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Division of City Schools – Tagbilaran City

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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2021 PAMBANSANG BUWAN AT ARAW NG PAGBASA

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, CID and SGOD
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to Regional Memorandum 0980, s. 2021 dated Oct. 27, 2021, this Office announces the celebration of the **2021 Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa** (PBAP) this November. The celebration carries the theme, **“Bawat Bata Bumabasa sa Kabila ng Hamon ng Pandemya”**
2. All schools and learning centers are encouraged to conduct virtual activities listed in **Enclosure 1**. Apart from those in the list, related activities can be performed to make the celebration more meaningful and relevant to teachers and students.
3. There shall be a virtual kick-off on November 8, 2021. It will feature a mystery reading ambassador and will be streamed live via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.
4. A separate memorandum shall be issued relative to other activities such as the Capacity Building on Storytelling, Reading Cup, and Dugtungang Pagbasa.
5. A nationwide culmination activity with synchronized story reading shall be done on November 26, 2021, @ 9:00 A.M. During the slated time, all learners, teaching, and non-teaching staff shall drop everything and read.
6. Submission of narrative reports with pictures of the month-long celebration will be on December 3, 2021.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAMBANSANG BUWAN AT ARAW NG PAGBASA
<p>Orientation for Teachers on the Use of <i>Reading Progress</i>. Regional supervisors and teachers of English and Filipino will be trained on how to use the <i>Reading Progress</i> online application. This is a tool that can help teachers help their learners enhance their reading proficiency and develop love for reading. This is a self-instructional application in which learners can conveniently explore a repository of stories and track their reading progress through the guidance of their teachers. A separate memorandum will be issued for the purpose of this activity.</p>
<p>Virtual Kick Off. On November 8, 2021, a virtual kick-off will start the month-long celebration of the <i>Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa</i>. A mystery reading ambassador will be invited to tell a story to young learners and to inspire everyone to develop a genuine love for reading. It will also highlight the launching of the <i>Reading Progress</i> as a teaching-learning tool that can help enhance reading fluency among our learners. The virtual kick-off will be livestreamed via the DepEd FB page.</p>
<p>Capacity Building on Storytelling. The Bureau of Learning Delivery, in collaboration with partners in MS Teams, will conduct a virtual capacity building for teachers and parents as part of the virtual kick-off on November 8. It will focus on storytelling techniques that teachers and parents may use to keep learners interested in stories and help them improve comprehension of these stories. Story book writers and professional storytellers will be invited as resource persons for this activity</p>
<p>Mystery Readers. <i>Reading ambassadors</i> will be invited to read to young learners every week during the month of November, focusing on themes such as family, friendship, and love. To engage learners, a variety of interactive and collaborative online applications that are available and accessible to all can be used.</p>
<p>Dugtungang Pagbasa. Every week of November, young learners from pre-assigned regions will share stories via the DepEd Philippines FB page. Carefully selected stories will be told through a continuous narration by select learners from different regions. They will also showcase their creativity in interpreting the stories through a multimedia presentation. <i>A more detailed orientation on the process of conducting this activity will be scheduled soon through a separate memorandum.</i></p>
<p>Reading Cup. Reading Cup is a gamified regional reading contest through <i>Reading Progress</i>. This activity aims to assess the reading fluency level of students and showcase exemplar readers across regions. <i>A more detailed orientation on the process of conducting this activity will be scheduled soon through a separate memorandum.</i></p>
<p>Reading Challenge. All teaching and non-teaching personnel of the Department are enjoined to read a book for a week for the month of November. A book sharing activity should also be organized once a week to share the book read for the week. <i>This activity may be initiated at the regional level.</i></p>
<p>Reading Family. Each family is challenged to read at least once a week. Each family is expected to post pictures of this activity through pictures, posters about the story they have read together. <i>This activity may be initiated at the regional level</i></p>
<p>Araw ng Pagbasa Challenge. This day is the culmination of <i>Pambansang Buwan ng Pagbasa</i>. On November 26 at 9:00 am Philippine Standard Time, all learners, teachers, non-teaching personnel, school officials shall observe the nationwide synchronized reading activity. All are enjoined to drop everything and read for at least 15 minutes. At the national level, one reading ambassador will be invited to read a story before a group of learners across the regions.</p>