

Holidays 2007
President's Letter

With Thanksgiving come the start of the official holiday season. It continues until January and our lives become fuller with each passing day. As we try to juggle family, work and personal goals, it can be overwhelming at times. We find it hard to remember the thanks in Thanksgiving, the joy in Hanukah or Christmas or the happy in Happy New Year. As I talk to school nurses across the state, it is apparent that our job stress has escalated this year far above previous years.

Permit me to pause a moment to give thanks. I am thankful for the school nurses around Florida who care for our students each and every day. As school nurses, you go far above basic first aid. You are writing nursing care plans and doing those things necessary to help our students become successful in school. I am thankful for the leaders in FASN around the state who work hard to connect our school nurses with their state organization. You guys are the best!

I hope during December you will pause to rejoice and remember that even though our days get shorter, special things can and do still happen. Especially when our schedules are crazy or the demands are coming at us from all sides, we need to look for those special moments where we are making a difference in a student's life.

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year! Our state conference, February 8-9, 2008, is a great way to begin the new year and reenergize ourselves. Whether you want to network with other school nurses, increase your professional skills, or get ideas to take back to your district, you'll find them all at the state conference, "School Nurses Educate for Life."

Many of us, faced with tight budgets, must justify our request to go to the conference. At the conference, you will increase your professional skills. This is an asset to your employer who is providing highly skilled nurses to care for some of our most vulnerable children. Furthermore, you are bringing back information that will enable you to help more students remain in school, healthy enough to learn. We are making sure no child is left behind because of a health problem!

And since you are already on the web site . . .

Check out the conference link for registration, hotel and scholarship information.

Check out the photo gallery for FASN Fall Happenings - things FASN members around the state have been doing this fall.

Check out the FASNating News link for the full text of articles mentioned in our newsletter. It's another excellent way to increase our professional knowledge.

May all of you, this holiday season, experience peace, joy, and thankfulness as we begin a new year.

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