



Milwaukee Public Schools

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School nurses ease barriers to learning *MPS marks National School Nurse Week*

It's *National School Nurse Week* – and that fact has MPS honoring the nurses who ease the aches, pains and sniffles in the district's schools.

MPS currently employs 73 nurses who are assigned to more than 60 schools and programs, with some of the nurses “floating” across the district. The Superintendent's proposed budget adds 24 more registered nurses funded through a state grant. “School nurses focus their practice on reducing and eliminating barriers to learning,” said Kathleen Murphy, MPS Health Coordinator and a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. “Typically that includes: health screenings, health and safety education and services, advocacy, medication management, chronic disease management, case management, emergency response, and first aid. Nurses work with others to build student and family capacity for the self management that ultimately results in healthy, resilient learners.”



Registered Nurse Susan Mathews, assigned to Pulaski High School, visits with MPS Superintendent William Andrekopoulos.

Since 2001, the district has improved its nurse-to-student ratio. In 2001, the rate was one nurse for every 8,500 students. “By 2009, we project that we may reduce that ratio to one nurse for every 1,380 students,” said MPS Superintendent William Andrekopoulos. The Superintendent explained that while that rate is still short of the 1:750 ratio recommended by the organization Healthy People 2010, and endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, it's still a remarkable achievement by MPS. “Having a nurse at the school site helps us intervene in minor ailments and helps us keep students in class,” said Andrekopoulos. Data shows that 90% of students requiring health services are able to return to class after nursing intervention.

During *National School Nurse Week*, MPS sends its thanks to its nurses, listed by name and current school assignment:

MPS Nurse	Current Assignment
Akert, Paul	Citywide/Milw. French Immersion
Alexander, Jennette	Burroughs
Anderson, Stephanie	53rd Street
Andrews, Sharon	Riverside/Keefe
Arenas-Cary, Maria	Trowbridge/Vieau
Ashley, Patricia	(Float)
Bass-Wilson, Marchell	Bradley Tech
Bast, Julie	(Float)
Bietila, Susan	Bay View
Bradford, Latrina	Grand Avenue
Brennan, Ruth	Head Start
Brower, Beth	Citywide/Milw. French Immersion
Brown, Denise	Morse
Buetow, Peggy	Hamilton
Campbell, Patricia	Longfellow
Castillo, Nicole	Kagel/Kosciuszko
Chandler, Melinda	Gaenslen
Coleman, Lauren	Northwest Secondary
Cotton-Jones, Sandra	Neeskara/Audubon
Creighton, Bonnie	Honey Creek
Dieringer, Cynthia	Garden Homes/Clemens
Farrington, Charonda	Northwest Secondary
Forney, Ava	Riverside
Gilbart, Craig	South Division
Hagen, Bunny	Supervisor
Haim, Susan	Gaenslen
Hardy, Carmen	North side - four schools
Haug, Jackie	AAL/Alcott
Hoecherl, Crystal	Metcalf/68 th Street
Horn, Lindsey	Cass/Maryland
Hurlebaus, Kris	Grant
James, Sandra	(Float)
Jandron, Nancy	Milw. Education Center
Johnson-Towers, Yvette	Carson/McNair
Reising, Melissa	Bryant/Lancaster

Landowski, Kathi	Milw. French Immersion
Lawson, Debra	Carver/Lee
Lawton, Patricia	Hawley /Story
Lemmerhirt, Lisa	Manitoba/Scott
Linzmeyer, Kathy	Supervisor
Mathews, Susan	Pulaski
McBride-Conley, Eunice	Marshall
Meyer, Jeanne	Zablocki
Michalak, Lynn	Humboldt Park/Victory
Miller, Susan	(Float)
Mitchell, Maggie	(Float)
Moe, Kathy	Kluge
Morrison, Nancy	Lowell/Fristche
Morrow, Bertha	Washington Campus
Neal, Gayle	Greenfield
Neumann-Schwabe, Rebecca	AEDs /Milw. French Immersion
O'Dell, Lynn	Citywide/Milw. French Immersion
Orozco, Blanca	Head Start
Peterson, Barbara	Supervisor
Phillips, Connie	Hawthorne/River Trail
Polzin, Kimberly	Riley
Pompos, Jeffrey	Vincent
Pompos, Julie	Roosevelt
Priewe, Marlene	Kilbourn/Hampton
Rasmussen, Stephanie	Holmes
Ray, Margaret	Northwest Secondary
Riojas, Ann	Supervisor
Santiago, Xiomara	Citywide/Milw. French Immersion
Simmons, Janice	Gaenslen
Strong, Lutrice	Vincent
Sullivan, Lillie	Lady Pitts
Thompson, Marion	Emerson
Turner-Vergara, Kimberly	Lincoln Center of the Arts
Van Lare, Carol	Citywide/Milw. French Immersion
Walker, Chris	Stuart/Barton
Williams, Linda	Supervisor
Wollmer, Susan	Maple Tree/Fletcher
Zinda, Jennifer	Grantosa

MPS also receives help in student health services from its partners at Aurora, the Medical College of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Children’s Hospital and Health System, Froedtert Hospital and the City of Milwaukee Health Department. Said Superintendent Andrekopoulos: “We know that what MPS does with its partners in the area of health makes a huge difference for MPS families.” Our partner nurses are:

Aurora

Karen Cairns
Victoria Carlson-Oehlers
Cassandra Jenkins
Lynn Kasza
Andrea Monicken
Sara Schedler

Milwaukee Health Department

Lisa Case
Vickie Robinson
Ellen Simandl

Medical College of Wisconsin

Melissa Vukovich

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Judy Edwards
Tara Seelen

Children’s Hospital and Health System

Patricia Aschliman
Mary Beczkiewicz
Jean Carlson
Geri Daniel
Theresa Jansen
Kathleen Kaleta
Christine Keim
Diana McGuan
Carla Nierengarten
Alicia Spitz
Rachel Zastrow

Froedtert Hospital

Kim Lindroth

“MPS is looking for more nurses,” said MPS Health Coordinator Kathleen Murphy. “I can’t think of a better job than one that allows a health professional to work with children everyday.” There are current job listings on the MPS Web site at <http://mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us>. Click on “Employment”, and then click on “Classified Vacancies” to see the nursing opportunities.

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