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DENTAL SCREENING AT OUR SCHOOL

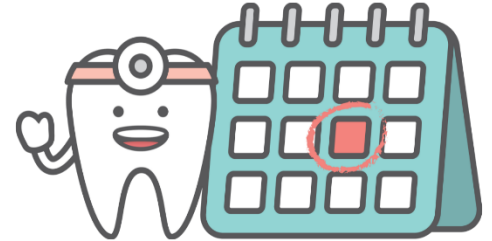
2023/2024 School Year

Dear Families,

In 10 days, Region of Waterloo Public Health and Paramedic Services will be offering a dental screening program at our school.

Who will be screened?

All JK, SK, Grade 2, and Grade 7 students at our school will be screened (as well as other select students as appropriate).



What is a dental screening?

Dental screenings are a quick look in your child's mouth to check for any urgent dental concerns. A Registered Dental Hygienist performs this visual check using a single-use, sterilized mouth mirror (one per child). This screening does not replace your child's regular visit with a dentist. Each participating student will be sent home at the end of the screening day(s) with a confidential result letter in a closed envelope.

Why is a dental screening important?

The dental screening is a provincially required program under the Ontario Public Health Standards that aims to ensure all children receive equal access to dental care across Ontario.

How can I opt in or opt out from the dental screening?

- ✓ If your child is in one of the grades listed above, they will be screened.

Please complete this form www.regionofwaterloo.ca/dentalopting or call 519-575-4400 ext. 5010 if;

- **If you do not want your child to be screened** or;
- If your child is not in one of the grades listed and you would like them to be screened

Please note parents/guardians must notify the Public Health dental program **each year** if they do not want their children to participate in the dental screening program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our dental team at 519-575-4400 ext. 5010 or through email at dentalprogram@regionofwaterloo.ca. For information on our available dental programs, please visit our website www.regionofwaterloo.ca/dentalhealth.

Sincerely,

Region of Waterloo Public Health and Paramedic Services