

Welsh Mountain Dental Center
and the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association
are sponsoring a

Sealant Saturday

Date: February 6, 2010

Location: Welsh Mountain Medical and Dental Center
584 Springville Rd.

New Holland, PA 17557

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Phone: 354-4711 to make an appointment
(ask for the dental department)

Call between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Be sure to mention you are calling for Sealant Saturday

Free Oral Exam and Sealants are being offered for children in 1st, 2nd and 7th grades, especially children who currently do not have a dentist and **are uninsured**.

A sealant is a thin coating painted on the chewing surfaces of the permanent molars. A sealant should be placed on a permanent tooth as soon as the tooth comes in before decay attacks the tooth. The permanent molars come in between 5-7 years of age. These molars are commonly referred to as the "6 year" molars. The second permanent molars come in between 11 -14 years of age. They are commonly referred to as the "12 year" molars.

Getting sealants placed is simple and painless. Sealants are painted on as a liquid and quickly harden to form a shield over the tooth. Sealants can last up to ten years, but need to be checked at regular dental check-ups. At the exam the dentist will examine the occlusal surface of the tooth (the chewing surface). **If it is found to be without decay**, a sealant can then be placed on the tooth.

Some points to be made aware of:

- The exam and sealants are free
- The exam is not to replace a regular dental examination with a dentist.
 - A tooth found to have decay cannot be sealed.
- Welsh Mountain Dental Practice is not able to accept new patients at this time for regular dental care.
 - A tooth with decay needs to be filled by a dentist.
 - Parent must call** to schedule an appointment