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FASN strives to improve the health and educational success of students and the school community by developing and providing leadership to advance school nursing practice.

2015-2016 School Year a Wrap!!!

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The 2015-16 school year is fast coming to a close and it's been an amazing year for our school nurses across the state. School Nurses continue to be recognized for providing excellence of health care and support of children with chronic and complex medical issues. We advocate for our students, parents and community to keep health services at the forefront for healthy and safe learning environments.

So what have FASN school nurses been up to this year?

F - Fun

Over 140 School Nurses gathered at Florida Hotel in February for the 20th Annual School Nurse conference, School Nurses: Today's Health...Tomorrow's Future, Celebrating 20 Years of Advancing School Nursing Expertise. It was there that we networked and shared valuable sessions that enhanced our learning and professional growth. Several of our own members shared their expertise on such topics as Flakka, Medication Errors, and School Nursing Research.

We also celebrated Penny Kehoe, as School Nurse of the Year and recognized the valuable support of the Florida Chapter of the Lions Club sponsoring FASN memberships. Start saving for the 2017 conference! Your Education Committee is hard at work already planning conference. You don't want to miss it.

A- Advocacy

We are advocating for ourselves! School Nurses speak up- presenting at the State PTA conference as well as individual chapters, writing legislators on bills that impact the health and well-being of students and being recognized in the news for the impact they have saving lives. Several counties collected data on the impact and value of School Nurses, presenting that information to school boards and community forums. There is still more work to be done, but we are starting to unite our voices.

S- Supporting

School Nurses across the state, FASN is on Social Media! We are utilizing the SchoolNurseNet as an open forum to discuss key issues facing all school nurses, posting on the FASN Facebook page and Tweeting! Check us out and like us on Facebook, start following us on Twitter and check your email for valuable announcements/postings in SNN!

N- Nurses in the News

Check out our newest feature on SNN where we highlight YOU- our members for the great contributions you bring to our profession. If you have been recognized for outstanding contributions to School Nursing, we want to hear from you! Let's celebrate your accomplishments and spread the good news. (Contact your FASN board through our website).

As records are reviewed and filed for next year, medications returned and disposed of, field trip trainings completed, health lessons taught, hugs and congratulations for rising and graduating students, know that you are valued for what you do every day. School Nurses make a difference! Enjoy your summer plans! See you in August!



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President's Message

Paula Alford, RN
President, FASN



It's here; summer is right on our coat tails. Our FASN members hold many different job titles across the state. Some of you will soon be off; others not till the end of June. Then some of you work 12 months, maybe you'll take a week or so to rest and relax with your family. Regardless of your work schedule, I sincerely hope that you spend a bit of time doing something you love this summer.

Recently, your FASN board met face to face on a Saturday to strategize and plan for the upcoming year. Advocacy is our number 1 goal for the 2016-2017 year. We recently reviewed a school nurse survey that was put together by Melissa Glover and Kathy



Rose last year. The results were very insightful and provided the FASN board with initiatives and direction with regard to advocacy. We

are also currently looking to Lisa Kern our Florida Director for guidelines and tools to assist with advocacy that NASN supplies. Lots to do in this area, but your FASN board will continue to provide direction

for its members.

How about the website and School Nurse Net! We continue to encourage our members to visit these sites and most important, post. Our communications

chair and committee continue to work on your behalf for relevant and updated information. If you have a suggestion, send my way, the committee evaluates every suggestion. We are going to award a gift card based off a drawing of members participating on website and School Nurse Net. Maybe, you'll be the winner!!

The second goal for FASN this year is facilitation and officer development. FASN needs you. If you are interested in moving up the ranks, please make contact with one of your FASN board members. We are here to serve the members of FASN.

Have a great summer. We will meet back in the fall, ready for another school year.

Be sure to follow us via [website](#), [SNN](#), [blogging](#), and [tweeting!](#)

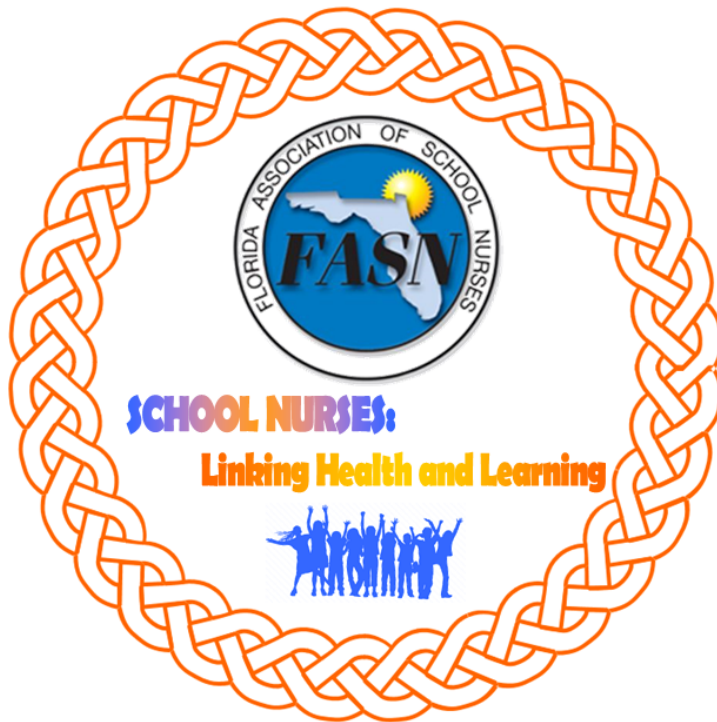


Bee a Pollinator for FASN

Paula Alford

Promote FASN—Like Us on Social Media





Save the Date!

21st Annual FASN Conference

January 27-28, 2017

At the
Florida Hotel and Conference Center
Orlando, Florida

More Information to follow.

School Nurses In the News!



Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Recognized?

Do you know a nurse or have you been recognized in school nursing? Have you made a special presentation that enhances school nurse skills or recognizes the importance of school nursing in helping students stay healthy? Has the media: TV, radio or newspaper made a point of covering school nursing or the health of students or contacted you to get the school nurse's perspective? Has an organization such as the PTA or Lions Club supported school nursing by sponsoring an FASN membership or registration to our state conference? Please let FASN know! We would like to recognize our school nurses in the newsletter and present them with a certificate. We can honor them as they have honored us. Please send the information to: FASNCommunications.



2015-2016 Outstanding Subject Area Teachers for Lee County School District School Nurse of the Year - Melissa Glover, MBA RN BSN CEN

Melissa was selected for this special honor at the Outstanding Subject Area Recognition by the School Board on May 3, 2016. Lee County School District employees select educators in subject area groups to be recognized as Outstanding Teachers. The selection process varies for each subject area group due to the diversity of their jobs. It is a special honor to be selected for this recognition – Congratulations Melissa!!!!

Congratulations

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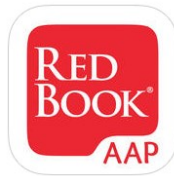
Immunization-related Mobile Iphone Applications for Health Care Professionals and Consumers

**Robert M. Griffin, Administrator
Immunization Section**



Looking for immunization-related applications (apps) for your mobile device? Look no further. We are pleased to share the following immunization-related mobile applications for health care professionals, community partners and consumers.

The "Apps for Immunization" is a listing of DOH approved immunization-related applications (apps) from trusted sources such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) made available through



iTunes. These mobile apps give health care professionals and consumers 24/7 access to vital health information including current immunization news, scientific publications, and disease prevention tips. Materials embodied in these apps provide health care professionals and parents with quick access on the latest vaccine recommendations and immunization schedules on their smartphone devices. Content produced on these apps are automatically updated to reflect the most up-to-date information with the ability to share articles through various social media networks. With excellent user



ratings, these immunization-related resources will help with protecting the health of the general public and contribute to increasing immunization levels and decreasing vaccine-preventable diseases in Florida. To connect with these DOH approved iphone apps: [Click Here.](#)

Please distribute this important information to colleagues, members, coalitions, and partners who provide or have an interest in immunizations. Please place this information prominently on your website. If you have any questions regarding vaccine recommendations, please feel free to contact Dearline Thomas-Brown, MPH, BSN, RN at 850-245-4342,



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Amanda Kraft, RN, MSN, ARNP, the Osceola County liaison for FASN, was awarded the School Nursing Supervisor of the Year award from FSHA at their annual Awards Luncheon.

Amanda's professional activities include her work on the Osceola County Pandemic Influenza Community Plan, Osceola County Health Leadership Council, Safety Committee of the School District of Osceola County, and Technical Education Center Osceola Institutional Advisory and Nursing Committees. She has collaborated with Nemours in simulation training for

school nurses; developed programs in Osceola County so students receive free vision screening/glasses, dental sealants, and flu mists. The data collected indicated that around 70% of students served by these programs had never seen an eye doctor nor a dentist prior to the visit conducted at their school.

Beginning this school year, collaborate on the implementation of the Asthma Pilot Program in selected Title 1 schools with Nemours and Blue Cross utilizing telehealth technologies. Amanda's professional commitment extends statewide through her appointment by the State Surgeon General to serve multiple terms on the Emergency Medical Services for "Children (EMSC) Advisory Committee in order to improve emergency health care services for the pediatric pop-

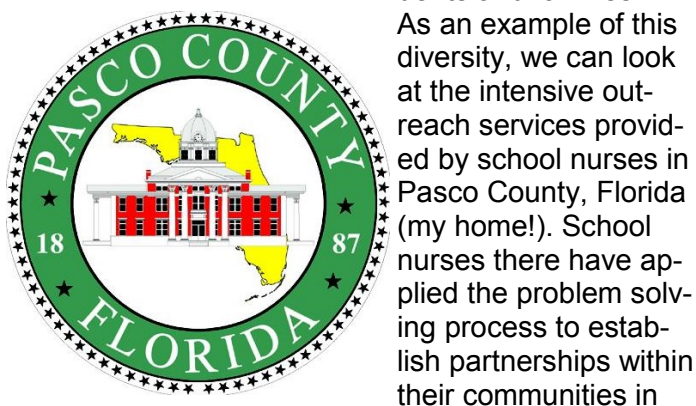
Congratulations



FASN Director Message

Lisa Kern RN, MSN, NCSN
FASN Director

Hope everyone had a wonderful School Nurse Appreciation Day – May 11, 2016! School nursing is an autonomous discipline creating many opportunities for diversity in practice focus. As school nurses identify areas of need in the communities they serve, they are tasked with finding creative, collaborative ways to make health services available to students and families.



As an example of this diversity, we can look at the intensive outreach services provided by school nurses in Pasco County, Florida (my home!). School nurses there have applied the problem solving process to establish partnerships within their communities in order to improve students' access to healthcare. Here are some examples of their outreach efforts:

- The local health department provides nurse practitioner services at several high schools, a mobile dental sealant program at all Title I elementary schools, and has established a successful dental operator (2 dental chairs!!) on one school campus that is open 4 days/week - all coordinated by school nurses.
- The school district and the health department also have an agreement with a private company to provide flu vaccines annually to students - coordinated by school nurses.
- School nurses had been coordinating monthly Ronald McDonald Care Mobile visits until the mobile unit was transferred to another county.

We were able to retain the services of the Care Mobile ARNP by maintaining a local grant that had originally supported these visits! So now a nearby university's pediatric nurse practitioner continues to visit our schools each month - coordinated by school nurses.

- We've been fortunate to partner with several mobile vision outreach services to provide free vision screening for students and glasses for those in need - coordinated by school nurses.

All Florida school nurses make a HUGE difference in the lives of students and families by providing these types of intensive outreach services - allowing services to take place at school and keeping kids healthy, safe, and ready to learn! It takes a great deal of collaboration and effort but the reward and the gain is so significant.

We know there are other school nurses (YOU!) across our state and our nation that are involved in similar initiatives. We need to continue to share these health promotion efforts with other school nurses, involve our community partners in these efforts, and continue to have courageous conversations with our legislators (ADVOCACY!!) so everyone recognizes the value in our outreach work and can collaborate to support this type of school nurse-driven innovative action!

Send FASN information about YOUR outreach efforts so we can share this valuable information with other Florida nurses and keep linking HEALTH and LEARNING. Celebrate AND SHARE your successes!

YOU
MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE





End Notes



Join the FASN Website!

If you haven't joined the FASN Website already, please take a few moments and join as a follower. By joining you will receive announcements, event invites, group communications and access to the member's only areas.

The steps are easy:

- Go to the FASN website: FASN.net
- Click the "sign up" icon at the upper right hand corner of the screen
- Enter the *required ID information
- Create a password
- Click create your account

You are now ready to start receiving e-mail updates and stay connected with FASN!

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a
FRIEND!

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You can use your Refer a Friend credit to help decrease your own membership fee!



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