A healthy smile is something to CHEER!

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month

Did You Know?

- Teeth are the hardest substance in the human body.
- Our first president, George Washington, had a set of dentures made from ivory (not from wood—that’s a myth). His dentist, John Greenwood, made four sets of false teeth for him. The false teeth were sometimes set in gold.
- Dogs have 42 teeth. Cats have 30 teeth. Pigs have 44 teeth. Armadillos have as many as 104 teeth, more than any other land animal.
- Beavers must gnaw on wood and other materials to wear down their teeth. Otherwise, the incisors would grow too big for their head.
- Sharks have an unlimited supply of teeth that are set in layered rows in their gums. If one tooth falls out, a tooth from another layer takes its place. A shark may shed as many as 50,000 teeth in its lifetime.
- It takes 26 muscles to smile, and 62 muscles to frown.
- The Cheshire cat in the book “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” written by Lewis Carroll, often disappeared gradually, leaving nothing but a grin hanging in the air. “I’ve often seen a cat without a grin,” thought Alice, “but a grin without a cat! It’s the most curious thing I ever saw in all my life!”

Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.

The first modern (bristled) toothbrush was made in China about 1600 A.D.

Do you recognize these names?

Paul Revere — famous for his wild horse ride in 1775 to warn the American Colonists of the approaching British troops.
George W. Beers — created the game called Lacrosse.
Doc Holliday — helped Wyatt Earp win the OK Corral shootout.

They were all dentists!

George Grant — invented the wooden golf tee.
Zane Grey — wrote best-selling Western novels.
Thomas Welch — his company was the first to bottle grape juice.