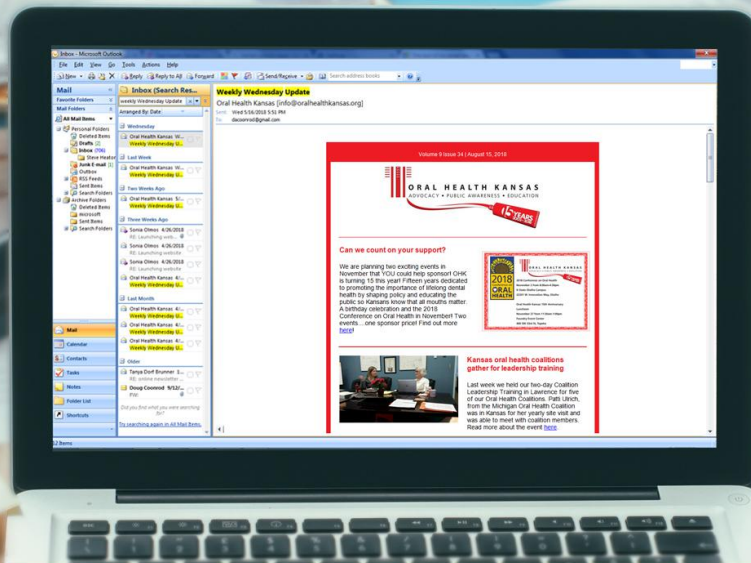




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Award Nominations Are Open!

It takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to keep one healthy! Since 2004, Oral Health Kansas has been recognizing people and organizations that have made a difference in oral health in Kansas by awarding the Excellence in Oral Health Awards. To check out previous award winners, click [here](#) to see a full list.

The categories for nominations are:



- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygiene Clinician
- Outstanding Dentist Award
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethel Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Ron Alexander Outstanding Dental Champion Award

[Excellence in Oral Health Award Nomination Form](#)
[Outstanding Dental Champion Award Nomination Form](#)

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, September 11 by 5pm to info@oralhealthkansas.org

This year, we will honor the award winners during the virtual Conference on Oral Health. More details to come!



Coalition Members Provide Resources At Local Event

On Friday, July 17, Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition members attended the Campaign for Grade Level Reading Summer Spike Event at the Topeka Zoo. Coalition members gave out 160 toothbrushes and 210 Drink More Water cups! They shared the importance of drinking tap water to stay hydrated. The day was a hot one and we appreciate the members taking time out of their

day to educate families on the importance of oral health!



Information On Fluoride For Families

The National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness created Brush Up On Oral Health [Tip sheets](#) on community water fluoridation. [This issue](#) of *Brush Up on Oral Health* talks about why community water fluoridation is important. It offers tips for Head Start

staff to help parents choose fluoridated tap (faucet) water for their family where it is available. It also gives ideas for making home tap water friendly for children.



Registration Deadline Coming Up!

If you haven't requested a mail in ballot for the Primary Election August 4, you still have time! The deadline to request a mail in ballot is July 28. Voters are allowed to vote by mail prior to election day in the state of Kansas. In order to do so, you must complete an application for an advance ballot and include your driver's license number or a copy of your photo identification. Ballots will be mailed to those who apply beginning July 15 for the 2020 primary election. All ballots MUST be

postmarked on or before election day and received in the county election office by the close of business on the Friday following the election. Click [here](#) for more voter information!



Heartland Community Health Center Seeks Dental Assistants

Heartland Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with two clinics located in Lawrence. They are a rapidly growing community

health center dedicated to true Integrated care and are searching for individuals who desire to serve all members of the community regardless of their current social status. If you are a Dental Assistant (certified or registered preferred) with at least one year of full-time experience and meet the requirements for this position, view the link below for more information.

<https://www.indeed.com/q-Heartland-Community-Health-Center-l-Kansas-jobs.html?vjk=c1340fd8265ee44e>



Carla Gibson, Dental Champions Member Class 2, was recently named the Vice President of Programs for the Reach Healthcare Foundation. Carlas has been with REACH for 14 years as Senior Program Officer, responsible for program development and grants



Picture courtesy of Reach Healthcare Foundation

administration. As Vice President of Programs, Gibson will assume responsibility for all program functions of the foundation, developing strategic community investments designed to implement REACH's mission of advancing health equity in its six-county service area. Congratulations Carla!



Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

During this time, hand washing and social distancing is on everyone's mind. We want everyone to have the comfort of knowing we sanitize our sugary drink displays. They are wiped down and cleaned off after they have been returned.



Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.

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