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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Wanted: Exhibitors for the 2018 Conference on Oral Health
We are looking for exhibitors to join us November 2 for the 2018 Conference on Oral Health at the KState Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr., in Olathe. Exhibitors receive complimentary access to all conference meal functions and speakers. If you are a returning exhibitor you will receive a 10% discount. The early bird registration ends September 28! Click here for more information.
Local business donates printer to Oral Health Kansas

Logan Business Machines is a company based in Topeka that sells office equipment. Yesterday, they donated 55 printers to Topeka area nonprofit organizations and Oral Health Kansas was one of the lucky ones! Chris Martin, chief operating officer at Logan, said the company has been growing and he wanted to find a way to reach out and help other organizations. This will be an annual event and organizations will have an opportunity to submit applications next year. The Topeka Capital Journal wrote a wonderful story about it.

Vote on August 7th!

If you registered by July 17th, you are eligible to vote in the August 7th primary election! Use this website to see if you're registered to vote and to view a sample ballot. The primary election will include federal, state, and local candidates. Candidates on the August 7th ballot have the potential to make policy changes in the next two to four years that can impact Kansans for a lifetime. That's why we need YOU to get out and vote on August 7th!

How can elections impact oral health?

Policy makers help make decisions that impact all aspects of life in Kansas, from school finance to state budgets. Did you know they help determine how much our state health department receives? A recent report from Academy Health explained the return on investment when we fund our public health systems adequately. For every $1 spent on public health, health outcomes improve and premature death decreases. If we vote for candidates who prioritize oral and overall health, we can begin to see health improvements across our state!
Read the full report here.

I don't have time on August 7, what do I do?!

If you're unable to make it to a voting booth on August 7th, you can do advance voting in person by finding your location here. Advance voting in person can be completed through August 6th.

Topeka clinics celebrating clinic openings

GraceMed Capitol Family Clinic and Marian Dental Clinic both in Topeka have some celebrations coming up! Marian Dental Clinic will have a Grand Re-opening ribbon cutting on August 14 from 4-7 pm and GraceMed Capitol Family Clinic will have their Open House Wednesday, August 15 between 4-6pm.
The Marian Dental Clinic is under new leadership and would like to invite the community to meet their new director and meet staff at their clinic, 3164 SE 6th Avenue in Topeka. GraceMed Capitol Family Clinic is excited to open their new clinic at 1400 S.W. Huntoon St. Visit both clinics and express how grateful we are to have access in our community!

Missouri Mission of Mercy (MOMOM) this weekend

The annual Missouri Mission of Mercy will be held in Kirksville, Missouri on August 3-4. The free clinic will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday inside Pershing Arena, located on Truman State University's campus. The line is first come, first serve. Last year, local event co-chairs and dentists Dr. Tisha Kice-Briggs and Dr. Amanda Fitzpatrick submitted an application for the event to be held in Kirksville.

“This is the first event that we've had north of I-70. There's a significant need for dental care here so it's exciting.” Kice-Briggs said. The group is hoping to serve at least 1,500 people who need dental care. Read more from the Kirksville Daily Express.

Thank you Delta Dental of Kansas for sponsoring this year's 2018 Conference on Oral Health. We have been fortunate to have Delta Dental of Kansas' continued support for most of our 15 years. Because of their generosity we are able to bring you a conference full of invaluable knowledge and expertise from various areas.

Reserve a Sugary Drink Display Today!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for a month. You will get reimbursed for return shipping costs. Our drink displays are constantly on the move so it's important to reserve one as soon as possible. If your requested date is not open, we can work with you to see what day works best! Click here to fill out the reservation form.
Office Closed August 2
The Oral Health Kansas office will be closed Thursday, August 2 for staff to be able to participate in their staff retreat. We will return on Friday, August 3.