

DENTAL INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN STARTING KINDERGARTEN

- **Dental checkup before starting school**

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for both you and your child. There are many things to do in order to get your child ready to start school. One thing that should be done before your child starts kindergarten is to make sure he or she has had a dental checkup.

- **Dental screening in Kindergarten**

Next year when your child is in school, you will receive a letter letting you know that the dental team will soon be at your child's school to look at the children's teeth. All JK and SK children are part of the dental screening program. This is a very quick look at your child's teeth. The registered dental hygienist uses a mirror and wears a headlamp. We need to see all kindergarten children in order to get a good picture of the dental health of the community.

- **No cost dental care for children age 0 to 17 years**

There is a Government of Ontario program that can help with the cost of dental care. Healthy Smiles Ontario is for children and youth from low income families. Please contact the Brant County Health Unit for more information. You can also look up Healthy Smiles Ontario on the internet.

**For more information or an appointment, please call Dental Services at 519-753-4937 ext. 450 or
email dental@bchu.org**

