

Healthy smiles Ontario

Does your child qualify for *Healthy Smiles Ontario* or the *CINOT* program?

There are two programs in Ontario that provide children and youth with dental health care free of charge. The *Healthy Smiles Ontario* program provides children of low income families with preventive dental care, including regular check-ups and cleanings. The *CINOT* program provides treatment for children needing urgent dental care, including fillings and extractions. Both programs are available to children 17 years of age and under who meet the eligibility criteria.

Contact your local Northwestern Health Unit to see if your child is eligible for *Healthy Smiles Ontario* or *CINOT*.

Call 1-800-465-4377 or
Visit our website www.nwhu.on.ca



Routine Immunizations...Who needs them?

Immunization is the best protection against many serious diseases. Vaccines trigger the immune system to make antibodies to fight diseases. For immunization to work best, children should have all their vaccinations on time. Children in JK or SK (ages 4-6 years) may be due for their boosters to protect them from the following diseases- Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio and Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Call the local health unit office to find out if your child is due.



The Sunshine Vitamin

Kids get vitamin D, also known as the “sunshine vitamin”, from the sun as well as from food.

Why is vitamin D important?

- It is essential for overall health
- It helps to build strong bones and teeth
- It maintains normal levels of calcium and phosphorus in the body

Ideas for Meals

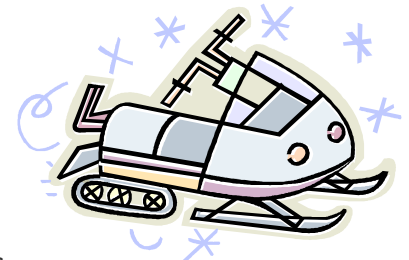
- Drink skim or 1% milk (chocolate or white)
- Scramble, hard boil or poach eggs
- Grill fish such as salmon, tuna or mackerel

What can parents do?

- Talk to your health care provider about vitamin D supplementation and specific health conditions.

Snowmobile Safety

- ✧ Every rider should use a snowmobile helmet on every trip.
- ✧ Children under the age of 16 should not drive a snowmobile.
- ✧ Children under age six should not ride as passengers on snowmobiles.
- ✧ Avoid 'kid-sized' snowmobiles - despite their smaller size, they are still not safe for children's use.
- ✧ Never tow a person behind a snowmobile - this is a high-risk activity.
- ✧ Driving a snowmobile while impaired is illegal and dangerous.



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such as
hockey and skiing,
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with a helmet
and mouthguard.

