

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Experts say tooth decay is one of the most chronic diseases in children. However, 70 per cent of low-income children in Minnesota are not receiving any dental care. That's why Paynesville School District and Children's Dental Services are working to bring a preventative dental program, into Paynesville schools. The program provides dental care for low-income or uninsured children ages birth to twenty-one years.

Children's Dental Services (CDS) will be providing a full range of preventative care and oral health education to school children within the Paynesville schools. This includes children in Head Start and other early childhood programs in the schools. CDS's preventative services include prophylactic cleaning, sealants, fluoride treatment, scaling and oral health education. CDS is skilled with working with children with special needs. Upon formal consent, children are provided with a full exam, a range of preventative care, and oral health care education. For those children that are in need of additional treatment, CDS will be referring these children to a local dental clinic, one of CDS multiple metro locations or a dental clinic of your choice.

An Authorization for Dental Exam and Treatment by Children's Dental Services is available on the Paynesville Schools Health Services Website or in the Elementary or Middle School nurse's office. Please fill out this form if you want your child to receive dental care through Children's Dental Services (CDS) and return it to school to the attention of the School Nurse, Leah Atkinson. If your child has his/her own dentist and you do not wish care from CDS, please do not return the form.

Children's Dental Services will come to the Paynesville Schools on an ongoing basis to provide services when the threshold for students who are signed up for the program is met and when their schedule allows. Due to Children's Dental Services need for flexibility in scheduling, we are not able to notify parents of the exact dates that services will occur. A written report from Children's Dental Services will be sent home with each student on the day they receive services.

Please contact me at (320) 243-3725, then dial 6 on M, W, F or (320) 243-3761 then dial 6 on T, Th if you have questions about this program. You may also call Eilidh Reyelts at Children's Dental Services directly at the number listed below.

Sincerely,
Leah Atkinson, Licensed School Nurse

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