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NAGWALING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**NARRATIVE REPORT ON BRIGADA ESKWELA  
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Educators believe that environment plays a big part in pupils' learning. And so, if classrooms are not conducive to learning because of poor condition and some defective school facilities, education is hindered.

The Department of Education conducted this year's Brigada Eskwela, also known as the National Schools Maintenance Week on May 19-24, 2014 where all education stakeholders contributed their time, effort and resources in ensuring that the school facilities are ready in time for the school opening.

As early as March, the school head and teachers of Nagwaling Elementary School recruited volunteers who would participate in the brigade. Parents, school alumni and other people from the community were encouraged to join the week - long annual program. Since no national government money was put into Brigada Eskwela (because there was simply no budget for that purpose), private businesses, NGO's, private individuals and local government were tapped to solicit donations to cover the effort of repair and maintenance of the school. It was on April when the school physical facilities coordinator and some PTA members performed a school ocular to identify the school facilities that need repair and maintenance. After this, the steering committee planned different school's activities for Brigada Eskwela.

Early morning of May 19, the district of Pilar held a parade that signalled the start of Brigada Eskwela. After the parade a short program followed. The presence of different groups' of volunteers was acknowledged. Short orientation about the mechanics of the 6-day activity was given by the very approachable and kind hearted PSDS of Pilar, Dr. Jeolfa G Reyes Finally the opening of the Brigada Eskwela was announced.

The willing, ready and able brigade included zealous teachers, enthusiastic parents, excited students, and other concern people of the community. These people grouped themselves and helped in different activities. Some patched the linking roofs, cleaned the schools surroundings, trimmed and cut grasses and branches of trees, other groups painted chairs and changed doorknobs. Some swept and cleaned the school yard and burned the dry leaves. Still others helped teachers fix their classrooms.

In our own little ways, with the cooperation, and unity of the different volunteers, we made Nagwaling Elementary School ready for the opening of classes.

Six days were spent working together, providing for a common need, helping everyone to accomplish a common goal.

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