

STURGEON R-5 SCHOOLS
ELEMENTARY-MIDDLE SCHOOLS
#210 W. Patton Street Sturgeon, Missouri 65284
573-687-2091

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A free, preventive Oral Health screening, coordinated through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Columbia Family Dental Clinic will be offered to our Elementary students, on site, **Monday, October 16, 2017**. This screening is open to all students in Kindergarten through 8th grades.

A licensed Dental Hygienist will provide an oral screening for your student and alert you to any potential dental problems and/or tooth decay. Additionally, with signed approval, trained staff will apply a thin layer of fluoride varnish to your child's teeth surfaces to prevent future tooth decay. There is no fee for this service.

Fluoride varnish, commonly called the smile saver, has been proven to be safe and effective in preventing and reversing small areas of tooth decay. This preventive program also will provide your student with a free toothbrush and oral health information.

Please understand that this service **does not replace a regular dental check-up which is recommended, at minimum, once a year.**

To receive this no-cost screening and fluoride application, you must provide consent on the attached **Dental Screening Consent (Lime green color)**.

***The consent must be returned to the School Nurse office by Friday, October 6th, 2017 to allow your child to participate in this screening.*see attached**

I encourage you to give **strong consideration** to this screening opportunity and **cavity prevention**. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss with your dental provider, or call the Nurse Office at 573-687-2091.

Thank you,

Mary Wolf, MSN, R.N.
Lead Nurse

Fluoride Varnish: A Smile Saver

Why should my child get fluoride varnish?

Fluoride strengthens the teeth and can even reverse the damage on a tooth where a cavity is just beginning to form.

Kids need fluoride because.....

Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease. It is important to protect both primary (baby) teeth and permanent teeth.

Fluoride varnish is for *anyone* who has risk factors for tooth decay:

has had tooth decay, wears braces, has white spots on teeth,
frequently drinks sports drinks, soda, sweet tea, kool-aid, juice
chews sugar gum, eats candy & other sweets
has a disability which hinders the ability to take care of teeth,
has a parent or family member who has had tooth decay

Fluoride varnish is both safe
& beneficial for all ages

Dental Screening Consent

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A preventive oral health program is available through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and your school. This program is offered to **all** children in the state of Missouri, including those who receive regular dental care. This service does not replace a regular dental check-up, which is recommended at least once a year.

A licensed dental professional will provide an oral screening for your child and a trained volunteer will apply a thin coating of fluoride varnish to your child's teeth twice during the school year as a preventive measure against tooth decay. Fluoride varnish has been proven to be safe and effective in preventing and reversing small areas of early tooth decay. This preventive program also includes a free toothbrush and oral health information.

To receive this **no cost** screening and fluoride varnish application, you must provide consent.

Yes, I want my child to receive a dental screening and **two** applications of fluoride varnish, approximately three months apart.

Yes, I want my child to have the dental screening, but I do not want my child to have the fluoride varnish.

Child's Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Age - _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____