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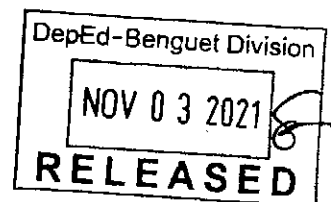
2021 ONLINE DIVISION READ-A-THON

To: Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
         Education Program Supervisors
         Public Schools District Supervisors/ In-Charge of the District
         Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
         Identified Elementary and Secondary Teachers and Learners
         All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) has declared November as the National Reading Month and has urged schools and learning institutions to conduct a month-long reading program to revive the youth's interest in the printed world and rekindle the students love for books amidst the Covid 19 pandemic.

2. DepEd has been encouraging schools to conduct various reading activities in schools and other learning facilities aligned to the Brigada Pagbasa, among them a Read-a-Thon, "Drop Everything and Read (Dear)" and remedial reading classes for elementary and secondary learners.

3. It is for this purpose that the Schools Division Office of Benguet will be conducting an Online Read-A-Thon on November 22 and 23, 2021 in observance of the National Reading Month. It will be participated by elementary and secondary learners from the 14 districts.

4. The Read-A-thon aims to:
    a. develop love for reading among elementary and secondary learners.
    b. foster a culture of reading in all schools and communities; and
    c. encourage all learners to read at least five books a year in support of the National Reading Month.

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5. Cell phone loads to be used by Participants in attending this activity shall be chargeable against the schools MOOE/School Funds subject to the usual auditing rules and regulations.

6. The link of the online Read-a-thon will be sent a day before the conduct of the activity.

7. Attached is the Guidelines and Mechanics in the 2021 division read-a-thon contest.

8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS IN THE 2021 DIVISION READ-A-THON CONTEST

1. The Read-A-Thon contest has the following categories: Best Team Readers (Readers Theater), Best Story Retelling, and Best in Oral Reading Interpretation. This contest will be in English for Grade III and Grade V pupils, Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. The district Read-A-Thon should be able to select the best team who will compete at the division level.

2. **BEST TEAM READERS CONTEST (Readers Theater) (ONLINE thru Google Meet)**
   1. The team is composed of five (5) pupils in Grade III, five (5) pupils in Grade V , five (5) students in Grade 7, five (5) students in Grade 8 who were declared winners in the district level contest.
   2. Each team will be given a set of five story copies written in English.
   3. The team will be given one hour to read the stories. Coaches will not be allowed to interact with their team during the reading time.
   4. The team shall read orally the same story identified by the judges one at a time.
   5. The contestants shall be ranked and the top three (3) winners shall be determined.
   6. The three teams with the highest scores will be declared first, second and third placers.
   7. The winners will be chosen by the panel of judges based on the criteria below.

Voice Projection	20%
Accuracy	30%
Interpretation	30%
Audience Impact	10%
Level of Confidence	10%
	100%

3. **BEST IN ORAL READING INTERPRETATION (ONLINE thru Google Meet)**
   1. The contestants will be asked to read aloud a story identified by the judges. The story is taken from the five (5) stories used by the team readers. They will be judged accordingly to their ability to read orally with accuracy and fluency, correct oral interpretation, voice projection, audience impact and the level of confidence.
   2. There will be one (1) participant district.
   3. The contestants shall read orally the same story identified by the judges, one at a time.
   4. The contestants shall be ranked and the top three (3) winners shall be determined.
   5. The winners will be chosen by the panel of judges based on the criteria below.

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4. **BEST IN RETELLING (ONLINE thru Google Meet)**

   1. The contestants will be asked to retell a story identified by the judges. The story is taken from the five (5) stories used by the team readers. They will be judged according to their ability to retell orally with accuracy and fluency, correct oral interpretation, voice projection, audience impact and the level of confidence.
   2. There will be one (1) participant per medium and per district.
   3. The contestants shall retell orally the story identified by the judges, one at a time.
   4. The contestants shall be ranked and the top three (3) winners shall be determined.
   5. The winners will be chosen by the panel of judges based on the criteria below.

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