

Panhandle Public Health District's Dental Health Program-*Keeping Teeth Strong* and Bayard Public Schools are partnering to bring preventive dental health services to the school 2 times per school year.

What does the Dental Health Program do?

Registered dental hygienists will visit the school to provide:

- Dental screenings,
- Fluoride treatment, and
- Sealants.

What do I need to do so my child can participate?

The Dental Health Program is for **all** children. Please fill out the consent form on the next page and return it to your child's teacher.

Is there a cost for my child to participate?

There is no cost for your child to receive services. Medicaid insurance covers the cost of services provided for those on Medicaid. We do accept donations to support the program. If you want to donate, a \$20 donation is suggested but any amount is appreciated. Cash, check (payable to PPHD) or PayPal.



What is fluoride?

Fluoride is brushed onto all the teeth surfaces to strengthen teeth and help protect teeth from cavities. Fluoride can be applied 4x per year and is especially recommended if you answer yes to any of these questions:

1. Does your child consume sugary foods/drinks (including juices and soft drinks)?
2. Has your child had a cavity in the past 3 years?
3. Do you struggle to get your child to brush 2x per day?

What is a dental sealant?

Dental sealants fill the pits and grooves of the back teeth so they are easier to keep clean. They protect the chewing surfaces and help prevent cavities.

This program does not replace your child's regular dental visits. Your child should receive a complete dental exam from his or her dentist. The Dental Health Program is an added benefit to keeping your child's teeth strong!

Questions? Contact:

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