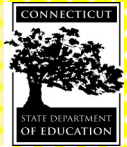




THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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School Nurses Make the Difference!

Diane Kreuter, RN is the School Nurse at Walsh Elementary School in Waterbury, Connecticut. The article titled “Nurse’s Quick Actions Save Choking City Boy” by Michael Puffer highlights her rapid intervention in saving a fourth-grader’s life, enabling him to return to class and complete his school day. The full article can be accessed in the March 7, 2012, edition of the *Republican American*.

Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ *Official Proclamation May 9, 2012, is School Nurses Day!*
- ◆ *2011-12 School Health Services Information Survey*
- ◆ *ASNC Spring Dinner Meeting*



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an **Official Statement**

On behalf of the State of Connecticut,
I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor,
take great pleasure in
recognizing
May 9, 2012
as
School Nurses Day.

*This day recognizes the important role
school nurses play in the State of Connecticut.*

*Providing students with access to health professionals
is a critical component to ensuring our students are
ready and able to learn. The commitment
school nurses have to our
students is commendable.*

*This recognition highlights the important role
school nurses in the State of Connecticut.*

Therefore, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut,
do hereby proclaim May 9, 2012 as
School Nurses Day.




GOVERNOR

2011-12 School Health Services Information Survey

Thank you for your efforts last year with the School Health Services Information Survey. We received 88 percent of surveys back from Connecticut school districts. A copy of the report along with the 2004-11 Summary Highlights Report are available at the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768> (scroll down to "Definition of School Nursing/Survey" section).

The CSDE would again like to request your participation in the School Health Services Information Survey. This survey represents an opportunity to continue documenting the school health services provided to students and staff in Connecticut public and private, non-profit schools. All surveys MUST be completed by June 30, 2012, to allow adequate time for data analysis.

To increase ease in completion, we will be utilizing SurveyMonkey for this year's data collection. All information needed to complete the survey may be found on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at www.educationconnection.org. On the homepage you will see instructions for completion of the survey.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. Please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov if you have any questions.

What's New and Updated on the Connecticut State Department of Education's Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site?

- ◆ Connecticut Guidelines for the Sexual Health Education Component of Comprehensive Health Education
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=333710>
- ◆ Cumulative Health Records Guidelines
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/CHRguidelines.pdf>
- ◆ Health Assessment Record – HAR-3
http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/student/health/har3_final.pdf
- ◆ Health Services Program Information Survey Reports:
 - 2011 Summary
http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/student/health/summary_of_health_services_in_connecticut_schools_2011.pdf
 - Full Report http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/student/health/health_services_program_information_survey_report_2011.pdf
- ◆ Sample Medication Authorization for the Administration of Medicine by School Personnel Form
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/MedicationForm.pdf>

May 9, 2012 is School Nurses Day!

Professional Development Opportunities

Save the date!

Coordinated School Health Cadre of Nurse Trainers Regional Professional Development Day - November 6, 2012

Full and half-day professional development opportunities will be offered on Election Day, November 6, 2012, at the following locations in Connecticut:

- ◆ Eastconn;
- ◆ Southington;
- ◆ West Haven;
- ◆ Westport; and
- ◆ Windsor.

Topics, locations, times and registration information will be announced in the May and June 2012, *School Nurse Bulletins*.

Connecticut School Breakfast Summit

Please join us at the first ever Connecticut School Breakfast Summit to be held on Friday, May 4, 2012, in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Please consider bringing a team from your school or district to learn how to start up a School Breakfast Program or increase the success of your current program. And don't miss the kick-off of the *CT School Breakfast Challenge* with over \$20,000 in prizes to be awarded to the winning districts!

Register online by April 22, 2012, at <http://www.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/9618> or <http://www.registereastconn.org/>.

A message from the:

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES OF CONNECTICUT (ASNC)

School Nurses Day

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Marisa's Restaurant, 6540 Main Street, Trumbull, Connecticut

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m

Please join us for dinner on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, to celebrate School Nurse Day at the ASNC Spring Dinner Meeting. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of several of our colleagues as we honor them with recognitions. We will also be recognizing our retirees and their dedicated years of service to school children in Connecticut.

Registration information is located on the ASNC's Web site at <http://www.ctschoolnurses.org/asnc-dinner-meeting.html>.

Save the date!

The Connecticut Children's Medical Center

presents

**The 2nd annual diabetes education symposium for school nurses.
Saturday, September 29, 2012**

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