meet the SCHOOL NURSE



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Hello, and welcome back to school. My name is Brandie Acevedo, better known as "Nurse Brandie". I am the School Nurse at Gerald Adams Elementary. I am so excited to see you all again as well as meeting some of you for the first time. My hope for this school year is for us to be healthy and happy. We can do so by practicing good hygiene, excellent hand washing, and learning about safe and healthy habits.

About Me

I was born and raised here in Key West attending school at Poinciana, HOB and graduating from Key West High in 2002. After high school, I continued my studies at College of the Florida Keys receiving an AA and an Associates of Science in Nursing. I then decided to move away to pursue my dream of becoming a Pediatric Nurse. In 2015, I obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and an inducted member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society. My 12-year career has been nothing short of amazing gifting me a wide range of experience. Amongst all my accomplishments, I am most proud of being a Neurology/Neurosurgery Nurse at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. During my career at NCH, I was a Master Nurse Preceptor, a Patient Safety Advocate, recipient of a Blue Chip Award for Patient Care Excellence and I obtained a Certification in Pediatric Nursing. Love and happiness brought me back to the island 4 years ago. In September of 2020 I was thrilled to have been hired as a School Nurse and the 2023-2024 school year celebrates my 4th year. I'm so honored to be apart of the Gerald Adams family. I absolutely love being a nurse and enjoy coming to work to take care of all those who need me.

Important Clinic Info

- Health History/Emergency Contact Form is required to be completed and signed by the parent and returned to the clinic. It is essential to provide care.
- **Health Screenings** are done every school year in the fall on Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grade students. It aids in helping address general health care needs such as glasses.
- **Heiken Vision Program** is a no cost program providing eye exams and glasses. Register at https://mobile.floridaheiken.org/
- Dental Sealant Program is a no cost dental exam offered to 2nd grade students every school year. Please sign up for this wonderful program. Permission slips will be provided.

COLLABORATION WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF IS ESSENTIAL IN ASSISTING THE CLINIC IN PROVIDING THE BEST CARE FOR THE STUDENTS AT GERALD ADAMS ELEMENTARY.

Contact Me

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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