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To: 3rd Grade Teacher
From: Paul Kittle, DDS, KDA Co-Chairperson,
Committee on Children's Dental Health Month
Regarding: National Children's Dental Health Month

February 2007 is once again **Children's Dental Health Month!** In preparing for the 2006-2007 school year, the Kansas Dental Association would like to encourage you to set aside time in your February curriculum to remind your students about the preventive measures they can take to fight tooth decay.

The KDA's goal is to partner with schools and educators to teach children the importance of dental health. We encourage you to rely on the KDA as a meaningful resource to create maximum impact in the teaching of children's dental health. February is when the greatest resources are available. It is also when dentists, hygienists, assistants, newspapers, television and radio stations can all reinforce your current curriculum objectives.

Your school nurse will receive a packet in January 2007 to assist you in reminding your elementary students that proper oral hygiene such as daily brushing and flossing, regular dental visits, eating a nutritious diet low in sugar, and the avoidance of ALL tobacco products is the key to strong and healthy teeth. The packet will include a 4th grade drawing/coloring contest entry sheet and rules featuring, the "Tough Tooth Team" campaign. Posters, coloring sheets, game sheets, and a list of supplies available from the KDA will also be included.

Enclosed is the list of resources available from the Kansas Dental Association and a few suggested activities you may want to utilize in your classroom. We need your participation to help stimulate public awareness of the significance of good oral health and prevention of dental disease in our nation's youth. Contact your school nurse in January for your Children's Dental Health Month packet. If you should need any further information, please contact Tasha at the KDA office at 785/272-7360.