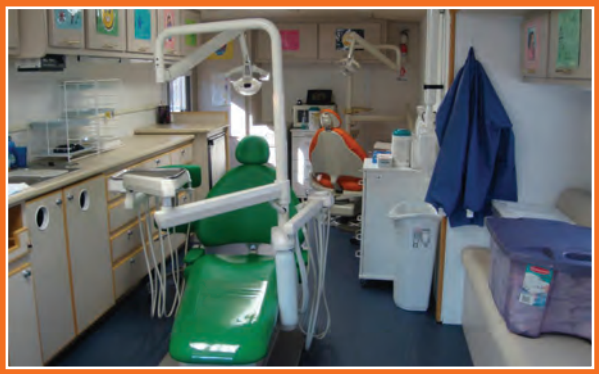
ATTENTION SECOND GRADE PARENTS.

Oral health care is not something that concerns only adults. Children suffer from cavities, gingivitis and tooth decay. Here's a sobering statistic: Roughly 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental problems, according to a 2000 report by the U.S. Surgeon General.

A child's happy, healthy smile is extremely important. That's the goal of the Lake County Health Department's "Toothy Two" Mobile Dental Unit.

Sealants provide a protective barrier and preserve tooth structure.

Toothy Two



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Toothy Two?

Toothy Two is a mobile dental office that parks at your child's school and provides preventative dental services to second grade children.

Who can participate?

SECOND GRADERS ONLY participate because the permanent adult molars have just come in and should be protected as soon as possible to prevent cavities. Our goal is for ALL second graders to participate!

How much does it cost?

FREE! We do not turn any child away who returns a completed permission packet.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!

What services are provided?

We provide **a visual dental exam, teeth cleaning, brushing and flossing instructions, fluoride treatment, sealants, and goodie bags.**

What are sealants and are they safe?

Sealants are protective coatings that are placed on permanent adult molars to help to prevent cavities. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, CDC and ADA cite multiple studies that support the use of sealants.

If my child has already had sealants and sees a dentist regularly, should they participate?

YES! Sealants can last for many years if your child avoids sticky and chewy foods such as gum and candy. **However, if your child's sealants come off, we can replace them on Toothy Two.**

Does anything hurt my child?

NO! The services provided are **PAINLESS and PREVENTATIVE ONLY!**

Will my child receive anesthesia or x-rays?

NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT! We do NOT give your child any anesthesia or medications. We do NOT take x-rays because they are not needed before placing sealants.

Do I have to be present for my child to participate?

NO! We see your child during the school day and **we do NOT interfere with testing or lunch breaks.** After we see your child, **we send home a letter informing you of what services we provided and what services are still needed.**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE PERMISSION PACKET AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.