

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY 2010

Dear Parent,

This year the North Texas Dental Society has organized a special time to take care of children's dental needs. These dental services are offered to children of North Texas free of charge. Your child has been selected as a patient to receive a dental examination, xrays, cleanings and protective sealants. Please fill out the attached health history and consent form and return it to your school nurse. You MUST have this form returned to the school nurse as soon as possible.

School nurses will provide the completed registrations to the GKAS committee. The committee in turn will use this information to make treatment charts for each patient and then distribute them to the volunteer doctors.

GKAS patients will be directly assigned to doctors for preventative and basic care (availability of volunteer doctors will determine patient assignments).

Parents of children assigned to a dentist office will be contacted directly by the dentist office to schedule an appointment date and time for them.

Patients assigned to the CCCC Dental Hygiene School will be notified by the school nurse for an assigned time on January 30, 2010 for their child's appointment.

Patients assigned to the Texas Women's University Hygiene School will be notified by the school nurse for an assigned time on February 20, 2010 for their child's appointment.

It is the responsibility of the parents to be sure that the child is at the doctor's office on-time for the scheduled appointment. Failure to do so may result in that child being unable to receive dental care.

Children with multiple dental problems will be given a determination of treatment with possible alternatives for treatment. Please remember that GKAS is a once a year event, and the doctor will not be responsible for additional care beyond this appointment day.

If English is not your first language, please make every attempt to bring along someone who can serve as a translator at the appointment. Also, a parent or legal guardian will have to accompany the child to the appointment or provide a signed letter giving temporary custody to another adult. Please avoid bringing additional family members to the appointment since some waiting areas are small.

The health history/consent form attached must be signed and completely filled out. **Without a legal guardian's signature and a completed form, we will not be able to see your child.**

The appointment times made are reserved especially for your child. If you do not make the assigned appointment time, you will not be given another one. And remember please be a few minutes early to your appointment time and expect to be there for 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to treating your child's dental needs.