




Aitkin Health Services

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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Well, it's hard to believe that August is already here. Where did our summer go? Will you get in that last big trip before school starts? Are you planning to go to the Minnesota State Fair? What do you have planned for the rest of summer?

<p>August Birthdays</p> <p>Rosie McDonnell Aug. 3rd Dorothy Long Aug. 14th Jenny Sundquist Aug. 19th Shanna Pratt Aug. 21st Chad Colburn Aug. 27th Mara Svoboda Aug. 28th</p> 	<p>A generous heart, kind speech, & a life of service & compassion are the things which renew humanity.</p>  <p>Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.</p>	<p>Employee Anniversaries</p> <p>2 year: Gordon Christensen 8/25/08</p> <p>4 year: Lori Milbradt 8/01/06 Cindy Priem 8/04/06</p> <p>8 year: Mary Gilbertson 8/06/02</p> <p><i>Congratulations on your employment anniversary!</i></p> <p>If anyone has a recipe or two you'd like to share , please let Marcia know ~ it can be included in future newsletters. Great recipes are always welcomed and appreciated!</p>
<p>Five Meal Meeting Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 2:00 pm</p> <p>T.E.A.M. Meeting Thursday, Sept. 9th, 1:00 pm</p>		
<p>Dog Trivia.....Can you answer the following questions correctly?</p> <p>What is the official state dog of North Carolina? Why do dogs or wolves yawn? What is the name of "The Grinch's" dog? How many dogs survived the sinking of the Titanic? What is the fastest dog breed? Name the only dog breed that does not have a pink tongue. Where do dogs sweat? A "bit player" in the first Mickey Mouse movies was named Dippy Dawg. His name was changed after he became a "star". What was his new name? What type of dog was featured in Taco Bell commercials in the late '90's?</p> 		





Let's talk Customer Service!

Keep your cool. It can be difficult to stay calm during crunch time or when faced with an angry customer. A few deep breaths can go a long way toward reducing tension on the spot. Meanwhile, strive to undercut stress on a daily basis. Make time every day for exercise, a hobby or another healthy and relaxing activity that you enjoy.

Have you noticed someone going above and beyond their normal assigned job duties? Helping with something they didn't have to? Maybe they deserve a Shining Star? Do you? Show someone that you appreciate what they do. Let them know you noticed their good deed! Let someone know you care! Give that person a pat on the back with a Shining Star!

Integrity	Excellence
Commitment	Service
Respect	Stewardship
	

Mission Statement: Aitkin Health Services, operated under the direction of St. Francis Health Services, is committed to express Christ's message of love and hope by providing for health, Residential, community and allied services in a holistic, competent and caring manner that recognizes the value and dignity in every human life.

MANDATORY ~ "ALL STAFF" MEETING
THURSDAY, August 26th at
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

You need to attend one of the meeting times listed above. (All employees that attend one of the meetings, will have their name placed in a drawing to win door prizes) If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, you MUST make arrangements to watch the video no later than September 24th. If you are unable to attend, please let your Supervisor know. One of our main topics to discuss, will be our recent State survey.

~ AFLAC Participants ~

AFLAC provides an Interactive Voice Response system that you can access 24/7 to check on policy info and claims; you may also speak with customer service. Call 1-800-992-3522. You may also access www.aflac.com or contact your AFLAC agent for assistance. Remember, our AFLAC agent comes here once a month for your convenience. Watch the bulletin board for dates and times.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It's a new year, and the scholarship program is again available! Fill out an application and turn it in if you are attending college!!

Useless Facts:

The original game of "Monopoly" was circular.
 An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.
 Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

MANDATORY
NURSES MEETING
Monday, August 23rd
at 1:00 pm or 2:30 pm
Presenter: Pharmacist
Mark Dewey

If you are unable to attend one of the meeting times, please see Janice.