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## **2016 National Children's Dental Health Month Poster Contest**

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. It is a month-long national health observance that promotes the benefits of good oral health to both children and adults. As part of the planned activities, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), in collaboration with the Guam Dental Society, is sponsoring a poster contest for students enrolled in kindergarten to the fifth grade.

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life. By participating in the poster contest, children will hopefully realize the importance of good oral health in the prevention of tooth decay by brushing, flossing, eating healthy snacks and visiting the dentist twice a year. This year's slogan is "*Sugar Wars*".

There will be two categories: (1) Kindergarten to Second Grade and (2) Third to Fifth Grade. Prizes will be awarded including a new iPad for the first place winner in each category. Winners will be recognized at the Dental Health Fair that will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Micronesia Mall Center Court from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The deadline to submit the posters to the DPHSS Dental Clinic in Mangilao is February 12, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Attached are the contest rules and flyer as well as the parent release form. For more information, please contact Dr. Suzanne Sison Kaneshiro at 735-7364 or via email at [suzanne.kaneshiro@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:suzanne.kaneshiro@dphss.guam.gov).

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