



Teeth-For-Life Oral Health Program

Dear Parent,

Did You Know??

- In the US, children miss about 52 million hours of school each year because of dental problems.
- Poor oral health and untreated oral diseases and conditions can largely affect the ability to learn.
- 90% of decay in children's permanent teeth occurs on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth, sealants serve as a physical barrier to the bacteria that cause decay.

Teeth-For-Life is offering a preventative dental sealant program in your school for all children grades PreK-6th grade. A Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) will come to your school to provide this program at **NO charge to you.**

What exactly does this program offer for my child?

- Dental sealants.
- Fluoride varnishes.
- Dental cleanings
- Tooth brushing instructions and oral health education.
- Toothbrush and floss.
- A letter sent home explaining what services were done and suggestions for further treatment.

What is a sealant?

- A sealant is a thin, tooth-colored, plastic coating that is painted on a tooth to help prevent cavities from forming.
- Your child will be checked to determine which teeth can have sealants; sealants will be done that same day.

What if my child already has sealants?

- Our Registered Dental Hygienist will check your child's sealants, and replace or repair those that may no longer be there.

What is fluoride varnish?

- Fluoride varnish is topical gel that is painted onto the teeth, making them stronger.
- Your child will receive a minimum of two applications while our program is at your school.

Please read and sign the consent form attached and return it tomorrow to your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Devan M. Toberman
Registered Dental Hygienist

If you have questions about this program please contact Devan at (608) 412-4369.