

SOUTH NEWTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



2016/2017 FLUORIDE RINSE PROGRAM

Grades 1 - 5 Only

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Tooth decay is the leading cause of tooth loss before the age of 35. Mouth rinsing weekly with a dilute solution of fluoride has proven to be an effective and inexpensive method for the prevention of tooth decay.

GOOD NEWS! South Newton Elementary School is again offering students the opportunity to participate in a fluoride mouth rinse program. On the average, fluoride mouth rinses have been shown to prevent dental decay 30 - 35%. Each week your child will be given a cup containing a small amount of flavored fluoride solution to rinse with for one minute under supervision.

The program does NOT eliminate the need for proper home care and regular dental check-ups. It is considered a preventative procedure that should be used in conjunction with proper diet, daily tooth brushing and regular care by the family dentist. Your child, when exposed to this fluoride program, will sparkle with the benefits of healthier teeth.

South Newton Elementary School offers this program to students *in grades 1 - 5.* If you would like for your child to participate, please complete and sign the consent form below and return it to school along with a \$3.00 fee. If writing a check, make out to SNES.

If you have any questions, please call the Health Office.

Paula J. McCarthy, BSN, MEd
School Nurse

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE WITH \$3.00

I wish for my child to participate in the fluoride mouth rinse program for the 2016/2017 school year. I have enclosed \$3.00 to cover costs for the entire year. *Grades 1 - 5 only.*

STUDENT'S NAME _____ GRADE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____