



## Fall 2018 Newsletter

I was driving across Ohio this past weekend, passing through our southwest, central and northeast regions. It was a sunny day and it struck me how beautiful the trees and forests are this time of year. Additionally, I reflected on how similar Ohio School Nurses are to strong, resilient, independent trees and how the Ohio Association of School Nurses (OASN) is similar to the forest in which the trees reside. The saying “*can’t see the forest for the trees*” played in the back of my mind as I thought about my school nursing practice, the busy start-of-school year activities, and the work of our professional organization, OASN.

Ohio School Nurses often work as the only school nurse in the school building or the school district. You must be the single tree with a strong trunk of nursing knowledge and assessment skills. You must reach your branches wide to shade the children, families and staff under your care. We may become focused on all we are required and expected to do as the single School Nurse. Subsequently, we forget that we have a whole forest of school nursing professionals with whom we are connected.

OASN is here for you! Your professional organization that can be the forest where you join together and receive support from other Ohio School Nurses. See the forest of all that is possible and available in Ohio school nursing this school year. Reach beyond your own knowledge, skills and abilities and join in on all that membership provides to you, such as:

- Attend the 2019 OASN 46th Annual Conference in March
- Post and respond on the OASN Community Discussion List - *SchoolNurseNet* at [oasn.org](http://oasn.org)
- Join the OASN Advocacy Committee at Nurses Day at the State House in March
- Be a school leader in the Ohio School Based Health Care initiative by utilizing materials from OASN, found on the home page of [oasn.org](http://oasn.org)
- Participate in school health data collection by joining OASN and NASN in *Every Student Counts! National School Health Data Set*
- Encourage your school health colleagues to join OASN. We need every voice to make OASN strong and a leader of professional school nurse practice and school health services
- Every Ohio School Nurse is a leader! Serve on a state level committee, as a regional representative, a chairperson, or as an officer

Thank you for your strong roots which provide exceptional care daily to Ohio’s school children. I couldn’t be prouder to have you as a tree in my OASN forest!

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Licensed School Nurse

President, OASN



**Save the Date: March 8 - 10, 2019**

## ***Taking Flight: School Nurses Soaring to Improve Student Outcomes***

2019 OASN 46th Annual Conference

Dayton, OH at the Marriott at the University of Dayton.

**Keynote Speaker: Janice Selekmán DNSc, RN - author of *School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text, 2nd Edition***

**Please click this link to take a 3 question survey to help us plan for the 2019 OASN Conference:**



## **Regional News**

### **Northwest**

NWOASN invites you to our Fall Meeting and CE offering

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2018 Time: 4:30-7:30 pm

Topics: Asthma Update, 1 CE, Mick Biggin, PA-C

School Nurse Role in Chronic Absenteeism, 1 CE, Joan Hlinomaz MS, BSN, RN, LSN, NCSN

Where: Toledo, OH Further location details and registration to follow soon, please continue to check the OASN Website!

Cost: TBA (Dinner will be included in Registration fee)

### **Northeast**

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Sponsored by: Northeast Ohio Association of School Nurses

Presented by: James Foley, Psychotherapist, LISW

Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

Northeast Ohio Medical University

The NEW Center, 211 SR 44, Rootstown, OH 44272

LIMITED SEATING: 25 (7 contact hours pending)

\$50.00\* for lunch and CE event (NEOASN 2017-2018 member) \*Non-refundable

\$60.00\* for lunch and CE event (non-NEOASN member) \*Non-refundable

RSVP by September 19th: Dawn Delmoro, President dawn.delmoro@cloverleaflocal.org

### **Southwest**

Registration is now open for the General SWOSNA meeting on October 16, 2018 at NCR Country Club. The topic is "Supporting Our Gender and Minority Youth in Schools" by Dr. Heather Stewart. 1.5 CEU's are offered for this session. Please go to the SWOSNA website to register at [swosna.org/events/10-16-18-general-meeting](http://swosna.org/events/10-16-18-general-meeting)



## Other News

### **New Online School Nurse Wellness Coordinator Certificate**

The Ohio State University College of Nursing recently implemented a new certificate for school nurses who are interested in advancing their knowledge and education, as well as taking on a leadership role in their career. The online School Nurse Wellness Coordinator certificate consists of five courses that can be completed in as little as 12 months. Ohio State University is the first school in Ohio to offer this approved certificate program of preparation for the ODE School Nurse Wellness Coordinator endorsement so so don't miss your chance to apply for this unique opportunity. Visit our website at [nursing.osu.edu/snwellnesscoordinator](http://nursing.osu.edu/snwellnesscoordinator) to learn more.

### **New NASN/OASN Data Initiative**

Stay tuned for the new national initiative to collect school health data. We will need every Ohio School Nurse to participate! This will provide evidence of our work in schools and that we truly make a difference in student success.

