



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

September 30, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 580, s. 2026

OBSERVANCE OF WORLD RABIES 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 Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 999, s. 2026 dated September 30, 2026 regarding the **Observance of World Rabies Day 2026**, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance of this Memorandum are desired.

FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:


EDSELYN T. BIGAY PhD
Education Program Supervisor – Mathematics
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In-charge of the Division

Enclosure: None.
Reference: Division Memorandum No. 999, s. 2026
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 999 s. 2026

OBSERVANCE OF WORLD RABIES DAY 2026

To: All Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is an Advisory from **Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring**, Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services, dated September 24, 2026 regarding the **Observance of World Rabies Day 2026**, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III
Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: Memorandum (OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-02274) & Advisory
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Observance of World Rabies Day 2026

September 24, 2026

The Global Alliance Rabies Control (GARC) advocates for rabies elimination through the one-health approach by 2030. Rabies remains one of the most fatal viruses and continues to be a public health concern around the world but through awareness, proper first aid and vaccine immunization, rabies can be 100% preventable.

Pursuant to Section V.B. Co-Curricular Activities and Legislated Celebrations of **DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2026**, titled "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*" and **OUGOPS Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-02274** titled "*Learner Support Observances SY 2026-2027*", DepEd through the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) strengthens and promotes the integration of Learner Support-related observances, including "**World Rabies Day 2026**" as part of instructional block through integration in regular teaching and learning process. Additionally, observance of World Rabies Day 2026 may be incorporated as part of the following:

- After-class activities
- End-of-term block activities
- Pep talks or similar activities during flag ceremonies
- Printed IEC materials and behavioral nudges (which can be kept throughout the school year)

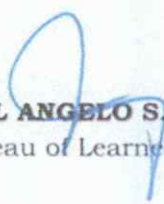
DepEd highlights the importance of rabies prevention through by practicing "#StraySAFE - Keeping Learners Rabies-Free", which promotes school-based strategies and actions on how to prevent rabies-related cases within the school premises:

How to be #StraySAFE in DepEd offices and schools
Strict animal management within school premises by - Prohibiting stray animals from entering the school vicinity; - Conducting routine checks
Avoid touching or provoking stray animals by - Practicing to only look and observe them; - Keeping your distance to prevent bites and scratches.
First Aid Measures when bitten or scratched - Washing the affected area immediately with soap and running water for at least 5 minutes; - Reporting any incident to school personnel or clinic for wound management and referral to nearest animal bite treatment center.
Encourage to report and tell an adult by - Informing teachers, parents, guardians, or school authorities immediately on any animal-related encounter or incident within or outside school premises; - Contacting emergency hotlines such as #911 (National Hotline), #1555 (DOH Hotline) or your local health emergency center, when necessary.

BLSS enjoins teaching and other non-teaching personnel to utilize the Word Rabies Day-related resources and references accessible through this link <https://tinyurl.com/WorldRabiesDay2026>.

All expenses related to the reproduction and dissemination of IEC materials for World Rabies Day 2026 may be charged to Program Support Funds or local funds, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and clarification, please contact **Mr. Gideon John Tuliao**, Health Education and Promotions Officer II, or **Ms. Julia Andrea Aguila**, Technical Assistant II, via email (blss.shd@deped.gov.ph).


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Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services



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MEMORANDUM

OM-OUGOPS-2026-~~PK~~-1274

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS CONCERNED
ALL OTHER CONCERNED**

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **LEARNER SUPPORT OBSERVANCES FOR SY 2026-2027**

DATE : June 18, 2026

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS), issues the following guidance to Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and schools, pursuant to Section V.B. Co-Curricular Activities and Legislated Celebrations of **DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2026**, titled *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*:

1. Attached as **Annex A** is the list of recommended learner support observances for SY 2026-2027. All ROs, SDOs, and teaching and non-teaching personnel are encouraged to support the commemoration of these observances through information dissemination and conduct of related activities.
2. Consistent with DO 9, s. 2026, commemoration of learner support observances in schools during the instructional block shall primarily be through integration in regular teaching and learning process. Additionally, observances may be incorporated as part of:
 - a. After-class activities
 - b. End-of-term block activities
 - c. Pep talks or similar activities during flag ceremonies
 - d. Printed IEC materials and behavioral nudges (which can be kept throughout the school year)
3. BLSS enjoins teaching and other non-teaching personnel to utilize the compendium of resources and references accessible through this link <https://bit.ly/schoolhealth2627>
[RESOURCES](#).
4. Subsequent advisories may be issued, as necessary, to provide further details on learner-support observances (e.g. annual theme, key messages, other materials or references).
5. All expenses related to the conduct of these observances may be charged against the Learner Support Program Funds or local funds, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and concerns, please contact **Mr. Gideon John Tuliao**, Health and Education Promotions Officer II, or **Ms. Julia Andrea Aguila**, Technical Assistant II of BLSS-SHD through email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

ANNEX A

Recommended Learner Support Observances for SY 2026-2027

Month	Observances
June	- National Dengue Awareness Month - National No Smoking Month 5 – World Environment Day 26 – International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - Week 3 – National Safe Kids Week
July	- Nutrition Month 17 – National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Day - Week 4 – Diabetes Awareness Week
August	- National Lung Month - National Adolescent Immunization Month 8-12 – Linggo ng Kabataan 12 – Philippine International Youth Day - Week 1 – Sight-Conservation Week
September	- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day 26 – World Environmental Health Day 28 – World Rabies Day 4th Monday – Pagkaing Pamilya Mahalaga Day - Week 1 – Obesity Prevention Awareness Week
October	- School Health Month 10 – World Mental Health Day 15 – Global Handwashing Day 2nd Thursday – World Sight Day - Week 2 – National Health Education Week - Week 2 – National Mental Health Week
November	- Malaria Awareness Month - National Children's Month 17 – National Students' Day 19 – World Toilet Day 25 – National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of VAWC 3rd Sunday – National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors and their Families - Week 3 – Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week
December	- Firecrackers Injury Prevention Month 1 – World AIDS Day
February	- Second Tuesday - Commemoration of Safer Internet Day Philippines - Philippine Heart Month - National Dental Health Month - Week 2 - National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
March	- Rabies Awareness Month 22 – World Water Day 24 – World Tuberculosis Day
April	22 – Earth Day - Week 4 – World Immunization Week
May	- Hypertension Awareness Month 21 – AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day 28 – World Menstrual Hygiene Day 31 – World No Tobacco Day