



## Staff in the Spotlight



**Pam Streeter's** voice is pretty familiar to just about every Meadowbrook parent. She's the one calling to say your child is in the nurse's office. Aside from feeling badly about being the "bearer of bad news," she loves her job as Meadowbrook's school nurse and enjoys interacting with the kids and getting to know the families. "I feel such a part of this community," she said.

In fact, Mrs. Streeter has been a part of the community since she was in first grade when her family moved from Montreal to Northbrook, and she became a student at Meadowbrook. (Check out her first grade school picture above.) "My parents picked Northbrook for the schools and the ice rink," she said explaining that figure skating was a big part of her life until she went to high school where she ran track and field and also went skiing in her spare time.

All of that activity came to a halt when she got hit by a car while crossing the street near her house during her sophomore year. She broke her left femur and spent six weeks in traction at Glenbrook Hospital, an ordeal that set her on the path to nursing. During her hospital stay, she said she was interested in everything that was happening around her and knew she wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. She attended the University of Iowa because she knew it had a good nursing school. Her experience caring for children during college made it clear she wanted to work with the youngest patients. So after graduating with a bachelor's degree in nursing, she moved back home and worked in pediatrics and the newborn intensive care unit at Evanston Hospital. She eventually returned to school to become a nurse practitioner with a focus on obstetrics/gynecology and is proud of the fact that she has delivered more than 150 babies.

Complications during her own pregnancy forced her to stop working and spend several months on bed rest before her first of two daughters was born. When her youngest was in kindergarten at Greenbriar, the nurse there discovered Mrs. Streeter's background and invited her to substitute in the nurse's office. During the next 12 years, she filled in at all the school's in the district, worked part-time at Meadowbrook and has held the position of full-time nurse for the last three years.

In addition to caring for others, she is passionate about educating them. She has attended many parenting classes and lectures, may be spotted at FAN (Family Action Network) programs, and serves on a committee for wellness at GBN. "I've always felt like kids are so vulnerable and so dependent on their caregiver," she said, adding "I've always been an advocate."

### **Fun Facts about Mrs. Streeter**

- Sees 30-50 students a day in the nurse's office.
- Comes from a family of foodies who all love to cook.
- Enjoys paddle tennis, bike riding, water skiing, downhill skiing, tubing, and ice skating and sometimes considers herself a daredevil.

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