



Fall Newsletter

October 2025

This Season's Topics:

Hello PDG Community!

As the leaves turn and the year winds down, we're excited to share what's happening at Prairie Dental Group.

- Dental Professional Shortage
- Fluoride for Cavity Prevention
- Utilizing Insurance Benefits
- Less Paper, More Convenience
- Additional Ongoing at PDG!

Facing the Dental Professional Shortage Together

Like many states, Minnesota is experiencing a shortage of dental professionals—including dentists, hygienists, and assistants. For PDG, this means fewer available cleaning/check-up appointments.

We're doing everything we can to meet your preventive care needs and bring new talent into our dental hygiene team. Our entire team shows up every day with one goal: to give you the best care possible.

When scheduling your cleaning appointments at our office, we kindly ask for your kindness in return. Thank you for being flexible in adjusting our schedule in order to maximize our efficiency and accommodate as many patients as possible each day. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this challenge together.

Thinking about a career in dentistry? Whether it's assisting, hygiene, admin, or becoming a dentist— dental folks are some of the coolest people around. Come join us!



The Benefits of Fluoride

Remember those gooey fluoride trays from childhood? Good news—fluoride treatments have come a long way, and they're just as important for adults as they are for kids. Fluoride helps prevent cavities and strengthen enamel at any age. Our dentists and hygienists assess and recommend fluoride, based on each person's risk factors.

Even if your insurance plan doesn't cover a fluoride treatment, it's an inexpensive way to maintain your dental health and avoid tooth decay!



Use Your Insurance Benefits Before They Expire!

As the year wraps up, don't let your dental benefits go to waste! Most insurance plans reset in January, and unused benefits often disappear.

Even if it's tough to get in for a cleaning, you are still be able to schedule restorative treatments before year-end. Call us at **952-903-5000** (and Press 3) to book your appointment and make the most of your coverage!



Going Green: Less Paper, More Convenience

We're reducing paper waste by utilizing electronic reminders and statements. That means fewer postcards and letters in the mail. Make sure we have your current email address and mobile number so you don't miss important updates.

It's better for the planet—and your inbox!

ADDITIONAL ONGOINGS AT PDG



Judd Heitner Healthcare Outreach Grant

We're proud to continue Dr. Heitner's legacy through our annual \$500 grant supporting dental and medical outreach. This year's recipient is Ready, Set, Smile, a program serving thousands of children in Hennepin County with on-site dental care and education.

Learn more at

<https://www.readysetsmile.org>.



September All Team Meeting

Recently, our team had an all-staff meeting at the Game Show Studio. We had a blast working on our culture, learning from one another, and competing in a wild afternoon of game show excitement!



Socktober is Here!

We're collecting new socks for our local community throughout the month of October. Drop off your socks in our lobby and help us warm some feet this fall.



Donations go to the PROP Shop in Eden Prairie—and PDG will match every pair donated!

Cash for Candy

Trade your Halloween candy haul for cash! From November 3–7, bring in your candy and earn \$1 per pound (up to 5 lbs).

The treats will be shared in the upcoming Minnesota VA Veterans Day Celebration Event. PDG will also donate \$5 per pound to the Minnesota Veterans Home —up to \$500!



Holiday Toy Drive

Now through Dec 31, we're collecting new, unwrapped toys for kids in need via the PROP Shop – Eden Prairie. These gifts brighten birthdays and holidays for local families.

Drop off your donations in our lobby and help spread some cheer!

We're grateful for your trust, your smiles, and your support.

Wishing you a joyful fall season!

Warmly,

The Prairie Dental Group Team



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