



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

August 17, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **508**, s. 2026

CELEBRATION OF WORLD FOOD DAY 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors, Principals In-Charge of the District
Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Heads of Public and Private Elementary/Integrated/Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office VI (Western Visayas) regarding the celebration of World Food Day 2026 with the theme “Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow.” Included in the celebration is the Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest to be held on September 23, 2026, in Iloilo City, which is self-explanatory.
2. In line with this, the Schools Division of Aklan shall conduct the Division Elimination Round on September 5, 2026 at Malinao Elementary School, Poblacion, Malinao, Aklan. Each district shall send four (4) participants, compose of Grade 5 and Grade 6 learners. Participants shall bring their own art materials for the competition. Registration starts at 7:30 A.M. at Malinao Elementary School Covered Court.
3. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled “Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education,” the Learning Block Enclosure emphasizes the protection of instructional time and mandates that it remain free from interruptions. Activities that may disrupt student learning shall not be conducted during the prescribed learning blocks. Only activities held during weekends and holidays are permitted, provided that they do not interfere with the scheduled learning activities.
4. Student participants are required to secure parental consent and waiver form for the event while participating and managing DepEd personnel are entitled to Service Credits for their services rendered during weekend and holidays but not to exceed 15 days per year in accordance with DO No. 53, s. 2023 titled “Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers. On the other hand, non-teaching personnel shall be provided with Compensatory Time Off (CTO) for their services rendered during weekends and holiday as per Civil Service Commissions (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Rendered.
5. The travel and other incidentals expenses of the participants, including the learners, shall be charged against local funds/MOOE and other available local funds all subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

Under the following subjects:

CONTEST

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Dear **Director Eco**:

Warm greetings.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) partners with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN) to celebrate World Food Day (WFD) annually. The yearly conduct of the on-the-spot poster-making contest has been one of the highlights of the celebration, coordinated with the Department of Education (DepEd).

Pupils in Grades V and VI enrolled in public and DepEd-accredited private elementary schools nationwide are eligible to participate in the activity. The 2026 WFD celebration centers on the theme "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow." According to the UN-FAO, the theme emphasizes the importance of combining innovation, traditional knowledge, and inclusive approaches to transform agrifood systems. The goal is to ensure that everyone has access to sufficient, diverse, safe, and nutritious food while protecting the planet for future generations.

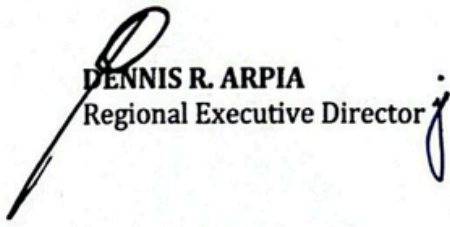
In line with this, we would like to request the assistance of the DepEd Regional Office VI in inviting 40 elementary students with a passion for the arts from the Provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, and Iloilo to take part in the WFD Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest on September 23, 2026, in Iloilo City.

Kindly see the attached detailed contest guidelines for your reference.

The first-place winner will represent Western Visayas in the National On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest in October 2025 in Metro Manila. We hope to receive the official list of participants from all provinces on or before September 11, 2025. The contestants are advised to confirm their participation individually through this form: <https://forms.gle/znoND8tcEEK1NeTy5> or QR code below.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Section at 09303447552 or email info@wv.da.gov.ph.

Very truly yours,


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Regional Executive Director

Registration Form



Conduct of the 2026 World Food Day National and Regional on-the-Spot Poster Making Contests

The Department of Agriculture (DA) together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will once again collaborate in this year's World Food Day (WFD) celebration.

A key highlight of the annual WFD celebration is the **On-the Spot Poster Making Contest**, to be organized in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd). This contest is open to Grades V & VI students enrolled in public and DepEd-accredited private schools nationwide.

The **Regional-level Contest** including the National Capital Region shall take place from August to September 2026, to be facilitated by the DA-Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (DA-AFID) and the DA- Regional Offices through their respective Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Sections (RAFIS), and in partnership with DepEd.

The **National-level Contest** is scheduled on **October 15, 2026, in Metro Manila**.

Guidelines for the contest

I. General Provisions

1. The contest shall be open to all Grades V to VI students enrolled in public or DepEd-accredited private schools nationwide. Previous national winners shall not be eligible anymore to participate.
2. Contestants must wear their school uniform throughout the contest both in the regional and national levels.
3. The poster must be an original creation of the contestant, depicting the given theme. The theme shall be written at the back of the illustration board and not be included in the artwork itself. Failure to follow these instructions shall lead to automatic disqualification.
4. The theme for this year's on-the-Spot Poster Making Contest is:
5. The Contest Committee shall provide all necessary materials for the On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest, as follows:
 - illustration board (20" x 30" / ½ size) with pre-drawn borders
 - oil pastels-24 pcs
 - ruler
 - pentel pen
 - ball pen
 - pencil
 - tissue
 - cotton ball
 - eraser

6. Judging shall commence immediately after the allotted time for the contestants. Only the **Board of Judges (BOJ)** and **Contest Committee** are allowed inside the contest area during the evaluation.
7. The decision of the **BOJ** shall be final and irrevocable. However, if a winner is found guilty of any misconduct (i.e. plagiarism, or any form of cheating), the title and the prize shall be forfeited.
8. All entries shall become the property of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Regional Level

1. The On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest shall be conducted at the **regional level** including the **DepEd National Capital Region (NCR)**. (A division/district-level contest may also be held, but any expenses incurred shall be covered by the **DepEd and/or DA regional offices**.)
2. Each contestant must be accompanied by **one (1) coach or one (1) guardian** to the venue. However, the coach or guardian is **not allowed** to enter or move around the contest venue during the competition.
3. The **regional winners** must be formally endorsed by the respective **NCR and Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest Committees** to compete at the national level.
4. The **national level contestants** shall be accompanied by **one (1) guardian or one (1) coach** during the **National On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest in Metro Manila**.

National Level

The National on-the-Spot Poster Making Contest shall be held in Metro Manila.

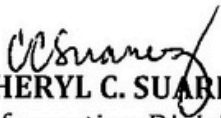
1. The contest preliminaries shall begin at **8:00 AM**, followed by the contest proper at **8:30 AM**. Contestants shall have a maximum of **three (3) hours and 30 minutes** to complete their posters, with the competition ending exactly at **12:00 noon**.
2. **Originality** must be strictly observed. Any form of duplication or copying of artwork shall result in **automatic disqualification**.
3. **A subtheme** shall be announced on the day of the national competition. The contestants, together with their coaches, shall be given time to undergo final coaching.
4. The **Board of Judges (BOJ)** shall select the **top five (5) posters** from all the entries.
5. The winning entries shall be displayed during the **culminating activities of the World Food Day (WFD) Celebration on October 16, 2026, in Quezon City**. The best posters shall also be awarded on the same day.
6. The National winners shall be awarded with cash prizes, trophies, and certificates of recognition during the WFD celebration.

II. Criteria for Judging:

Only the **top five** (5) Posters shall be selected as **National Winners**, based on the following criteria:

a. Originality -----	30%
b. Creativity -----	30%
c. Visual Impact -----	20%
d. Relevance to the theme -----	20%
Total -----	100%

Approved by:


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