

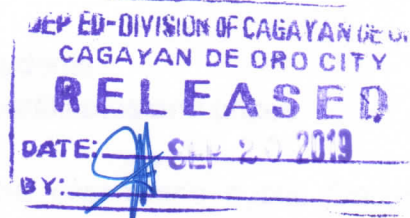


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**BOOK WRITING REFLECTION COMPETITION
AMONG GRADE 7 AND 8 LEARNERS**

**Memo To: Public School District Supervisors
Education Public Supervisors
Public Secondary School Principals/Heads
This Division**

1. In order to valuably persuade students to pursue extracurricular competitions and opportunities, the founder of project **BuildBloom**, **Ms. Precy Zea**, initiates a **writing competition** designed to encourage students to **read books and reflect on them**.
2. The writing contest aims to: (a) encourage early high school students to develop an appreciation for reading and writing; and (b) foster writing and critical thinking skills among them.
2. The contest is open to Grade 7 and 8 learners within the Division. Each contestant is encouraged to **write and submit one entry only composed of 400 to 500-word book report**.
3. The contestants may opt to submit their entry through the following:
 - a. **BuildBloom's email address:** buildbloom2019@gmail.com with a cover page attached containing the student's name, grade, age, school, selected book, and entry's number of words.
 - b. **Google Form:** <https://forms.gle/rnNQuH5gfK2gyzLt7>

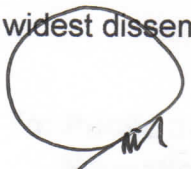
3. There will be five winners who will be awarded with a **Certificate** and a **cash prize of Php 1,000** each. In addition, the school with the highest proportion of Grade 7 and 8 students joining the contest will receive a **Certificate** and **10 books** to be added to their library or reading room.

4. The observed **Timeline** in the contest is as follows:

- a. September 30, 2019—Competition opens for submissions
- b. December 15, 2019—competition closes
- c. February 15, 2020 – informing schools with winning students
- d. March 2020 – Official announcement of winners with certificates and prizes

5. For other details of the contest, you can search the organizer's public Google Drive(<http://bit.ly2LbkOxj>) which contains the Competition Poster, Competition Guidelines, and Writing Tips.

6. For widest dissemination and guidance.



JONATHAN S. DELA PEÑA, Ph D, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



2nd Secretary School Principal
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Principal

Dear DepEd CDO Division,

My name is Precy Zea and I am writing this letter to propose the introduction and promotion of a writing competition among youth from Misamis Oriental.

To provide some background about myself, I was born in Cagayan de Oro in the 1990s but mostly grew up in Sydney, Australia. I feel strongly about giving back to the city I was born in - the place my parents have called home for much of their life. As such, my passion project, BuildBloom, is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at providing personal and professional development opportunities to young people in Misamis Oriental. It is centred around building their capacity and skills both in the academic sphere and beyond.

One of the organisation's initiatives is a writing competition designed to encourage students to read books and reflect on them. It seeks to foster writing skills and motivate students to pursue extracurricular competitions and opportunities.

Attached are further details of the competition. I am hoping to collaborate with DepED CDO to disseminate these details to public schools across Cagayan de Oro and encourage schools and teachers to get their students involved. I truly believe this could be a successful initiative where all education stakeholders, staff, students and parents alike, can celebrate how wonderful it is to read and write!

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this project.

Warmest regards,

Precy Zea
Founder of BuildBloom

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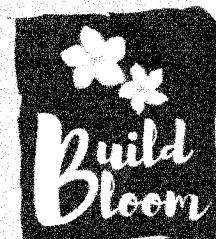
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Book Reflection
COMPETITION

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WHAT IS IT?

The Book Reflection Competition is a writing contest where students read a book then submit a 400 to 500-word book report answering the following questions:

- What did you like about your chosen book?
- What did you learn from reading it?

WHO CAN ENTER?

The competition is open to Grade 7 and 8 students attending a public school in Misamis Oriental. Only one submission per student is allowed.

HOW DOES A STUDENT SUBMIT AN ENTRY?

There are a few options for submission.

- Email: entries can be emailed to buildbloom2019@gmail.com with a cover page attached. This cover page will contain the student's name, grade, age, school, selected book and the entry's number of words.
- Google form: Students can submit their details and their entry through <https://forms.gle/rnNQuH5gfK2gyzLt7>

I am aware that many students may not have internet access. In these situations, it would be good if a teacher can take a clear photo of the student's handwritten entry and the required student details, then email these to buildbloom2019@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

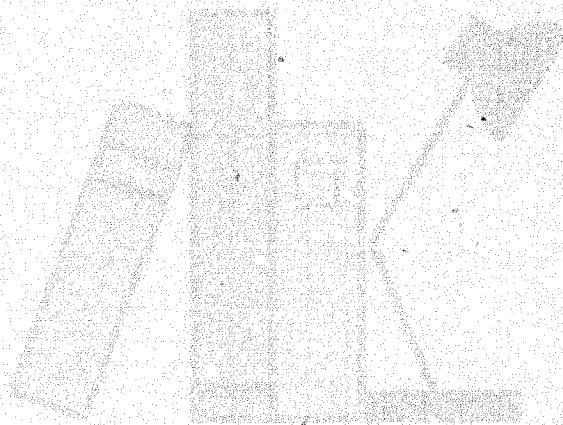
WHAT'S THE PRIZE?

Five winning students will be awarded with a Certificate of Achievement and a cash prize of Php 1000 each.

The school with the highest proportion of Grade 7 and 8 students entering the competition will receive a Certificate and 10 books to be added to their library or reading room. To be able to calculate this, we will require an accurate number of Grade 7 and 8 students from each school or DepEd CDO Division.

WHY DO THE COMPETITION?

Reading is extremely important because it builds literacy and creativity. The contest's main objective is to encourage early high school students to develop an appreciation for reading and writing. It aims to foster writing skills and critical thinking and motivate students to pursue extracurricular competitions and opportunities.



TIMELINE

SEP30

- Competition open for submissions

DEC15

- Competition closes

FEB15

- Schools with winning students contacted

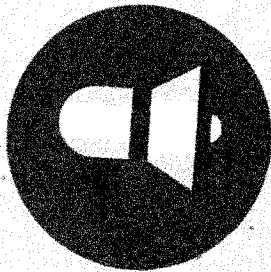
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- Winners officially announced
- Certificates and prizes awarded

WE NEED YOUR HELP

This competition cannot flourish without collaborating with schools and teachers. Please publicize this contest to students and parents as an opportunity not only to win prizes, but as an opportunity to improve one's reading and writing skills.

There are three main ways we would like to ask for your help.



PUBLICITY

If possible, please put our competition poster up in your classrooms.

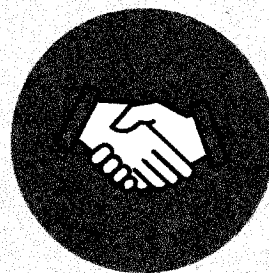
Please also remind your students in November about the competition closing on December 15.



ASSIST STUDENTS

While students must do their own work, we have competition tips and advice that you can share with them.

Please also assist students without internet access so they can still get involved.



RECOGNIZE EFFORTS

If a student from your school is a winner, it would be ideal if their Certificate of Achievement was awarded at your Recognition Ceremony.

WHAT WE DO ON OUR END

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AND INFORMATION

You can find the following documents on our public Google Drive:

- Competition poster
- Competition guidelines
- Writing tips

The link to the Google Drive is <https://bit.ly/2Lbk0xj>. Please use this to publicize the competition to students and parents.

JUDGING

BuildBloom has volunteer judges from a range of backgrounds who assess the entries based on a marking criteria. While we cannot release the criteria, the Writing Tips document in the Google Drive is of significant help.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

We fully fund the prizes (both the cash prizes and books) and printing of certificates. We will deliver these to the intended schools. We ask that you honestly present the award and cash prize to the winning recipient(s). Alternatively, we may have a representative, pending availability, to present these.

FEEDBACK

It is our hope to be able to provide each student feedback on their entry. This cannot be confirmed as it will depend on the volume of submissions. However, we know it is important for students to be able to receive feedback on their work so we will endeavour to do this.

PUBLICITY

By participating, students give us the right to post their entries on BuildBloom's social media accounts and website should they win. We also reserve the right to post up the names and photos of winners on our social media and website, as well as provide these to media outlets. This may include local newspapers, local news sites and radio stations.