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To advocate and promote the health of Spartanburg County children through free community dental health screenings and education and free oral health services for qualifying children.

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Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic diseases among school-aged children.

FREE DENTAL CARE IS AVAILABLE

IF YOUR CHILD MEETS ALL OF THESE QUALIFICATIONS:

- No Dental Insurance • No Medicaid • Ages 4-18

Call Today! (864) 592-4696

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850 Brisack Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303**

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Dental Screening Process

Before the dental screening:

- Screening dates for all Spartanburg County schools will be scheduled in August/September for the 2022-23 school year.
- Opt-out papers will be given to all school nurse's a week before the scheduled screening date. These papers need to be distributed to all children that are being screened. (Opt-out letter-page 8)
- Grades that are to be screened are **4K, 5K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th or 10th grades**. But this year we are encouraging all schools to screen all grades.
- HS will screen all children in these grades unless an opt-out form is returned to the school for the child not to be screened.
- Each school will need to email rosters (in EXCEL format) of the classes being screened at least a week before the scheduled screening date to Healthy Smiles (email: willism@sccsc.edu) Rosters need to include student's name, teacher and grade level.

Day of the dental screening:

- Screenings will begin at 8:30am (or a mutually agreed time between HS and the school nurse). Typically screenings last one to two hours depending on the size of the school. Healthy Smiles will arrive 30 minutes before the screening starts to set up.
- Healthy Smiles will need a table, 2 chairs and a wastebasket located in a classroom, cafeteria, stage, etc... (more may be needed depending on the size of the school) HS will let you know in advance.
- In elementary schools the students will be called by classes (please let teachers know that the students need to be lined up **alphabetically**). In middle and high school, students will be called alphabetically over the loud speaker. If you would like to do the screening another way please let me know and we are happy to do what suits each school best.
- It typically takes each class 10 to 12 minutes to be screened. The dental screening is a non-invasive process. The dental professional uses a tongue depressor (if needed) and a flashlight to look in the child's mouth.

- It is a **HUGE** help during the screening if the nurse or a school volunteer can call the classes to come to the screening when it is their turn. It makes the screening move along much faster.
- **Remind teachers that it is important for students to refrain from snacks prior to the screenings.**
- Each child that is screened will be given a letter (Parent Letter-page 8-9) to take home to their parent or guardian with their screening results. These letters will be given to the school nurse to be distributed to the teachers.
- Each child screened will be given a toothbrush to take home.

After the dental screening:

- Healthy Smiles will email each school nurse their school's results in a spreadsheet.
- Results are as follows:
 - CODE 2:** Your child should have a dental check-up as soon as possible because of areas that are causing or could cause pain and possible tooth loss.
 - CODE 1:** Your child should have a check-up within several weeks because of areas that could have cavities and cause pain.
 - CODE 0:** No apparent problems were identified. However, the hidden areas between the teeth could not be evaluated. It's recommended that your child have regular dental check-ups with x-rays to detect decay in the hidden areas such as between the teeth.
- School nurses should contact parents/guardians when children are screened as a **CODE 2**. These children are in desperate need of dental care.
- District results are given to the Spartanburg County Superintendents each year.

Healthy Smiles offers a **FREE** Children's Dental Clinic to children ages 4 to 18 who have no insurance, no Medicaid and that qualify for free or reduced lunch. These clinics are offered twice a month on a Friday and Saturday by appointment only at the Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic located at the Spartanburg Community College (850 Brisack Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303)

****If a child is in immediate need of dental care (pain, infection, swelling, etc...) please contact Healthy Smiles and we can refer the child to a local dentist or the Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic if he or she qualifies. The school nurse will need to evaluate the child's mouth and inform Healthy Smiles of the problem.**



Dental Screening
On (Date Here)
at
(School Name Here)

If you do not want your child screened, please let the school know and return this paper with child's name, teacher and parent signature.

Courtesy of Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, this is a non-invasive dental screening using ONLY a flashlight. This does not take the place of a dental visit. Healthy Smiles' professionals have always adhered to OSHA's PPE standard and we will continue to follow CDC's guidelines for COVID-19.

Please call 592-4696 if you have any questions.

Please watch for a letter following the dental screening with information about free dental care.

Healthy Smiles also offers FREE dental care if your child meets ALL qualifications:

- Does NOT receive Medicaid Benefits
- Does NOT have Dental Insurance
 - Children ages 4-18

Call to make an appointment today!

DATE: 7-23-2022

To the Parents/guardians of

Your child received a dental screening at school today. This screening was **NOT** a check-up and **DOES NOT** replace visits to the dentist. This screening was done by a dental professional using a tongue depressor (if needed) and a flashlight.

The following is suggested for your child:

- Your child should have an appointment as soon as possible**
because of areas that are causing or could cause pain and possible tooth loss.
- Your child should have a check-up within 3 to 4 weeks**
because of areas that could have cavities and cause pain.
- CONGRATULATIONS! No apparent problems were identified.**
However, the hidden areas between the teeth could not be evaluated. It's recommended that your child have regular dental check-ups with x-rays to detect decay in the hidden areas such as between the teeth. Dental sealants are a great way to help prevent tooth decay; please ask your dentist about getting sealants.

Your child may qualify for FREE DENTAL CARE!

For more information, **CALL**

592-4696

FREE DENTAL CARE: IS AVAILABLE IF YOUR CHILD MEETS ALL QUALIFICATIONS:

★ No Dental Insurance

★ No Medicaid

★ Ages 4-18

~TEETH TIPS~

- 51 million school hours per year are lost because of dental related illness.
- Brush your teeth and your children's teeth twice a day for 2 minutes.
 - Replace your toothbrush every 3 months.
 - Visit the dentist twice a year.
 - Drinking milk can help strengthen tooth enamel.
 - Limit sugary foods to avoid tooth decay.
 - Floss to remove plaque in between teeth.
- Gently brush your tongue to remove bacteria and freshen breath.
 - If your child sleeps with a sippy cup, or drinks from one between meals or snacks, it should ONLY contain water.
 - Children should get sealants on their permanent molars.

We look forward to working
with you all this next school
year!