



Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Amy Wells

POSITION: Health Clinician

DEPARTMENT: Blue Ridge Elementary

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 1 year

Q. Why are health clinicians important in a school setting?

A. There are so many students with a lot of health issues, some of which are life-threatening. We have some students who have extreme allergies where if they just touch certain foods they can go into anaphylaxis. We are here and can provide help.

Q. How does working in a school clinic differ from your other nursing experiences?

A. It is very different. I've worked in a hospital on the medical surgery floor, worked in home health with a quadriplegic and in a nursing home where we provide a lot of social services. I like the school clinic because I have one-on-one contact with the students. It allows me time to get to know them and help with their overall health. I also get to work with their families.

Q. How do you manage students who are on a daily health plan?

A. We administer all the medications. We may have students with diabetes or other acute situations which may require daily medication and monitoring. We have a student health plan notebook and we inform the teachers and staff about the health care plan for the student.

Q. How does the partnership with The Health Center impact your role?

A. If I have a student with an ear ache or I see has swollen glands, I can set them up to see a doctor from The Health Center later that day. Although we offer the medical services at Blue Ridge, they can also go and see their own physician. It is a very collaborative effort.

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NOTES:

I find the staff are fantastic. Students may have family issues and well has health issues and the whole staff pulls together in support of the students. If I notice an issue with a student, I contact a staff member and we work as a team.



Highlights Amy Wells

My dad was in the military so we lived all over. He retired in the Walla Walla valley and I graduated from Wa-Hi in 1992.



I was a stay at home mom for several years. When we moved back to the WW valley, I enrolled at WWCC and received my nursing degree.

We have five kids ages one to 19 and have been married 22 years.