

## Dental Health Facts

- Oral bacteria can cause **infection** in other parts of the body, especially for those with a weakened immune system. (cdc.gov)
- Recent studies connect poor oral health to diseases such as: **diabetes, heart disease, and strokes.** (cdc.gov)
- **30,000** Americans will be diagnosed with oral cancers this year, resulting in more than **8,000 deaths** – many of which could have been prevented. (nyp.org)
- **20 percent** of preschoolers (children ages four and five) have tooth decay, with **50 percent** developing tooth decay by third grade. (nyp.org)
- People who have many missing teeth not only have **limited** food choices, which results in **poor diets**, but also have a degree of embarrassment that limits social interaction. (cdc.gov)

Want to save your child's smile? Get involved in the Give Kids a Smile Program by contacting your school nurse!  
**IT'S FREE!**

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