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Partnering to bring GIVE KIDS A SMILE! 2004 to Alachua County

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! Your child has been invited to attend a free dental outreach called Give Kids a Smile. This is the second year that the partners listed above have joined together to bring free dental services to children in Alachua County. The screening and preventive care day will take place on February 6, 2004 at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. There will be activities for the children, food, toys, and free dental products provided as well as dental screening, cleaning and fluoride. It should be a lot of fun!

So, with your consent, a dentist or dental hygienist will screen your child's teeth to check for tooth decay and other dental problems. We will clean your child's teeth, apply a protective coating to the teeth that do not appear to have a cavity on the top surface, and apply fluoride to the teeth as well. We will send home a letter to let you know the health of your child's teeth. This screening does not take the place of regular dental check-ups.

The Alachua County School Board will be providing bus transportation for the day of the screening event. Groups of children will be bussed together from and to their schools. Specific information regarding times for you to pick-up your child from school, upon their return from the event, will be coming home to you later.

Additionally, some local dentists in the community have volunteered to adopt some of the children screened at our event for free follow-up care in their practice. If your child is appropriate for adoption by a local dentist you will be called with the name of the adopting dentist and the scheduled appointment time by February 13th.

In order for your child to participate in Give Kids a Smile ! 2004 you **must complete and sign all the attached forms and return them** to your child's school **no later than Monday, January 12th**. If you do not want your child to be included, please check the box below, indicating that your child will not participate and send the forms back to the school immediately. There are many other children interested in participating so please let us know immediately so we can extend the invitation to them.

_____ **I DO NOT want my child to participate in Give Kids a Smile! 2004**
(please return these forms immediately - no need to fill them out)

_____ **I DO want my child to participate in Give Kids a Smile! 2004 *****

*****All attached forms must be completed and SIGNED and returned to your child's school by January 12th in order for your child to participate!!!**

We look forward to another great year of Give Kids a Smile!