

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



Here's what's happening in our office....



Hello Christy,

**We are LUCKY to
have you
as our patient!!**

In this newsletter we have the February Patient of the Month, our March contest for patients and Colors of the Month, as well as a monthly topic: the hyrax or the palate expander appliance. Read on for details.....

FEBRUARY

Every month we pull one random name out of a box from all of the awesome patients that have been in that month with:

- *Excellent brushing & oral hygiene*
- *No broken brackets*
- *Excellent elastic wear as prescribed*

*Patient
of the
Month*

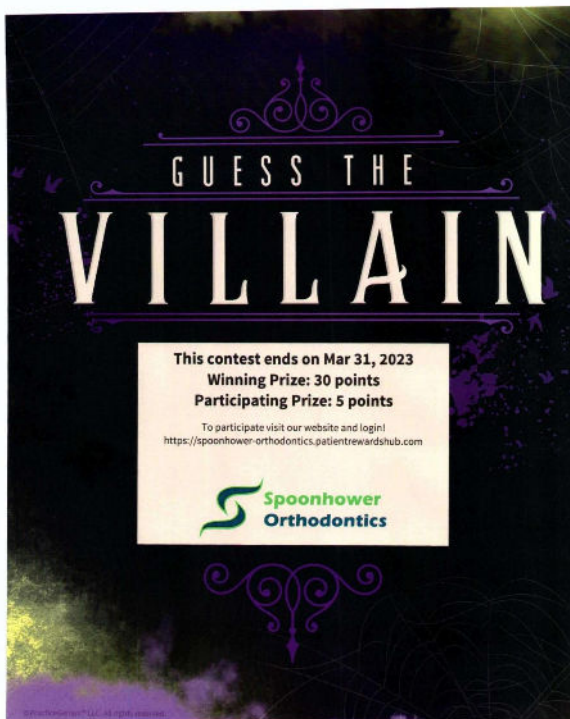
Congratulations to Chloe Shimp, who is our Patient of the Month for February! Chloe received 50 extra rewards hub points as well as a certificate. Congrats,

Things to know....

MARCH CONTEST FOR PATIENTS:

This month's patient contest is called ***Guess The Villain Contest***. Log into the Patient Rewards Hub with your password to access the contest. In this contest players will guess what each villain has to say! Participants are also encouraged to follow and like our Facebook page after completing the contest. The end of the contest is March 31st and the winner will receive a notification in their patient hub account and will earn 30 rewards points. Everyone that participates will receive 5 rewards points.

GOOD LUCK!!



MONTHLY TOPIC: PALATE EXPANDERS

The palatal expander, AKA a "hyrax", is an appliance which is placed in the roof of the mouth to widen the upper dental arch. The maxilla - or upper dental arch - is joined in the center by a joint, which allows it to be painlessly separated and spread, thus allowing for more space to then align the teeth properly.

The process is started by placing little rubber bands in the back molar teeth. This allows the appliance to be anchored to the back molar teeth by metal bands. A digital scan of the mouth is made and sent to a lab to fabricate the expander. We then will cement the bands, fit the appliance, and explain to you how it works. You will be given a "key" to insert into a hole in the center of the appliance and "turn" the key 1 time per day for about a month at home.

A temporary space may develop between the upper two front teeth. Once you are done "turning" and the spacing has been achieved, the appliance will stay in the mouth for about 3-4 months and braces may be placed in the meantime. If you have any questions regarding palatal expanders, please don't hesitate to ask.



COLORS OF THE MONTH

Each month we feature a different color combination you can get on your braces with the elastic ties! We even give the color combination a fun, cool name and have it on display so you can see what it will look like!

Here are this month's colors.....

taste the
Rainbow



Did you know we are accepting new patients? The biggest compliment we can ever receive is the referral of a family member or friend, or an online [Google](#) review. We thank you for your confidence in us and we appreciate your business and your referrals! We hope to see you in the office soon!

[Click here to leave us a Google review!](#)

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Spoonhower & Staff



Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Please Note: Our office is closed on Fridays, however we DO have limited patient emergency hours. Should you have an orthodontic emergency, please call the office. If we do not answer, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Regarding Insurance: If your insurance covers orthodontic treatment, you will be reimbursed directly from your insurance company. This will reduce your overall out of pocket expense for treatment. Many insurance policies have a lifetime orthodontic benefit that is distinct from regular dental insurance. Insurance policies vary, so we will review your insurance to determine the appropriate course of action. (Once treatment has started, we will file your claims).
Our office is committed to helping you maximize your insurance benefits. Due to the fact that insurance policies vary, we can only estimate your coverage in good faith, but cannot guarantee coverage due to the complexities of insurance contracts. Please inform us, too, of any changes to your insurance coverage.



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