



Webster County Health Department  
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Webster County Health Department is offering FREE preventive dental services to your child at their school. A dental hygienist will provide a dental screening, fluoride varnish, dental sealants and education. A dental sealant is a tooth-colored coating applied to the chewing surfaces of back teeth and will help to prevent cavities that start in the pits and grooves of the teeth. This is a quick and easy process and students will miss very little classroom time.

The hygienist will also be applying fluoride varnish to help prevent cavities and strengthen teeth. The fluoride varnish sticks to the teeth quickly. Fluoride and dental sealants are recommended by the American Dental Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Surgeon General.

Attached is a consent form for you to sign. **Please fill in ALL information on the form, as it is necessary for our records and ensures the safety of treating your child.** Information regarding how dental care is paid for is helpful for our record gathering and reporting needs in our area, but the services are free.

- **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER!**
- Please note a parent/guardian needs to **SIGN THE CONSENT FORM TWICE** (once for the consent of services and once for the release of dental information).
- Include any concerns you may have about your child's teeth.
- **Attention 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:** This meets the requirement for your child to have a dental screening going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The Certificate of Dental Screening will be filled out and kept on file at the school.

A report of what is found will be sent home with each child. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Webster County Health Department at 515-573-4107.

Sincerely,

Beth Albright, RDH  
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Public Health Dental Hygienists

