



Our Mission Statement



We are especially interested in making all our patients feel right at home! We put your needs first to achieve efficient and comprehensive treatment. Our staff is trained and skilled, and we strive to provide energetic and fun-loving service to each patient. Each member of our treatment team is a registered assistant, and our office staff has years of experience in treating patients with the highest level of care. We strive to stay abreast of the very latest in technology and advances by regularly attending continuing education courses and seminars.

Doctors Corner

BRACE yourself for 2012!!

As you think about 2012 and what it means to you, give a little thought to your braces. A smile unlocks doors and opens doors you do not even know existed. There is a saying that a SMILE is the little curve which straightens everything out, apparently Phyllis Diller said that.

My staff and I look forward to seeing you next year and helping you have the best smile possible. Not only does your smile need to look nice and work correctly--your teeth also need to support your face. The proper support helps make your face look the best it can because of your teeth supporting it.

Holidays are a great time to enjoy family and friends. Remember to share some of your precious time with your family and friends this holiday season and during 2012.

Cheers for your Wonderful 2012,

Dr. A :-)

ps I have posted my first video to YouTube. Please check it out and please pass it along...

<http://youtu.be/lrRVJcxTsJQ>

Monthly Contest Winners!!!!



At December appointment slip drawing:

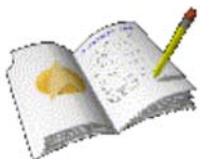
Anderson - **Mia Pemberton** \$10.00 gift card

Muncie - **Leah Hodgson** \$10.00 gift card

The winners of the Stockings in December were, Abby Gruendyke and Madison Painter. Congratulations to both!!!

Congratulations to each one of these winners!!!!!!

NEW EMERGENCY PHONE



Please make a note of our new

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER.
If it is a true orthodontic emergency, you may now call 765-212-0513. This is a cell phone and we will be able to service you better. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office.

Classes of Malocclusion



The technical term for orthodontic dental and facial irregularities is malocclusion, which literally means 'bad bite.' Malocclusion involves the misalignment of the teeth and jaws and/or an incorrect relationship between the upper and lower dental arches. Malocclusion can be dental, where the teeth aren't lined up properly, and skeletal, which occurs when the upper and lower jaws don't line up correctly.

The way the teeth fit together is extremely important in how well teeth work and can affect appearance and self-esteem, and the health of the teeth, digestion, and overall health. Because of the pressure the jaws can put on the teeth, misaligned teeth can also cause chronic pain and soreness. The most common causes of malocclusion are too much or not enough room in the jaw (or jaws) for the teeth.

The father of modern orthodontics, Edward Hartley Angle, created the classifications of malocclusion, based on the placement of the first molars. Malocclusions are divided mainly into three types, Class I, Class II, and Class III.

In Class I malocclusion, the relationship of the first molars is normal and the upper and lower jaws are in a normal relationship to each other, but the other teeth are crowded, irregularly spaced, or overlapped. Crossbites and rotations can occur in severe cases of Class I malocclusion.

In Class II malocclusion, the lower molars fit the upper molars, but are not in correct position. The bottom jaw grows into a more backward position than normal. This causes the top teeth to protrude over the bottom teeth. This excessive protrusion of the upper front teeth, commonly called 'buck teeth,' is the most common Class II orthodontic problem.

Class III malocclusion occurs when the lower molars are too far forward and don't fit into the upper molars. The lower jaw grows into a forward position, protruding out beyond the upper teeth. Class III orthodontic problems are usually the most complicated and difficult type of malocclusion to correct.

Malocclusion can range from mild to severe. Most people have some degree of malocclusion, and some people even have different classes of malocclusion on the left and right sides. For most people, bad bites aren't serious enough to require orthodontic treatment, but in those with moderate to severe conditions, eating and/or speaking can be negatively affected. Children and adults who have moderate to severe malocclusions

need orthodontic treatment, perhaps even surgical treatment, to straighten their teeth and improve their quality of life.

January/February Contest



For our January/February Contest, you will need to guess the number of candy hearts in the container. If you are the closest, you will win a 10.00 gift card. Good Luck!!!

January Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PATIENTS AND STAFF:



Sarah Mahoney - Jan 3

Isaiah Tufts - Jan 3

Sarah Lachat - Jan 4

Cody Moriarity - Jan 9

Brianna Horn - Jan 11

Jacob Fisher - Jan 12

Kyle Snodgrass - Jan 13

Amy Pontius - Jan 14

Neal Chapel - Jan 17

Dan Farlow - Jan 19

Catherine Smith - Jan 21

Mathew Gunter - Jan 21

Blaine Reed - Jan 23

Allie Hueston - Jan 24

Marshall Bledsoe - Jan 25

Kelly Williams (staff) - Jan 26

Ben Litz - Jan 27

Chloe Newman - Jan 27

Dillon Turner - Jan 29



Token Information



Make sure you keep your tokens in a safe place and collect as many as you can to turn in for selected items below. Here are some ways to collect your tokens:

Wear your Dr. A t-shirt to your appointment for two extra tokens.

Don't forget while you're getting your teeth cleaned to have your dentist/hygientist sign your *keep them clean* sheet for 10 extra tokens.

Bring in your report card for tokens. Straight "A's" get you 15 tokens and "A's & "B's" get you 8 tokens. Twice a year.

5 Tokens for your birthday.

Here's what you can buy with your tokens:

Gift Cards- Target, Walmart, Movies, McDonalds & Star Bucks

40 tokens- \$10 movie pass

20 tokens- \$5 gift card McDonalds

20 tokens- \$5 gift card Star Bucks

40 tokens- \$10 gift card to Target, Walmart or Star Bucks

100 tokens-\$25 gift card to Target or Walmart

20 tokens- Dr. A T-Shirt

Don't forget to check out the magic cabinet!

Smile Makin' Crew



Darla - Patient Coordinator

Karin - Financial Coordinator

Kelly - New Patient Coordinator

Donna - Clinical Assistant

Brittany - Clinical Assistant

HAPPY NEW YEAR

