Colleague Interviews:

Susan Shiring RN:

As a school nurse she deals with medical issues for hundreds of students, including health screenings of every student. She administers medications and contacts parents to inform them of health concerns. One of the best parts about her job is the convenience of hours especially when her son was in school. One thing about being an elementary school nurse is that you are a babysitter half the time. A recommendation she gave was make sure you are doing something that works for you and you will like to do it for a long time.

Janet Gilsdorf Nurse Assistant

Being a nurse’s assistant involves many of the same tasks as the nurse does. She still can give the students medications and contact the parents if needed. Also, in case the nurse is out of the office the nurse’s assistant can fill in for the nurse. The big difference is that a nurse’s assistant doesn’t have the RN degree needed to be a school nurse. One key thing Janet does is organize the health screenings, so it is time consuming and requires a lot of organization. She does really enjoy working with the kids and seeing them grow up.