



Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education

REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

November 8, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 505, s, 2023

2023 PAMBANSANG BUWAN AT ARAW NG PAGBASA

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief, Curriculum and Implementation Division
Education Program Supervisors
All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All School Reading Coordinators and Teachers
ALS Teachers
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. In reference to Memorandum DM-CT-2023 from Assistant Secretary Alma Ruby C. Torio, the OIC Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, dated October 26, 2023, this office through the Curriculum Implementation Division informs the field regarding the nationwide celebration of the *2023 Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa (PBAP)* this November. This initiative aims to foster the love for reading among learners and enhance their understanding of reading and literacy as pivotal in cultivating critical thinking.
2. With the theme "*PAGBASA: Pag-asa sa MATATAG na Kinabukasan*", this year's Reading Month celebration urges all elementary and secondary public and private schools to actively participate in the suggested activities listed in Annex A. Moreover, schools are encouraged to explore related activities beyond those listed and to organize programs that capacitate teachers as effective reading teachers.
3. A school-level kick-off shall be held featuring a mystery reading ambassador during the flag-raising ceremony and a brief talk on the value of reading.
4. The PBAP shall culminate with a nationwide synchronized reading time on November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Philippine Standard Time (PST) instead of November 27 which was declared through Republic Act 10556 as Araw ng Pagbasa, a regular working holiday observed in all elementary and secondary schools in the country.
5. School activities during the celebration must be in adherence to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance therewith* so as not to disrupt essential contact time between teachers and learners.

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6. School Reading Coordinators shall submit photo documentation and a narrative report on the conduct of the 2023 PBAP to be submitted through the Google link: https://bit.ly/2023PBAP_ARAllSchools on or before December 6, 2023.
7. For complete details, queries, and clarifications on this matter, please refer to the attached memorandum for your reference.
8. This activity shall adhere to the Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) wherein there is no discrimination on the account of age, gender, identity, sexual orientation, civil status, disability, religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation.
9. Widest dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is hereby enjoined.


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MEMORANDUM
DM-CT-2023-_____

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

FROM : **ALMA RUBY C. TORIO**
Assistant Secretary
Officer-In-Charge
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

SUBJECT : **2023 PAMBANSANG BUWAN AT ARAW NG PAGBASA**

DATE : October 26, 2023

In support of the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to make the curriculum relevant to produce job-ready, active, and responsible citizens through strengthening literacy programs, the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD) shall spearhead the nationwide celebration of the 2023 *Pambansang Buwan ng Pagbasa* (PBAP) this November. This initiative aims to foster love for reading among learners and enhance their understanding of reading and literacy as pivotal in cultivating critical thinking

With the theme "*PAGBASA: Pag-asa sa MATATAG na Kinabukasan,*" this year's reading month celebration urges all elementary and secondary public and private schools to actively participate in the suggested activities listed in Annex A. Additionally, all schools are encouraged to explore related activities and organize programs to further capacitate reading teachers.

A school-level kick-off shall be held on November 7, 2023, featuring a mystery reading ambassador during the flag-raising ceremony followed by a brief talk on the value of reading.

In accordance with Republic Act No. 10556, declaring November 27 as Araw ng Pagbasa, the PBAP shall culminate with a nationwide synchronized reading on November 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Nevertheless, school activities during the celebration must be in adherence to DepEd Order No 9, s. 2005, Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task And Ensuring Compliance Therewith so as not to disrupt essential contact time between teachers and learners.

All Regional Education Program Supervisors in charge of the Reading Month shall submit the Regional Report on the conduct of the 2023 PBAP, duly signed by the Regional Director, through bid.od@deped.gov.ph and nrm.bid@deped.gov.ph not

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later than December 15, 2023. The template may be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/2023PBAPRR>.

For inquiries and other concerns, please contact BLD-TLD through Ms. Angelika D. Jabines, Senior Education Program Specialist at +63 995 904 4259 or at angelika.jabines@deped.gov.ph

Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations



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Annex 1

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 PAMBANSANG BUWAN AT ARAW NG PAGBASA
School-level Pambansang Buwan at Araw ng Pagbasa Kick-off. All teachers, school administrators, schools division superintendents, and regional directors are invited to become reading ambassadors of a Filipino children's storybook during the flag raising.
Share a Book Drive. Schools and DepEd Offices are encouraged to place designated boxes for storybook donations in conspicuous locations. Books will be given to learners with limited access to such materials.
Book Buddy. Elementary learners reading aloud to a younger grade-level partner will help bolster their reading confidence. During buddy-reading sessions, the older learner can choose books they believe will be enjoyed by their younger peers.
Reading Pantry. Establish a reading pantry accessible to all learners, stocked with a variety of reading materials. Each learner will receive a Reading Challenge Log to record the title and author of the books they've read, along with reflections on each reading episode.
Book Talk. Allocate a daily 10-minute Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) session for learners to share with their classmates about a book they've recently read.
Araw ng Pagbasa Challenge. On November 28, all learners, teachers, and school officials will join in the nationwide synchronized reading at 9:00 a.m. Philippine Standard Time (PST).
Classroom-level Read-A-Thon. Incorporate 10 to 15-minute segments into English/Filipino class periods where volunteer learners can retell stories or offer oral reading interpretations of texts by Filipino authors. Evaluate performances using rubrics focused on storytelling accuracy, organization, expression, and other pertinent criteria.
Poster Making. Integrate into arts classes an activity where students create posters that highlight the benefits of reading or promote a recently enjoyed storybook.
Reading Ambassador. Parents, teachers, DepEd officials, and other stakeholders are invited to serve as Reading Ambassadors for a week. Ambassadors, known for their love of reading and enthusiasm to inspire others, will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read stories to groups of learners during organized sessions or broadcast via local TV or radio.• Be featured weekly as the National Reading Ambassador on the official DepEd FB page.



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- Actively promote reading culture by familiarizing themselves with reading technologies, serving as reading role models, and recommending valuable books and reading materials.

Book Exchange Fair. To ensure that everyone has access to a wide range of reading materials, encourage learners to bring in books they have already read and trade them with their peers.

Dugtungang Pagbasa. A group of learners should read a pre-determined passage from a specific story. Each reader should use a PowerPoint recorder to capture their interpretation. With permission from parents or legal guardians, the recorded session may be shared on school's official social media channels or played at the flag-raising ceremony and/or at the start of morning classes.

Book Report (*for the entire School Year*). Learners from Grades 4 to Senior High School are tasked to read a book of their choice and prepare a book report following the format in *Kagamitan ng Mag-aaral- Filipino Baitang IV*.

Reading Challenge. Learners will read the Reading Challenge text and respond to questions posed by teachers in the Reading Progress using MS Teams during school-level activities. Top readers might be recognized during the flag-raising ceremony and on *Araw ng Pagbasa*.



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