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Sedgwick County Health Department to Sponsor the 19th Annual Molardrama: "Cavity Crisis in Cowtown"

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department is sponsoring "Cavity Crisis in Cowtown," beginning February 6-10 at the Wichita Children's Theater and Dance Center located at 201 S. Lulu. Two daily performances of the Molardrama: "Cavity Crisis in Cowtown" will occur at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

February is National Children's Dental Health month, and the Sedgwick County Health Department is organizing the 19th annual event to educate children on the importance of oral health as well as aid in teaching proper dental habits. The Children's Dental Clinic of the Sedgwick County Health Department has been organizing special Children's Dental Health Month activities since 1977.

The Molardrama performances are free and collaborative partnerships are essential to the success of this event. The Wichita District Dental Society underwrites the cost of the production and the Wichita State University (WSU) Dental Hygiene students assist the Sedgwick County Health Department with the performances. At each Molardrama performance, every child receives a toothbrush, dental floss, educational stickers, and an apple coupon to be redeemed at area Dillon's grocery stores.

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"The Molardrama is a great way to teach second-graders in Sedgwick County about good dental hygiene. Each year, over 5,000 students learn the importance of good oral health! The annual Molardrama helps these children have a healthy smile and the dental habits they learn will remain with them for a lifetime," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino.

The Sedgwick County Health Department is committed to providing dental care for children to protect their smiles and their health. The Children's Dental Clinic provides free dental care to eligible children between the ages of 5–15 years old who attend Sedgwick County schools. Thirty-four volunteer dentists and oral surgeons donate their time and expertise to the Children's Dental Clinic. Dental hygiene students from WSU provide preventive care services under the supervision of the staff hygienist.

Media Note – There will not be a 10:00 a.m. Molardrama: "*Cavity in Crisis*" performance on Monday, February 6th. Media are encouraged to attend any 1:30 p.m. performance during the week of February 6-10. The Molardrama performances are approximately 35-40 minutes in length. (Schools in Sedgwick County have been informed that reservations are required for students to attend).

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