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Sedgwick County Health Department to Sponsor the 20th Annual Molardrama: "Cavity Crisis in Cowtown"

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department is sponsoring "Cavity Crisis in Cowtown," beginning February 5-9 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 20th 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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"Knowing that the Molardrama will teach over 2,500 second graders the importance of good oral health is exciting. The lessons learned regarding dental health and hygiene will have a lasting impression on these children," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman David Unruh.

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-three 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 5th. Media are encouraged to attend any 1:30 p.m. performance during the week of February 5-9. The Molardrama performances are approximately 20-30 minutes in length. (Schools in Sedgwick County have been informed that reservations are required for students to attend).

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