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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Oral Health in America... 18 Years Later

Exciting news came out in the Federal Register last week about plans for a new Surgeon General's report on oral health.

The U.S. Public Health Service's Oral Health Coordinating Committee has announced the commission of a Surgeon General's Report presenting prominent issues affecting oral health. The report will share progress in oral health in the twenty years since the 2000 Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health, identify existing knowledge gaps, and articulate a vision for the future. The Surgeon General's report is an excellent opportunity to elevate oral health in
Still Close for Kansas Governor Race

Yesterday was primary election day in Kansas and we are thankful for all of you that got out to the polling booth yesterday or participated in advance voting! There were several primary elections across the state, including US House of Representatives, but the most talked about race has been the Republican race for Governor. Senator Laura Kelly won the democratic race for governor with 52% of the votes, but at the time of this writing we are still waiting for a final call on the Republican candidate. For most of the evening and late into last night, the Republican race hovered at 40% for both Kris Kobach, current Secretary of State, and Dr. Jeff Colyer, current Kansas governor. This morning, with 100% of precincts reporting, Kris Kobach was ahead with 191 votes.

The state still needs to tally mail-in ballots and provisional ballots before a final decision will be made. State law allows mail-in ballots postmarked Tuesday to be counted if they arrive within three days of the election. County officials must also review the provisional ballots issued to voters when there is a question about their eligibility to vote at a particular polling place. The Secretary of State office estimated 8,000 - 10,000 provisional ballots were cast during this election. County officials will begin certifying their results on Monday, and a nomination should be confirmed by the State Canvassing Board either August 13th or 16th. In Kansas, there is no automatic recounts in elections and with a primary race the candidate must ask and pay for a recount regardless of how close the race finishes. All provisional ballots must be counted before a recount can be done. To stay up to date on the race, follow this article from WIBW.

Sippy Attends Back to School Event

Sippy was excited to attend the Community Action Back-to-School Event at Maple Hill Elementary on Saturday, August 4th! Sippy played ring toss and rode on the firetruck! Sippy and Doug Bowman, Community Coalitions Coordinator, had fun interacting with children and parents about the importance of drinking water and good oral
health habits. Attendees were amazed by the sugar in drinks and what other options were available with less sugar!

New Health and Dental Clinic Employment Opportunities

GraceMed Capitol Family Clinic has several openings in their new Topeka clinic. Community health service clinics provide services to the most medically vulnerable populations in our communities. The clinic will provide medical, dental, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy services. See a list of their job opportunities here.

Tips to Know About Sugar and Children's Oral Health

National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness provided a tip sheet on how to have good oral health in children. Tips on how to limit sugar and even how to find those hidden sugars! How much sugar children consume makes an impact on their teeth. The more sugar that is in their mouth the more acid attacks may happen. Here are some tips! Check out our Tips and Tricks on our website on Healthy Eating.

Last week we ventured out of the office for our staff retreat. We spent the morning brainstorming ideas for our work and the afternoon we tackled a team building activity......The Jewel Thief escape room at Keynundrum in Topeka. This activity helped bring out our sleuthing skills we did not know we had! We realized we were all Pink Panthers in some sort of way.

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](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/WWU8-8.html) to fill out the reservation form.

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