February 2016

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses invites you to attend the spring regional meeting sponsored by

"Maryland Asthma and Allergy"

April 14, 2016
6-8:30 pm

Fallston High School
2301 Carrs Mill Rd.
Fallston, MD 21047

The evening will provide opportunities to network, learn about the latest developments in managing asthma and allergy in the school setting, and enjoy a light supper. A short board meeting will be held prior to the event which is open to all.

We are happy to host Dr. William Lavietes who will share some of his expertise spanning twenty-four years in the treatment of allergies and asthma in adults and children. Dr. Lavietes is a graduate of East Carolina University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and did a fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at Duke University School of Medicine. He completed a three year post-doctoral fellowship in Adult and Pediatric Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology at Duke University School of Medicine and is board certified in Allergy and Immunology in Pediatrics. He has been awarded Top Doctor by U.S. News Health for his specialty of allergy and immunology.
Spaces are limited to 60 attendees. If you wish to attend please email Barbara Masenior at bmasenior@bcps.org or 410-887-5254 by March 23, 2016. Hope to see you there.

**Maryland School Nurse of the Year**

Nominate a deserving school nurse to be Maryland's School Nurse of the Year. Applications due by March 30, 2016.

[2016 MD School Nurse of the Year Nomination Form]

**Save the Date**

**MASHN**

**Fall Conference**

November 12, 2016

Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort
Ocean City, Maryland
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

The Maryland General Assembly is currently in session and hearings regarding Senate Bill 71- Student Diabetes Management Program were held on January 20th in the Education, Health and Environment Committee. A copy of this bill can be found at:


Nancy Mattucci and Mary Nasuta testified in opposition to the bill because it lowers the standard of care already in place in Maryland Public Schools and may endanger student health. A similar bill passed last year in the Senate but did not make it out of the House. MASHN feels strongly about this legislation and was an active participant in diabetes stakeholder meeting in November in cooperation with Maryland State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Please consider writing to your Senator to express your concerns. You can find your representative by visiting:

http://dls.state.md.us/data/libandinfser/libandinfser_docandpub/RosterByCounty.pdf

At present the House Bill has not been filed, but you can track the progress of these bills on:

http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmgagfrm1st.aspx?tab=home
Maryland now boasts 43 Nationally Certified School Nurses!
Congratulations to Sandra Eggerl of Howard County and ---!
Please email one of us once you have received your certification so we can celebrate your recent achievement.

**Celebrate all Certified Nurses March 19!**
As part of the celebration, Jeanne and I would like to hear from those of you who are NCSN certified: Please take a few minutes to email us and let us know what COUNTY and SCHOOL you work in and IF you are compensated for your certification. Do you receive a stipend, salary increase, or other? We have no way to contact you and no way to gather information that supports certified nurses unless you contact us! And yes, I am pleading . . .

**Exam Information for 2016**

- Winter/Spring Testing Window: Feb 29 - Mar 12
- Summer Testing Window: July 11 - July 30
- Fall Testing Window: Nov 7 - Nov 19

Application information is due 30 days prior to the test date. This is strictly enforced so be ready to roll once you make your decision to become certified in 2016. Go to [www.nbcsn.org](http://www.nbcsn.org) for more information and application instructions.

**Re-certification begins with Certification - you don’t want to lose it!**
Certification is for 5 years. You can begin recertification with your first professional development activity that earns you ceu's. Create an account on the NBCSN web site and enter your contact hours as they are earned and avoid any last minute panic scrambling to meet re-cert requirements. Note that serving on the MASHN Executive Board earns re-cert credits which is only one benefit of becoming involved with MASHN. Contact me if you have questions about recertification, I can share what I have learned through my involvement with the national recertification audit committee.

**The Retrospective NBCSN Scholarship Reimbursement.**
Details and application procedure are available on the MASHN web site: [www.mdashn.org](http://www.mdashn.org) under the National Certification tab.
Contact us, your state liaisons if any questions:
Donna Lyman lymandk@gmail.com or Jeanne McDuffie
Research Announcement and Invitation

Dear School Nurse Colleague:
January 11, 2016

Letter of Participant Solicitation

Affiliation
I am a School Nurse in a Maryland public school and also a graduate student in the Public Health program at Walden University.

Purpose
Volunteers are needed to take part in a study exploring the lived experiences of school nurses as they transition from other clinical setting to school based practice in relation to self-efficacy and psychological empowerment. You are being contacted because I am seeking individuals who are currently employed as a Maryland State School Nurse for my doctoral research on this topic.

Procedure
This study involves a face-to-face interview, to be arranged at your convenience in a quiet location mutually agreed upon by the participant and the researcher. The interview will last approximately 45 to 60 minutes. The interview will be digitally recorded. The study also includes a review of the written transcript of the interview that will be checked by you for accuracy.

Risks and Benefits of Participation
There are no known risks to you or any proposed or foreseeable direct benefits to you by participating in this study. However, the results of this
study will bring needed attention to the needs of school nurses in the Maryland area and provide the impetus for making suggestions necessary to implement changes to optimize school nurses orientation and mentorship for successful role transition to school based practice programs, as well as improve the current school nursing services for students and their families.

Anonymity
Your name will not be used if you agree to participate in this study. Upon completion of the study, data will be analyzed and reported without any personal identifying factors being revealed, and you will not be identified by name or described in any reports or publication about this study.

Ways to Participate
If you are interested and would like to participate in the study, please contact me, Irene Campbell at 240-583-9885.

Thank you for your consideration, your time and effort is greatly appreciated

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