Welcome back!

The Connecticut State Department of Education’s School Nurse Bulletin (Bulletin) is the communication tool from the School Health Consultant’s Office that keeps Connecticut school nurses and school nurse supervisors informed and involved. Bulletins are sent electronically to school nurse supervisors for dissemination to school nurses in their districts on a monthly basis. Bulletins are also located on the Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768.

The services that Connecticut school nurses provide to our students year after year is important; and we appreciate your persistence, your involvement and your dedication. Welcome back and best wishes for a safe, healthy and productive year!

Stephanie G. Knutson
School Health Consultant

Source: State Department of Education News

State Board of Education Names Coleman Acting Education Commissioner

Deputy Education Commissioner George A. Coleman of Sandy Hook has been named Acting Commissioner of Education, effective January 6, 2011, by vote of the Connecticut State Board of Education. Coleman will serve as the Department of Education’s chief executive officer until a new commissioner is appointed.

Mr. Coleman, who has served as Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner of the Division of Teaching and Learning Programs and Services, and Chief of the Bureaus of Early Childhood Education and of Curriculum and Instruction, joined the Department in 1987. He began his career as a classroom teacher at St. Mark’s School of Learning, Brooklyn, New York, in 1972. He served as Interim Commissioner of Education from August 2006, to April 2007. Mr. Coleman has served on many professional and community boards and councils, including the state and local United Way, NAACP, the Connecticut State Birth-to-Three Council, Connecticut Commission on Children, Junior Achievement, and The Hartford Foundation, based in Danbury.

Mr. Coleman states that he expects “to carry on the work of the State Board of Education with emphasis on school reform and improvement, early childhood education and closing the achievement gap.”

The full article may be accessed at the Connecticut State Department of Education Web site at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/site/default.asp.

Immunization Requirements for: 2011-12 School Year

A message from:
The Connecticut Poison Control Center,
a service of The University of Connecticut Health Center
Regarding

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is invisible! The colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas is a byproduct of burning organic fuels.

Sources:
• household appliances and equipment fueled with gas, oils, coal, kerosene or wood; and
• examples: furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, cars, charcoal grills, lanterns, clothes dryers, ovens, fireplaces, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.

Causes:
• malfunctioning appliance or equipment;
• worn or faulty parts; and
• improper venting.

Symptoms:
• early symptoms often mimic the flu – headache, nausea, unclear thinking, shortness of breath, weakness, and loss of muscle control; and
• severe symptoms – convulsions, unconsciousness, and possible death.

Prevention:
• install a carbon monoxide detector;
• clean and inspect fuel-burning appliances. Use a professional! and
• check for proper ventilation.

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning:
• leave your home right away!
• call 911 or the Connecticut Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222; and
• call the local fire department to test for carbon monoxide.

Web site:
• http://poisoncontrol.uchc.edu/education/materials/brochures_tipsheets.htm

Connecticut Poison Control Center Services:
• 24 Hours a day;
• free and confidential;
• staffed by poison experts;
• interpreters available in all languages; and
• TDD # 1-866-218-5372.
Professional Development Opportunities

Connecticut State Department of Education

Medication Administration Regulations

This workshop has been designed to provide guidance to school districts regarding the Regulations of the Administration of Medication by School Personnel and Administration of Medication During Before- and After-School Programs and School Readiness Programs, effective as of October 7, 2010. These scheduled workshops are for the purpose of clarification, and to assist school districts with the creation or adjustments to their medication administration policy based on the revised regulations. In preparation for these workshops, attendees are required to review the regulations, review their current district medication administration policies, and attend the workshops with members of their districts who create, revise or influence the school district’s medication administration policy, as appropriate.

Who Should Attend
- School Nurse Supervisors
- Superintendents
- School Nurses
- Medical Advisors
- Pupil Service Directors
- Staff members who create, revise or influence school district’s medication administration policy.

Dates and Times
Dates and times are indicated below.

Location
All workshops will be held at the Connecticut State Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457, in Room MCR-3.

Registration
Return completed registration form to Glenda Stuckey, Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457, FAX 860-807-2127 or e-mail glenda.stuckey@ct.gov. When your registration is accepted, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with directions.

Each person must register separately. (Space is limited to 30 attendees per workshop.) Indicate your first (1st) and second (2nd) choice for attendance to the following workshop sessions:

- February 22, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- March 9, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- April 4, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- May 2, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- June 6, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Name: __________________________ Title: __________________________
Institution: __________________________ Telephone: (____) ________
Address: __________________________ (Street) __________________________ (Town) __________________________ (Zip)
E-mail Address (REQUIRED): __________________________
**Request For Applications: OWH Funding Opportunity to Reduce Health Disparities for Reducing Health Disparities by Preventing Obesity among Minority and Underserved Women and Girls**

This Request for Applications is coordinated by John Snow, Inc. on behalf of the United States Health and Human Services Regional Offices on Women’s Health. Funding is available for activities and events in support of projects that address obesity prevention in minority and underserved women and girls. Community-based partnerships and collaboration are strongly encouraged. Maximum amount awarded is $2,500. Deadline is February 10, 2011. Details and additional information is available at The National Women’s Health Information Center’s Web site at [http://www.womenshealth.gov/about-us/funding-opportunities/](http://www.womenshealth.gov/about-us/funding-opportunities/).

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**SAVE THE DATE !!**

**2011 Spring School Nurse Supervisor Conference**

**When:** Tuesday, April 5, 2011  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, Connecticut

This activity will provide school nurse supervisors with information to enrich and facilitate their work in Connecticut schools. Registration details and other information will be included in the February 2011, edition of the *School Nurse Bulletin.*

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**SAVE THE DATE !!**

**The 33rd Annual School Health Conference**  
Hezekiah Beardsley Connecticut Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

**Critical Issues in School Health 2011**

**When:** Thursday, May 5, 2011  
**Location:** Farmington Marriott Hotel, Farmington, CT  
**Fee:** Same Prices As 2010  
Nurses including CEU fee - $120.00  
MD’s including CME fee - $145.00

Look for your registration form by mail at the end of February, 2011. For additional information contact Rhonda at 914-734-1269.

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**Open Airways for Schools Facilitator Training**

**Date:** March 2, 2011  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** American Lung Association, 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108  
**Contact:** Michelle Marichal at 860-838-4370 or mmarichal@lungne.org

This comprehensive training costs $100 per person. Registration and payment is due by February 25, 2011.

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