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The Luck of the Irish to all.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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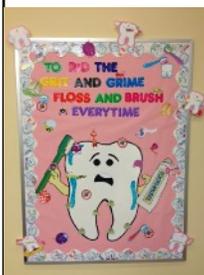
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Make your appointment today!

The History of the Big Tooth

When we first opened the office, we had a LOT of blank walls. Being a former teacher, Sharon had an idea. She found a larger than life tooth cut-out. Included in the package were hands, floss, toothpaste, and a toothbrush. She bought a bulletin board large enough to display the tooth with enough room for oral hygiene information. She placed the tooth on the wall between the two hygiene rooms.



When a few of the children came in, they wanted their picture taken with the Big Tooth. So, naturally that prompted us to purchase another large bulletin board to display the happy children. At first, we had thought that only cavity free children should be on the board, but after just one tearful child, Sharon caved and ALL children were displayed on the board. We kept the pictures on the board for a couple of months and then filed them to give to the patient at their next appointment.

This fast became a ritual for the practice. The children loved the recognition, and the mothers loved seeing the children change in the 6 months that had passed. Some parents even put the pictures in a scrapbook! The Big Tooth has been many characters for different seasons. We try to be creative and fun when we prepare the tooth for the changing holidays and various times of year. You can see some more of the boards on our website.

At one time, we had considered removing the boards, but when we had the board of the Big Tooth down, there were many disappointed patients, parents and children alike. So, we bought new boards to replace the worn cork, made a new tooth by tracing the big tooth on poster board and had it laminated at School Box. We are now on our fourth or fifth Big Tooth. Each has taken a lot of staples in the years of its service. The ritual is perpetuated by children coming back as parents with their own children asking if we still take pictures with the Big Tooth.



We are so happy that something that started as a need to decorate the walls as efficiently (and inexpensively) as possible has turned out to be such a joy for not only our patients, but also our entire team.

St. Patrick's Day Jello Parfait



Ingredients

1 package (3oz) Lime Jello-O

1 cup thawed Cool Whip whipped topping

DIRECTIONS

Prepare your lime Jello-O according to package directions.

Set aside 1/3 cup of Jell-O mixture.

Spoon remaining Jello-O into 4–6 dessert or wine glasses (the number will depend on the size of the glasses and how far you fill them).

Chill the glasses at an angle until the Jello-O is set (overnight is best) If you use small glasses like we did, the angle can easily be accomplished by putting the glasses in a muffin tin.



Fold whipped topping into remaining (1/3 cup) Jello-O.

Refrigerate until ready to use. Spoon topping mixture into glasses of set Jello-O.

Top with a dollop of Cool Whip.

Add sprinkles or another decoration if you wish.

Chill and then Enjoy

From Merlotmommy.com

Something to Think About



Without X-rays, we can only see the top of the teeth.

It would be like asking a car mechanic what's wrong with the engine without ever opening the hood.

The image shows an abscess that would go unnoticed above the gum.

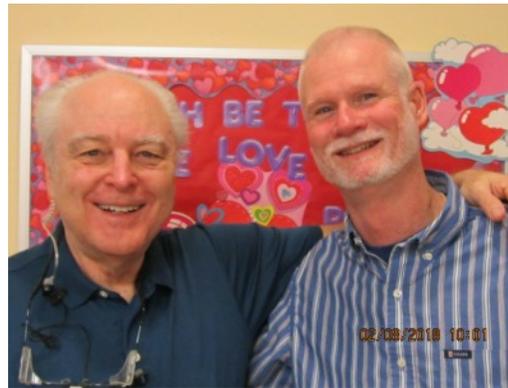
DID YOU KNOW?



According to Match.com 58% of Men think that an attractive smile in a woman is important ; BUT Women consider a smile is 71% necessary.

How is your Smile?

Patient of the Month



Jeff Ford

Jeff works at Johnson Controls as a project manager in charge of the installation of Security and Fire systems. Some of the interesting jobs, Jeff has done involves the security at hospitals that

"When you're dead you don't know you are dead. It's difficult for everyone else. It's the same when you are stupid"

prevents the stealing of newborn babies by locking down the floor when protocol is not met. Another interesting job Jeff had prior to working with Johnson Controls secured the floors of prisons. This allowed for lock downs when required. One time he even worked on Club Med in San Salvador where he got to drink hot KoolAid while he put a system in rooms that were prefabricated in the US and shipped to the island. Because the island is so small, he had to board a small plane to reach the site. They stayed in old army barracks that had no air conditioning and had to keep fires burning all the time to defend themselves from the mosquitos.

Jeff is a busy person. Besides being married to Tabitha, he enjoys boating. Anyone who has talked to Tabitha knows she loves being on her boat. Jeff is famous too. Last year, he and his team won 2nd place in the intermediate league of the Corn Hole Tournament that is held annually in Woodstock. He loves hanging out with friends and family and is looking forward to having a grandson next month. His daughter and son-in-law live in Denmark and he and Tabitha have been able to travel there and visit a few places with them. A word of caution. He says that in Greece, taxi drivers think that a red light and a speed limit are only mild suggestions. Of course, he and Tabitha will be traveling to Denmark to hold that baby boy as long as they are there. If he is spoiled because of it, they won't have to deal with it because they will be on another continent.

Jeff knows there is no other football team but Alabama—ROLL TIDE! He likes to listen to classic rock, Florida Georgia Line, and his "woman" Miranda Lambert and Carrie Underwood. He likes Miranda because she is a "no nonsense" kind of woman.

Congratulations, Jeff. We are so glad we got to meet you. You are a great guy!