



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

15 April 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 133, s. 2021

2021 NATIONAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

To: **Asst. Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief, Schools Governance and Operations Division
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
All Section Heads
All Public and Private Elementary School Heads
All Public and Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum 018, s. 2021 *Re: Celebration of Earth Day 2021*, this Office hereby informs the field to participate on the 2021 Online National Earth Day Celebration from April 20 to 22, 2021 with the theme *"PINASiglang Mundo (Restore the Earth)"*.
2. The Earth Day Online Celebration aims to promote environment protection among DepEd stakeholders, rally more learners and personnel to be engaged in environment actions, and provide a platform for learners to showcase their commitment to earth restoration.
3. The activities for the Earth Day 2021 are as follows:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
April 20, 2021	9:00-11:00 AM	Engaging children and youth in climate action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"Is it my home?"</i> Storytelling for Elementary Learners• The Sustainable Dinner





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	1:30-3:00 PM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “A Huling Plastik” a film screening by Greenpeace Philippines
April 21, 2021	2:00-4:00 PM	<p>Panel Discussion on Eliminating Single Use Plastic in School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tumbler Challenge that Changed me• Good practice in Ecological Waste Management• Zero-waste School
April 22, 2021	8:30-10:30 AM	<p>Solidarity Messages and Launch of climate change knowledge materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Messages from DepEd Officials• Launch of the KaLikHasan! Likha at Lakas ng Kabataab para sa Kalikasan• Re-launch of the Microsite on Curated Resources for Teaching Climate Change

4. All participants are directed to register through this link: <https://blssyfd.weebly.com> There will be no registration fee. The activities will be streamed live at the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook/DepartmentOfEducation.PH> and DepEd Tayo - Youth Formation Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/DepEdTayoYouthFormation>
5. Moreover, DepEd support the program of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) on April 22, 2021 (7:30 AM-3:30 PM). The learners and personnel are also invited to the *ZOOMba Session* on April 22, 2021 at 7:30-7:45 AM where they are encouraged to post their action photos with the following hashtags for monitoring purposes: #RestoreOurEarth, #WalangPlastikan, #PlasticFreePH,





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#EarthDay2021, and #DepEdClimateAction. The Department reminds them to exercise due diligence in the use of social media.

6. This Office shall adhere to the Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) in observing all policies and guidelines. Hence, all actions shall be based solely on guidelines set with no discrimination on the account of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, civil status, disability, religion, ethnicity or political affiliation.

7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

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OIC, Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memo 18, 2021
OUA Memo 00-0321-0180

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 EARTH DAY 2021





**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION CUM YES-O ASSEMBLY
20-22 April 2021**

Theme: "PINASiglang Bansa (Restore Our Earth)"

I. Rationale

Earth Day Network (EDN), the organizing body for Earth Day worldwide, announced that the theme of Earth Day 2021 is "**Restore Our Earth.**" The theme is based on the emerging concept that rejects the idea that our only options to save the planet are to mitigate or adapt to the impacts of climate change and other environmental damage. Scientists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), businesses, and governments worldwide are now looking at natural system processes and emerging green technologies to restore the world's ecosystems and forests, conserve and rebuild soils, improve farming practices, restore wildlife populations, and rid the world's oceans of plastics.

While the world awaits for global political and business leaders to take decisive action to reduce carbon emissions, natural processes including reforestation and soil conservation can store massive amounts of carbon while restoring biodiversity, clean water and air, and rebalancing ecological systems. Restoration is pragmatic and necessary to reduce climate change.

The restoration also brings hope which is important in the age of COVID-19. The impacts of the pandemic have illustrated with painful clarity that the planet faces two crises and they are connected: global environmental degradation and its connection to health. Deforestation, wildlife trade, air and water pollution, human diets, climate change, and other issues have all fed into a breakdown of our natural systems, leading to new and fatal diseases, such as the current pandemic, and a breakdown of the global economy.¹

In this connection, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) in partnership with DepEd Region IV-A and Schools Division Office (SDO) of Dasmariñas City with the support of the Public Affairs Service (PAS), will conduct a virtual 3-day interactive Earth Day Celebration. This is in coordination with the Climate Change Commission (CCC) and its partners.

II. Objectives

The Earth Day celebration aims to

1. promote environment protection among DepEd stakeholders;
2. rally more learners and personnel to be engaged to environment actions;

¹ <https://www.earthday.org/>

3. strengthen the *makakalikasan* core value among learners; and
4. provide a platform for learners to showcase their commitment to Earth restoration.

III. Activities

20 April 2021 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
1. "You and the Earth" Story Telling	It will be delivered by a learner or personality. The target audience are elementary learners.
2. "Makakalikasan" Creative Activity Topic: The Sustainable Diner	<p>A resource speaker from the World Wildlife Fund for Nature Philippines will discuss the five principles of being a sustainable diner – conserving resources, reducing single-use plastics, reducing food waste, eating more plant-based food, and sourcing locally.</p> <p>Afterwards, learners and personnel are encouraged to create TikTok-styled videos to showcase any of the five principles previously mentioned before expounding on each one. They may post their videos on Facebook or TikTok and tag DepEd Philippines using the hashtags #MyAmbag4Environment, #2021EarthDay, and #DepEdClimateAction.</p> <p>Selected videos will be given a prize to be announced on 22 April 2021.</p> <p>The target audience are elementary and high school learners and teachers.</p>

21 April 2021 (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Panel Discussion with our Earth Warriors (Learners and Personnel)	<p>The panel discussion focused on the best practices of schools initiated by the learners and personnel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tumbler Challenge by SDO Dasmaringas (Student Leader) 2. Good practice in Ecological Waste Management (Student Leader) 3. Zero-waste School (Principal)

22 April 2021 (8:30 – 10:00 a.m.)

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
1. Message from DepEd Officials and Personalities	DepEd ExeCom and well-known personalities will provide messages to uplift the spirit of learners to be engaged in environment protection.
2. Review of Past Activities	The past activities (20-22 April 2021) will be reviewed through a video compilation. Likewise, the winners for the Makakalikasan Creative Activity will be announced.

3. Launch of Knowledge Materials for Teachers	The following materials will be launched for use of teaching personnel: 1. Promotion of the Microsite on Curated Resources for Teaching Climate Change 2. Launch of the KaLikHasan! Likha at Lakas ng Kabataan para sa Kalikasan: A Creative Sourcebook on the Use of Theater for Climate Education and Action
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IV. Methodology

The virtual **Earth Day Celebration Cum Yes-O Assembly** on **20-22 April 2021** via Zoom and will be streamed on the Facebook Pages of DepEd Philippines, DepEd Tayo - Youth Formation, and DepEd DRRMS.

V. Participants

The expected attendees are as follows:

1. Public and private elementary and secondary learners and teachers
2. All schools district offices
3. All Regional Offices (ROs)
4. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs)
5. All Regional and Division Youth Formation Coordinators
6. All YES-O student officers and teacher-advisers

VI. Indicative Program

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION DAY 1 (20 APRIL 2021)

Time	Activity
08:45-09:00 a.m.	AVP Video
09:01-09:10 a.m.	Preliminaries (by Region 4A) Pambansang Awit Ecumenical Prayer
09:11-09:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks Dir. Lope Santos III OIC-Director IV, BLSS
09:16-09:20 a.m.	Objective Setting Adolf Aguilar Chief, BLSS-YFD
09:20-09:45 a.m.	"You and the Earth" Story Telling
09:46-09:50 a.m.	Break (Intermission Number)
09:50-10:50 a.m.	"Maka-kalikasan" Creative Activity a. Plant-based food b. Solid Waste Management including open forum
10:51-11:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks Francis Cesar B. Bringas, CESO V Regional Director, Region IV-A

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
DAY 2 (21 APRIL 2021)**

Time	Activity
01:45-2:00 p.m.	AVP Video
02:01-2:15 p.m.	Preliminaries (by Region 4A) Pambansang Awit Ecumenical Prayer
02:16-2:20 p.m.	Opening Remarks Ronilda R. Co Director IV, DRRMS
02:21-2:25 p.m.	Objective Setting Adolf Aguilar Chief, BLSS-YFD
02:26-3:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion with our Earth Warriors (Learners and Personnel) 1. Tumbler Challenge (Learner) 2. Ecological Waste Management - Lighthouse Schools (Learners) 3. Participation in Barangay Solid Waste Management Council (Principal)
03:16-3:20 p.m.	Intermission number
03:21-3:50 p.m.	Open Forum
03:51-4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks Celedonio B. Balderas, Jr. Schools Division Superintendent Division of Dasmariñas City

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
DAY 3 (22 APRIL 2021)**

Time	Activity
08:15-08:30 a.m.	AVP Video
08:30-08:40 a.m.	Preliminaries (by Region 4A) Pambansang Awit Ecumenical Prayer
08:40-08:50 a.m.	Opening Remarks Lope B. Santos III Director IV, DRRMS
08:50-09:20 a.m.	Messages from DepEd Selected ManCom Members: 1. Undersecretary Alain del B. Pascua 2. Undersecretary Diosdado San Antonio 3. Undersecretary Revsee Escobedo 4. Assistant Secretary Salvador Malana III 5. Regional Director Francis Cesar B. Bringas
09:20-09:30 a.m.	Message from Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones
09:30-09:40 a.m.	Messages from Celebrities
09:40-09:55 a.m.	Launching of CCAM Materials % DRRMS
09:55-10:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks Adolf Aguilar Chief, BLSS-YFD