



Dear Parent,

Your school has been chosen to take part in the "Smiles Across Kansas" project, which will gather data on the oral health status of our third graders. The school will receive a free Oral Health Education gift for participating and all third graders in the school will receive a free toothbrush whether you choose to participate or not.

A dental hygienist who has been trained to conduct this screening will check your child's teeth. This quick screening is not the same as a regular dental check-up from a dentist and does not take the place of a complete examination. The screening will be done in a safe, private and respectful manner. No information will be shared with other students.

As you may know, cavities or infections in the mouth can keep a child from doing his or her best in school. Nutrition is also very important. This project will help the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Health Promotion and Oral Health plan for future health programs in our state.

No personal information will be collected or reported about your child.

Please sign the permission form, complete the questionnaire and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow.

Thank you for helping to make this survey a success!

Sincerely,

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State Dental Director

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