

September 14, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dental decay is the most common chronic childhood disease but fortunately it is almost entirely preventable. Dental decay is a bacterial infection and left untreated can lead to missed school days, poor performance and life-long health problems like heart disease. Early childhood screening, dental sealants and fluoride treatments are all very effective methods to prevent dental disease in children. Oral health is a critical part of your child's overall health.

Dr. Mark Stone, DMD, the school dentist, will be in our building on September 30, 2016 and October 5, 2016 to begin dental screenings. This service is available to Norwood school children in Grades 1-6 and is provided by the Norwood Board of Health. This service includes an initial examination of the teeth performed at the school. Each child who participates in the screening will receive a free toothbrush. There is no charge for the initial screening.

Parents will be notified by mail following the initial exam if cleanings and sealants are recommended. Follow-up visits for cleanings and sealants are done at the Norwood Town Hall. This year sealants will be offered at all grades 1 through 6. This service is available even if you have dental insurance. It is a wonderful opportunity for increased cleanings and provides early treatment to prevent dental disease.

The cost for cleanings is \$1.00 and the cost for sealants is \$1.00 per tooth.

If you have any questions, please contact the Dental Clinic at 781-762-1240, ext 171.

All the children will be examined. **If you do not wish to have your child seen, please notify me by filling out and returning the form below to your child's homeroom teacher by Tuesday, September 27.**

If you have any questions, please call me at 781-440-5926.

Thank you,

Tova Sperber, RN, BSN
School Nurse
Coakley Middle School



I **do not wish** to have my child seen by the school dentist.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE/TEACHER: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____