

August 3, 2018

Division Memorandum  
No. 530 s. 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> REGIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

To: Assistant Superintendents  
Chiefs, CID and SGOD  
Education Supervisors/Coordinators  
District Supervisors/OICs  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

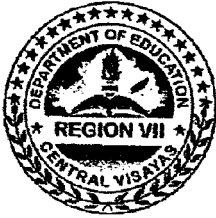
1. Attached herewith is **Regional Memorandum No. 563, s. 2018** dated **August 2, 2018**, entitled, " **1<sup>st</sup> Regional White Cane Safety Day**".
2. School heads of SPED Centers and schools offering SPED classes to pupils with Visual Impairment are hereby encouraged to conduct different activities that are mentioned in the attached Regional Memorandum.
3. Please refer to the Regional Memorandum for more information.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.

  
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
NO 563. 2018

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REHIYON VII, GITNANG VISAYAS  
REGION VII, CENTRAL VISAYAS  
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**1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

To: **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 6759 and DepEd Memorandum 124, s. 2018, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division will conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional White Cane Safety Day on August 31, 2018 with the theme, "Puting Baston: Simbolo ng Pagkilala sa Talento at Kasanayan ng mga may Kapansanan sa Paningin."
2. This activity aims to showcase the talents and skills of blinds and low vision learners, to strengthen their confidence, self-esteem, and to protect their physical, moral and social well-being. Likewise, the activity promotes recognition and acceptance of the white cane as a symbol of mobility and safety.
3. Schools Division Offices, SPED centers, public and private schools with SPED programs are encouraged to conduct relevant activities in the celebration of White Cane Safety Day 2018 in addition to the following activities to be conducted in the Regional Level, through the initiative of the Division SPED Supervisors or Focal Persons in coordination with other government and non-government organizations.
  - a. Singing Contest (OPM)
  - b. Storytelling
  - c. Braille Reading and Writing
  - d. Quiz Bee
4. Only the Division Level 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will compete in the Regional Level. Each Schools Division is advised to submit their entries on or before August 28, 2018.
5. The teacher-trainer must observe the safety and security protocols for all the contestants before, during and after the activity and to uphold child-protection principles, in observance to DO 66, s. 2017-Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off Campus Activities. Likewise, observance of DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, is strongly encouraged.
6. Transportation, accommodation and meals of the participants shall be charged against School/Division MOOE/ local and other source of funds, while the cost of needed materials and other incidental expenses relative to the conduct of the activity are chargeable against Regional funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. Attached are the guidelines for the different contests.
8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

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*"ESA 2015: Karapatan ng Lahat, Pananagutan ng Lahat"*



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **124**, s. 2018

**2018 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
ARMM DepEd Secretary  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. To support the efforts of the present administration in promoting good governance through respect and realization of all human rights, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), will celebrate the **2018 White Cane Safety Day** with the theme *Puting Baston: Simbolo ng Pagkilala sa Talento at Kasanayan ng mga may Kapansanan sa Paningin*. This is pursuant to Republic Act No. 6759 entitled Declaring August 1 of Every Year as White Cane Safety Day.
2. The celebration will commence with the activities celebrating Sight Saving Month in August. The activities aim to:
  - a. serve as a vehicle of information on the continuing development of programs implemented through partnerships between public and private sectors to realize the rights and fundamental freedom of people who are blind and with low vision,
  - b. promote recognition and acceptance of the white cane as a symbol of mobility and safety for people who are blind and with low vision, and
  - c. strengthen and protect the physical, moral and social well-being of people who are blind and with low vision.
3. The following relevant activities shall be conducted at the regional level through the initiative of the Special Education (SPED) regional supervisor or focal person, in cooperation with other government organizations, nongovernment organizations, civic organizations, and white cane interagency committee for the month of August and beyond:
  - a. showcasing the talents of blind and low vision learners;
  - b. sharing information on the best practices in education for the visually impaired by inviting blind learners, educators and other professionals as resource persons;
  - c. holding symposia, fora, workshops, panel discussions and sports, arts and cultural activities relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness; and
  - d. holding academic contests in Braille reading and writing, quiz bee, and other activities which highlight the talents, skills and rights of the visually impaired learners.

4. All SPED centers, and public and private schools with SPED programs are encouraged to observe the White Cane Safety Day with appropriate activities. However, activities to be undertaken should not disrupt classes as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.**

5. Every region shall submit a brief narrative with pictorial report on the Celebration to BLD-SID on or before **August 31, 2018.**

6. For more information, contact the **Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID)**, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, 4th Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue at telephone no. (02) 631-9993.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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References:

DepEd Memorandum: Nos. 114, s. 2016 and 129, s. 2017

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

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