

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Public Health will be providing dental screenings on February 22nd, 2017 for all students in JK/SK, Grade 2 and other students as appropriate. Screening is provided under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and any information is collected according to our privacy policy noted below.

What is a screening?

Screening is a quick look in the mouth by a registered dental hygienist. A sterilized dental mirror and protective vinyl gloves are used for each child. This screening is not meant to replace a full examination by your family dentist. Parents will be notified if an urgent dental condition is noted.

Screening is important. It identifies children who have dental problems and helps them to get care. Screening also gathers statistics about the dental health of children in our community and helps us to identify programs that may be needed.

If your child is not in one of the listed grades and you would like him/ her to participate in the screening or if you don't want your child screened at school, please call us at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 5662 at least one week before the date of our visit. Leave your child's full name, school, birth date, and grade.

What dental programs and services are available at Public Health?

Children aged 17 and under, whose families can't afford dental care, may be eligible for one of our **free** programs to help with urgent and preventive care. You can learn more about these programs or book a free appointment by visiting our website www.wdgppublichealth.ca or calling the **Dental Intake Line at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2661. We are here to help.**

Yours truly,



Dr. Robert Hawkins
Dental Consultant

Our privacy policy at WDG Public Health:

The information collected for Dental Screening is under the authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*. This information will be used for the delivery of public health programs and services; the administration of the agency; and the maintenance of health-care databases, registries and related research, in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Any questions about the collection of this information should be addressed to the Chief Privacy Officer at 1-800-265-7293 ext 4354.