



Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well!

Your student recently participated in the Teen Nursing Academy. This program introduces middle school students to nursing through fun, hands-on activities. We want to take this opportunity to share with you the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in nursing.

Nursing is a rewarding career for those up to the challenge. It also pays well and provides a lifetime of opportunity and growth. To be a good nurse, the most important quality a student needs is the capacity to care. Everything else a student can learn.

As healthcare evolves, nursing is increasingly reliant on technology and scientific advances. To succeed in nursing, students need a solid foundation in STEM subjects. STEM education prepares students for the rapidly changing healthcare landscape by equipping them with the skills to make informed decisions and provide quality patient care.

By encouraging your student to pursue STEM in education and supporting them to overcome challenges, you are setting them up for a successful and rewarding career in nursing. In addition, STEM skills are in high demand across multiple industries and can open doors to many exciting career paths.

Below are a few resources to help you support your student.

### Resources

- Studies show family involvement improves student success, regardless of race/ethnicity, class or parents' level of education ([pta.org](http://pta.org)). [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) has helpful [Family Resources](https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources) (<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources>) to help you support your student's success.
- Washington STEM: Story Time STEM project, <https://washingtonstem.org/sts-resources/>. [www.washingtonstem.org](http://www.washingtonstem.org) is another source of helpful resources to support your student's STEM learning.
- The "Be A Nurse" page (<https://www.wcnursing.org/be-a-nurse/>) on the Washington Center for Nursing website ([www.wcnursing.org](http://www.wcnursing.org)) has some introductory information for anyone considering a nursing career path.
- Washington State multicultural nursing organizations are another resource for learning about nurses from diverse backgrounds, <https://www.wcnursing.org/diversity-equity-in-nursing/wa-state-ethnic-nursing-organizations/>.

**Thank you!**

From the Teen Nursing Academy

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