up with their words  
To love with their mind  
To share with their heart  
Amen.



**PANALANGIN PARA SA MGA GURO**

Tagapagkaloob ng Lahat ng Kaalaman at Guro ng mga guro  
Bigyan po Ninyo ng pagkalinga ang aming mga guro  
    Biyayaan Ninyo sila ng kahandaang  
    Linangin ang aming murang isipan  
At huwag magsawa kapag 'di makahabol ang turuan  
    Pagpalain nawa ang kanilang mga pusong  
    Nagdiriwang sa tuwing kami'y nagwawagi,  
    At nag-aalo sa tuwing kami'y nadadaig  
Pagkalooban Ninyo sila ng mahinahong pagtitiyaga  
    Sapagkat ang landas ng kaalaman ay hindi madali  
    Paeningasin Ninyo sa kanila ang maapoy na diwang  
    Nagpapaliyab sa kagustuhan naming matuto  
Tulungan Ninyo silang makita ang galing sa bawat mag-aaral  
    Wala sa marka ang halaga kundi sa pananalig nila  
Ikintal Ninyo sa kanila ang walang pagkauhaw sa karunungan  
    At bagong kaalaman at karanasan ay 'di dapat katakutan  
    Turuan po Ninyo silang masiglang abutin ang alapaap  
    Kasinsigla at kasintayog ng sarili naming pangarap  
    Pagpalain po Ninyo ang mga gurong nauna sa amin  
    Ang nagawa nila ay napapakinabangan pa rin  
Tanglawan po ng Inyong mabuting halimbawa ang kaguruan  
Upang makapagtayo sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang pangungusap  
    Uapng makapagmahal sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang isipan  
    Upang makapagbahagi sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang puso  
    Siya nawa.

