



Peterborough Public Health School Oral Health Screening Program

Oral Health Screenings are done in all Elementary schools every year by a Public Health Registered Dental Hygienist.

WHY

- School oral health screenings are designed to support and encourage parent's efforts to provide the best dental care for their children.
- **Teeth are important!** We link eligible children and youth to **FREE** dental treatment programs.
- Oral health screenings are performed in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

IMPORTANT: Please call the Peterborough Public Health School Screening Program at 705-743-1000, ext. 399 if you wish to have your child excluded from the oral health screening, or if your child is not in the listed grades and you would like them to participate.

WHO

- All students in JK, SK, and Grade 2 will be screened.
- Grades 4 & 7 students may be screened, based on previous screening results.
- Any additional students can be screened at parent/guardian request.

WHAT

- Dental screenings are visual assessments only and do not replace your child's regular dental examination with a dentist.
- You will be notified if your child requires urgent dental care or preventive dental services.
- Sterilized mouth mirrors are used for each student.

WHEN

- Parents/Guardians will receive information from their child's school at least 10 days prior to the screening.

WHERE

- Most dental screenings are done in your child's school; however, it can also be scheduled at the Peterborough Public Health Community Dental Clinic by calling 705-743-1000, ext. 164.



Parents with questions about the School Dental Screening or concerns about their child's oral health may contact a member of the **Oral Health School Screening Team** at 705-743-1000, ext. 273.