

November 18 Weekly Email Updates

Here are the latest updates. I am trying to categorize some of the attachments so it will be easier for you to find the items of interest. Please let me know if you have further suggestions. There will be no weekly e-mail next week--we will resume the following week.

- 1. Graduate Behavioral Health Course:** We have concluded the series of behavioral health regional conferences with much positive feedback. Thank you to Mary Ann Gapinski and Northeastern U. for organizing these sessions. We have been so pleased with the attendance.

The next step for those of you who are interested is the Northeastern graduate course in behavioral health designed by and for school nurses. We are really excited about his course!

Here are three attachments for the Graduate Behavioral Health Course starting in January; (1) EDU6635 Information sheet, 2. Syllabus, 3. EDU6635 application

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- 2. Safe Disinfection for Schools Handbook:** Barbara Mackey, who worked on the committee, has announced that the safe disinfection for schools handbook has been completed and is ready for the school nurses to access. Below is the website for the nurses to obtain the document and attached is a copy to download to review. It is 162 pages long so you might want to save it on your computer and refer to it as needed. Although it has been finalized, the group will be anxious to receive any feedback from the nurses. .

The TURI website:

http://www.turi.org/community/grants/further_information/past_projects/categories/schools/school_disinfection_workgroup

- 3. Teens on Tanning Forum:** This forum for teens is sponsored by the New England Melanoma Foundation: December 4, 2010, 9:30-2:30pm, Cambridge, MA: They may gain leadership skills, learn the myths of tanning and the facts of melanoma, and hear first-hand experiences with young melanoma survivors. Bring a friend and empower yourselves with the knowledge and skills needed to make a difference in your community. Tanning is out! Your Skin Is In! "Having this information when I was in High School may have prevented my lifetime battle with melanoma."

— Kelli Pedroia, melanoma survivor and wife of Red Sox Dustin Pedroia, sponsor. **See attached information**

- 4. Bill Doran Award for Excellence in School Nursing:** We are extending the deadline for this year's nominations to January 1, 2011. Attached is the brochure. Please note the requirements for at least three nomination letters.

5. Requests/Information from Schools:

Pittsfield Public Schools: Would it be possible to include in your weekly email a request for district nurse leaders to share their DNR policies if they have one in place. When you did this for me in the summer I only got 3 responses. I am still working with the school committee and this is a very sensitive topic. The SC has asked me for more info from other districts so I'm trying again. My email is keefe@hps.holyoke.ma.us or my FAX # is 413-540-2409. Thank you so much. Lois Keefe, Nursing Supervisor

Gardner Public Schools: See attached great article on the program for physical activity and nutrition in Gardner. Congratulations!

- 6. Re-Entry Form after Admission to a Mental Health Hospital/Substance Abuse Treatment Center:** Paula Dobrow and Kathy DeFillippo are working on the re-entry form after a student is discharged from one of these hospitals. We know that a number of you are piloting the form. Please e-mail Paula about your pilot and recommendations. Paula.dobrow@state.ma.us. We are excited about moving this forward.

Attachments:

Part 1

1-3. Graduate Program in Behavioral Health materials

4. Bill Doran Award Brochure

5. Cleaning for Healthy Schools--
-162 pages

5A. Poster:Cleaning Schools

Programs for Teens

6. Teens Tanning Forum

7-9. Teens at Work Poster Contest

Articles of Interest

10. Gardner Public Schools PA and Nutrition Initiative

11. Obesity Committee

12. Anti-bullying law--some of you had asked for a copy

13. Flu Update

14. MASSTART Position Opening

15. Nominations for Leaders in Suicide Prevention

16. Webinar on addressing bullying

Part 2

Other Important Information

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful gifts of care and caring you give to the students of Massachusetts. We are thankful for all of you.... Have a pleasant holiday season with friends and family.

Anne