



# ASHLAND COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## PARENT CONSENT FORM

Mellen School

Dear Parents,

The Mellen School is inviting students in grades 1 through grade 6 to participate in a fluoride mouthrinse program to reduce dental decay in response to the recent cessation of Mellen to fluoridate the water. This simple method of applying fluorides has been demonstrated to be safe and effective in reducing tooth decay by an average of 31%. Under supervision and with your permission, your child will rinse with a 0.2% neutral sodium fluoride mouthrinse solution for one minute each week. If your child were to accidentally swallow the weekly portion of solution, it would not produce any adverse reaction.

We encourage you to allow your child to participate in this valuable health program. If the weekly mouthrinse is combined with appropriate dietary fluoride, daily brushing with fluoride toothpaste, regular dental visits and placement of sealants in permanent molars, dental decay can be nearly eliminated.

Please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher. If you have any questions about this program, please call the Ashland County Health Department at 715-682-7004.

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I would like my child to participate in the fluoride mouthrinse program.

I would not like my child to participate in the fluoride mouthrinse program.

Name of Child

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Last	First	Middle
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Name of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_