PILAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONDUCTS EARTHQUAKE DRILL 2014

Pursuant to Dep.Ed. Order no. 48, s. 2012, Pilar Elementary School headed by Dr. Minerva P. Rillo, school principal, together with the general PTA officers conducted its first earthquake drill for the school year 2014-2015 on June 20, 2014.

During the flag ceremony, a lecture about what is an earthquake and its damaging effects was conducted. The school evacuation plan and effective measures which are needed to be taken before, during and after its occurrence were also part of the discussion.

At exactly 9:00 in the morning, Dr. Minerva P. Rillo led the drill by ringing the bell which echoed all throughout the school vicinity. This signaled everyone about the occurrence of the earthquake. Pupils, teacher, parents, and school staff evacuated properly and systematically. They followed the guide where they must pass and exit to reach the safe grounds. Because everybody participated actively and cooperatively, everything went with order. Evacuation, search and rescue operation, relief and rehabilitation, first aid, medical care for disaster victims and public information and dissemination were authentically dramatized. The activity ended a success.

Dr. Rillo said that the school will regularly hold the said activity to support the quarterly conduct of the National School-based Earthquake Drill, to test the potency of the response plan designed by the school and to train pupils, teachers, parents and school staff on what measures to take during the occurrence of the disaster, and to ensure the safety of pupils, teacher, parents, and staff at the attack of disaster.

"Earthquake drill is an effective procedure of disaster management which seeks to help the school through its disaster committee to design a specific response plan of the school for earthquakes. Moreover, the conduct will be done frequently to make every member of the school more familiar of the drill and to help reduce the risk of the damages and casualties when the disaster strikes." , she added.