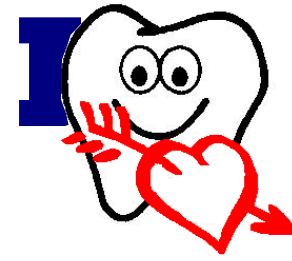




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*Gums won't be red,
And teeth will be white.
If you remember to brush,
And floss every night!*

*Because it is widely known,
That brushing alone,
Simply won't do
To remove all of the goo.*

*So this Valentines Day,
Say 'What the Hey'.
Go the extra mile,
And have a Great Smile!*

GUYS IN THE CORNER

What a busy time 2011 has been for the O'Keefe guys. Brien took a bit of time out of his schedule to travel to Cleveland with his roommate Andrew for a concert and a look at the Rock and Roll hall of fame. Sean played his tuba in solo competition and scored 27 out of 28. Does that mean he blew it?

Colin (below) has made another fabulous art work. His self portrait, which was meant to show strong emotion was best in class and found its way to a hall case outside the class room on the 4th floor of Booth hall! Now dad has some emotion too!



WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN

We've all heard that sometimes "bad things can happen to good people". Well Dr. O'Keefe was able to make a little lemonade out of lemons for one of our patients. On December 23rd Doc got paged because someone was having a scroogelike toothache. The symptoms sounded a lot like a brewing abscess - and that is no way to spend a holiday!

So Doc sprang into action! A quick X Ray and Doc diagnosed an irreversible pulpitis with an abscess (fig1), which of course means a quick trip to rootcanalville. With a little Mr. Novocain (actually Septodont), our friend the rubber dam (fig2) Doc removed the infected nerve tissue (fig3), placed calcium hydroxide in the roots and Katie had a silent tooth night for a change.



fig1

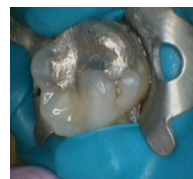


fig2



fig3

When our office reopened after the Holiday, Katie returned all smiles (which usually means no hurts). So Doc obturated or sealed the roots with gutta percha (fig4,5), placed a provisional restoration into the access opening (fig6) and we set sail for prettytooth town (otherwise known as CERECland).



fig5



fig4

Anyone who has been here over the past 4 years knows that we have a direct route to prettytooth town. We have taken many patients there!!! On 1/27/11 Katie saw how our CEREC technology can help us transform a very broken tooth into a beautiful, functional all ceramic crown.



fig6



fig7

NEW STUFF TO SMILE ABOUT

A little birdie told us that our Medical History form was difficult to complete because the yes/no responses were too far from the actual questions. So Doc reformatted the form. We need this information to be accurate and complete, so we hope you like our change!

HOT STUFF

Sean won honorable mention in the Monroe County Volunteer Fireman's Association 2010 Fire Prevention Essay Contest. We normally dislike any kind of plaque, but one is nice!



FUN AND GAMES

Kathy and her new husband, John, will be hosting an office game night. We all know how Doc and Chris tend to compete all day long so this should be big fun!! Kathy hasn't revealed what games are to be played ... Doc is hoping for trivia or hockey, while Chris wants scrabble. We'll let you know what happens. The stories might just make you smile.