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2022-2023 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's class at school has been chosen to take part in the statewide *2022 Oregon Smile and Healthy Growth Screening* – a screening of dental health and body mass index (a measure that relates body weight to height) of Oregon 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. This important screening helps to improve the health and well-being of Oregon's children. Healthy children are ready to learn and thrive.

The screening will take less than two minutes per child and does not hurt. A dental hygienist will look at your child's teeth and record your child's height and weight for the body mass index (BMI). There will be no dental treatment or dental x-rays. All COVID-19 related health and safety practices will be followed.

This screening is free and the results of your child's dental health screening will be sent home to you with your child. Your child will receive a free toothbrush. If an urgent dental need is found, it will be shared with a school staff person who can help you find a dental provider if you need it. This dental health screening does not replace regular dental check-ups by your dentist. All children should see a dentist once per year. If you need help finding a dentist or getting dental insurance, please contact 211info by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-866-698-6155. You can also visit their website at <https://www.211info.org/>.

Your child will be screened. If you do not want your child to be screened, please tell the school in writing ahead of time.

If you have questions about this screening, please contact Karen Phillips, State Oral Health Program at 971-412-0531. You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact 971-673-0252 (TTY 711). We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

2022 Oregon Smile and Healthy Growth Screening Team
Oral Health Program, Maternal and Child Health Section, Oregon Health Authority