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NEWS RELEASE

‘Share Your Smile With Alabama’ 2021 Photo Contest will showcase smiles of third graders

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The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Oral Health Office announces the fourth annual “Share Your Smile with Alabama” statewide photo contest. Two third grade students, one girl and one boy, will be selected from photo submissions as the winners of the campaign. The pair of third graders will be highlighted in ADPH marketing campaigns to promote children’s oral health throughout the state and will be featured in a news conference on January 29.

This contest is open to children living in Alabama who are either enrolled and attending third grade, or 8 to 10 years of age being homeschooled. The official rules of the photo contest and an application form can be viewed at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth/contest.html>
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth/contest.html>. Submissions must be made by a parent or legal guardian, and will be accepted November 1 through 30, 2020. There is no entry fee.

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month 2021 and is designated to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers and others. The theme for 2021 is “Water: Nature’s Drink.”

State Dental Health Director Dr. Tommy Johnson said, “We are sponsoring this annual contest to bring attention to children’s oral health care and to remind everyone that dental decay is preventable. We want to encourage children to drink water instead of opting for sugary beverage choices.”

The ADPH Oral Health Office is dedicated to preventing dental disease for Alabama’s citizens by promoting and developing quality, cost-effective community and school-based preventive, educational and early treatment programs which emphasize elimination of oral health disparities.

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