MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY

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Dear School Representative,

Each February, the American Dental Association observes National Children's Dental Health Month. This month-long national health observance brings together thousands of dedicated dental professionals, health care providers and others to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, adults, caregivers, teachers and many others. To support this initiative, The Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society (M-OCDS) is sponsoring a poster contest with the theme "Brush, Floss, Smile!" as chosen by the American Dental Association for 2023. The M-OCDS would like your support in encouraging your students to participate in the poster contest, while having fun and learning about healthy dental habits.

Poster Contest for Kindergarten thru 8th Grade Students

The poster contest can be incorporated into your art curriculum or as a teacher-assigned class project or as a fun activity at home. Winners will be selected from each grade level to receive prizes and gift certificates. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we have not been able to hold our annual fair and we are excited to bring it back this year on Sunday, February 26th. <u>The venue and time for the Children's Dental Health Month Fair is TBD.</u> Poster submissions are due February 14, 2023. It is meant to be a fun way to help children think about good oral hygiene habits. Additional information can be found on our webpage: <u>http://www.m-ocds.org/calendar-of-events</u>

Information can also be found on the website about local sites participating in the Give Kids A Smile events. Give Kids a Smile events provide free dental care to children. There are multiple sites located throughout New Jersey.

If you would like me to contact a specific person(s), i.e. art teacher or school nurse, providing their email addresses or phone numbers would be helpful. This information can be emailed to us at <u>MonmouthOceanDental@gmail.com</u> Subject: "Dental Health Month". Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us via email or phone, please see below. Thank you in advance for your support of this educational community project.

Sincerely,

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