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Special Points of Interest:

- *National School Nurse Day*
- *2009-10 Asthma Reporting Form*
- *School Nurse Supervisor Conference*
- *May is Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month*



National School Nurse Day Wednesday, May 12, 2010

“Vision, Voice, Visibility: Charting the Course for a Healthy Future”

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) has chosen May 12, 2010, as National School Nurse Day. National School Nurse Day was established in 1972, to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting. Today, school nursing is recognized as a specialized practice that advances the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. To this end, over 66,000 school nurses across the country promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student/family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy, and learning.

National School Nurse Day falls on the Wednesday during National Nurses Week, May 6 – 12, 2010, ending on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing. On this day, school nurses across Connecticut will be honored for the important services they provide to our children and youth. Schools and communities are encouraged to join with their school nurses in celebrating this important day. For more information on National School Nurse Day, visit the NASN Web site at www.nasn.org.

MAY IS NATIONAL ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH

Each year, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) declares May to be "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month." May is peak season for asthma and allergy sufferers, and a perfect time to educate your patients, family, friends, co-workers and others about these diseases.

Additionally, in 1997, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) created Food Allergy Awareness Week (FAAW), to educate others about food allergies, a potentially life threatening medical condition. Help spread the word about the 13th annual Food Allergy Awareness Week which will be celebrated during May 9-15, 2010. This year, help those with food allergies “Respect Every Bite.” FAAN has gone green for FAAW this year. All materials are available online at <http://www.foodallergy.org/page/food-allergy-awareness-week>.

Events Supporting 2010 National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month:

- Asthma Educator’s Day
www.asthmaeducators.org
- World Asthma Day: May 4, 2010
<http://www.ginasthma.com/WADIndex.asp>
- Food Allergy Awareness Week: May 9 – 15, 2010
<http://www.foodallergy.org/FAAW/index.html>

For information on how you can host an Awareness Month event in May 2010, in your local community, please contact the development manager at 1-800-7ASTHMA or info@aafa.org.

THE NEW BRITAIN ROCK CATS PRESENT

Nurse Appreciation Night

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH

NEW BRITAIN ROCK CATS VS. TRENTON THUNDER

(AA AFFILIATE OF THE MINNESOTA TWINS)

(AA AFFILIATE OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES)

GATES OPEN: 5:35PM GAME TIME: 6:35PM

The New Britain Rock Cats, The Alliance for Consumer Education, and The Association of School Nurses of CT have teamed up to present Nurse Appreciation Night at the Rock Cats! In honor of Nurse Appreciation Week and the importance of nursing as a profession, all school nurses may receive 2 complimentary ticket vouchers for Nurse Appreciation Night on Tuesday, May 11 thanks to The Association of School Nurses of CT!

Here is how it works: Please print this flyer and fill out the amount of ticket vouchers that you would like mailed to your school or home address. The complimentary vouchers are valid for up to 2 tickets to Nurse Appreciation Night on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:35 PM! Additional tickets may be purchased for an additional \$5 per ticket. To order your tickets, please fill out the registration form below and fax back into the Rock Cats (860)225-6267 or call the Rock Cats at (860)224-8383



NURSE APPRECIATION NIGHT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS (UP TO 2) _____

ADDITIONAL TICKETS _____ X \$5 = _____

860.224.8383
www.rockcats.com

WE ARE ON THE WEB...

Connecticut State Department of Education Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site

The following publications and forms are available on our Web site at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>.

Publications:

Guidelines for Health Screenings: Vision, Hearing and Postural [PDF]
 Guidelines for Blood Glucose Self-Monitoring in School [PDF]
 Guidelines for Cumulative Health Records [PDF]
 Learning and Diabetes: A Resource Guide for Connecticut Schools and Families [PDF]
 Tuberculosis Control Screening Guidelines in Schools [PDF]
 Guidelines for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Connecticut Schools [PDF]

Forms:

Health Assessment Form 2008 [PDF] - Please print on "blue" paper
 Early Childhood Health Assessment Form [PDF] - Please print on "yellow" paper
 Immunization Requirements for 2010-11 School Year [PDF]
 ED513 - Health Service Plan [PDF]
 Medical Exemption Immunization Form [PDF]
 Religious Exemption Immunization Form [PDF]
 Sample Medication Authorization Form [PDF]
 Individualized Health Care Plan [PDF] [Word]
 Epinephrine Administration Form [PDF] [Word]



2009-10 Asthma Reporting Forms

Connecticut General Statute (Section 10-206) requires that schools report to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) on an annual basis, information on students with asthma. The deadline for individual school nurses to return their school's *Asthma Reporting Form: 2009-10* to school nurse supervisors is **September 15, 2010**. School nurse supervisors should then complete the *Asthma Reporting Summary Form* and return it, along with each of the individual school *Asthma Reporting Forms*, to the DPH by **September 30, 2010**. **Please note that while the deadline is September 30, 2010, nursing supervisors can submit the district's forms as soon as they are complete. We strongly encourage school districts to complete and submit their forms by the end of the 2009-10, school year.** The forms can be downloaded from the DPH Web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/asthma>. Click on "Schools" near the bottom of the page and then click on "Asthma Reporting Forms."

If you have any questions please contact Kimberly Nguyen at 860-509-8251 or Kimberly.nguyen@ct.gov.

Professional Development Opportunities

The Connecticut Family Support Network Presents:
Supporting Children with Special Health Care Needs in a Dental Home

Date: June 3, 2010

Location: The Courtyard Marriott, Sebeth Street, Cromwell, Connecticut

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration: Go to <http://ctfsn.eventbrite.com> or call 203-710-3041 before May 21, 2010

Professional Development Opportunities, Cont'd



Making Change Happen: Individual and Organizational Level Strategies for Child and Adolescent Health Success During Times of Change

Date: May 12, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, Connecticut

Topics include:

- developing an effective message;
- eliminating health disparities and inequalities through the incorporation of cultural and linguistic competence;
- building medical home partnerships and family-centered care; and
- coordinating pediatric and adolescent Emergency Medical Services with primary care.

Name (please print) _____

Organization/Agency/Role _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Registration: Contact Mark Fuller at 860-509-7279 or michael.fuller@ct.gov or fax to 860-509-7720.

*A limited number of family participants will receive reimbursements for child care or transportation at the discretion of the Department of Public Health. Stipends must be requested in advance and will be confirmed by May 3, 2010.



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...Keeping CT School Nurses
Informed and Involved!

Critical Issues in School Health 2010

Hezekiah Beardsley, Connecticut Chapter American
Academy of Pediatrics

Introduction to Competency in School Nursing Workshop

Sign up for this exiting and **interactive workshop** which will provide school nurses and school nurse supervisors with the opportunity to engage and examine school nurse competencies that guide best practice in school nursing.

This session explores the following questions and more:

- are you an emergent, competent, proficient or expert school nurse?
- how can you evolve from emergent to expert school nurse?
- are you evaluating appropriately or being evaluated appropriately? and
- what are the standards that guide school nursing practice?

Presenters: Stephanie Knutson and Sue Levasseur

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010

Time: 1:20 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Farmington Marriott Hotel, Farmington, Connecticut

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