

DENTAL BINGO

Floss- a thread like material used to clean between the contact areas of the teeth

Halitosis- bad breath

Toothbrush- small brush with long handle, used for cleaning teeth

Brush- moving toothbrush back and forth over all surfaces of your teeth

Enamel-hard, mineralized material that covers outside portion of the tooth that lies above the gum line

Plaque- colorless, sticky film composed of undigested food particles mixed with saliva and bacteria that constantly forms on the teeth

Dentist- a person qualified and trained to treat conditions that affect the teeth and gums

Cavity- tiny holes in teeth caused by decay

Root- part of tooth below the gums that holds tooth in place

Fluoride- may be found in drinking water that helps protect teeth

Braces- dental tools to correct crowding or crooked teeth

2 X day- how many times should we brush our teeth?

Every 6 months- how often should you see a dentist?

Open wide- something the dentist might say when looking at your teeth

Tooth- hard, bony structure in mouth used to chew food

Smile-expression with corners of mouth turned up

Mouthwash- a liquid antiseptic used for rinsing the mouth or gargling-freshens breath

Rinse- wash by filling your mouth with water and then spitting the water out

Gums- tissue that holds tooth in place

Nicotine damage- damage to teeth caused by smoking or vaping

Sugar- in food- leaves sticky film on teeth that attracts bacteria found in mouth and produces plaque if not washed or brushed away

Pain- a feeling you experience if you get a cavity or a tooth gets infected

Healthy mouth- naturally fresh or neutral breath

Clean- how our teeth feel after brushing/flossing