

WEST PLAINS R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parent,

A preventive dental program is available through the West Plains R-VII School District and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. This program is offered to all children in the state of Missouri, including those that receive regular care from a family dentist and those that do not receive dental care. A licensed dental professional will screen your child's teeth, and a trained volunteer will apply a thin protective coating of fluoride varnish to your child's teeth as a preventive measure against tooth decay. The thin coating of fluoride varnish would be applied twice during the school year, approximately four to six-months apart. Fluoride varnish has been proven to be effective in preventing; reducing and stopping small areas of early tooth decay. This preventive dental program also includes a free toothbrush along with brushing and flossing instructions.

The coating does not taste bad or sting. The likelihood of children swallowing the varnish is minimal, as it sets on contact with the saliva.

****This services does not replace an annual comprehensive oral examination by your dentist.****

To receive these no cost fluoride varnish applications you must provide consent.

_____ **YES**, I want my child to receive two applications of fluoride varnish, approximately four to six-months apart.

_____ **NO**, I do not want my child to participate in the fluoride varnish program.

Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ Race: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Phone # _____

Does your child have any allergies? Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, please list _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____