



The Children's Oral Health Institute



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SAID AND HDA MEMBERS PRESENT LESSONS IN A LUNCH BOX® TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Stillwater, Oklahoma | Bell Gardens, California (**February 12, 2024**). Members of the Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) and Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID) presented the *Lessons in a Lunch Box*® program to well over 350 children last week. “Both organization leaders completed registrations to present the program during National Children's Dental Health Month,” according to The Children's Oral Health Institute's (COHI) Program Director, Chiquita Veney.

On Thursday, February 8th Dr. Ana R. Ortiz and Dr. Maria Oberteicher led the program at Garfield Elementary School for approximately 190 eagerly awaiting children. They were joined by a host of volunteers from the JWCH Institute-Wesley Health Center in Bell Garden. Dr. Ortiz said, “The children absolutely loved the lunch boxes and learned about oral health and prevention of tooth decay. We appreciate the COHI providing *Lessons in a Lunch Box*® and the guidance to roll out this event to coincide with National Children's Dental Health Month.”

On Friday, February 9th, Dr. Shanon Black writes, “*Lessons in a Lunch Box*® went great! I love it and the kids were so excited and receptive.” Dr. Black was joined by the Stillwater Dentistry staff and Student Dr. Precious Johnson, a third year colleague at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. Student Dr. Johnson, a member of the American Student Dental Association and Student National Dental Association, replied, “I am so pleased to have connected with Dr. Black. It was an honor to volunteer for this extraordinary initiative created by the COHI.” Black led the presentation for some 180 children at Highland Park Elementary School in Stillwater.

Learn more about The Children's Oral Health Institute, Lessons in a Lunch Box® and how to present the program at www.mycohi.org.

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