

Healthy Smiles LLC

Shawano County: Seal-A-Smile

Dear Parent,

Did you know???

- In the US, children miss about 52 million hours of school each year because of dental problems.
- Poor oral health and untreated oral diseases and conditions can largely affect the ability to learn.
- 90 percent of decay in children's permanent teeth occurs on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth, sealants serve as a physical barrier to the bacteria that cause decay.

Healthy Smiles LLC is offering a preventive dental sealant/ fluoride varnish program in your school for all children at **no charge** to you or your school. A dental professional will come to your child's school at three different visits to provide the following services to your child.

What exactly does this program offer for my child?

- Dental screenings
- Dental sealants on permanent molar teeth
- Fluoride varnishes (1 - 2 fluoride treatments)
- Tooth brushing instructions and oral health education
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- A letter sent home explaining what services were done and suggestions for further treatment after each visit
- 3rd visit is performed the next school year to follow up and to apply or replace any needed sealants

What is a dental sealant?

- A sealant is a thin, tooth-colored, plastic coating that is painted on a tooth to help prevent cavities from forming.
- Your child will be checked to determine which permanent molar teeth can have sealants; sealants will be placed that same day.



What if my child already has sealants?

- Our Registered Dental Hygienist will check your child's sealants and replace those that may no longer be there.

What is fluoride varnish?

- Fluoride varnish is a topical gel that is painted onto the teeth, making them stronger.
- Your child will receive one to three applications through this program according to their cavity risk assessment.

****The treatment which your child will receive in this program is not meant to be an alternative to regular dental care. It is still strongly recommended that you seek out a dental home (family dentist) for routine care including any follow up care which may be recommended after your child has completed this school based oral health program.**