

On The Road Again: Cascade School District

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by Mary Daly, Program Manager, Tooth Taxi

Tooth Taxi set another record for the total number of students screened at a school site - 113. Cascade School District nurse **Wendy MacGregor** and her team made a concerted effort to ensure all students at each school in the district had an opportunity to be seen on the Tooth Taxi.



Tooth Taxi volunteer Dr. Chris Walker greets Marion Elementary School Principal Christy Wilkins.

Wendy had an army of volunteers to help with the screening and transporting of students. The Tooth Taxi had its own share of volunteers and guests; most notably **Dr. Chris Walker**, who practices in Albany, volunteered with us on Thursday. Chris is an alum of Aumsville elementary school. This was the second volunteer stint for Chris and assistant **Vanessa** on the Tooth Taxi this year. Click on the attached link to see an article and photo in the Stayton Mail weekly newspaper:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=STAYTON>

Katie Bethel, who is finishing up dental assisting training, volunteered with us as well as **Geneva Alvord**. Geneva heard about the Tooth Taxi when we were in Albany, visited us, and then offered to volunteer.

Kathi Engels, RDH—wife of Ausmville school Principal Jim Engels—volunteered and provided cleanings for many students that did not have oral decay and otherwise would not have made it into the van.

Jim Jobs, volunteer from the OEA Choice Trust, helped escort students to and from the Tooth Taxi. Visitors included Steve McNannay, principals from Cascade school district and Cascade Superintendent Darin Drill. To those of you who know Dr. Heringer well, it will be no surprise that it seems he knows someone or is related to someone no matter where we go. Cascade was no excep-



Tooth Taxi volunteer Kathi Engels, RDH and a Tooth Taxi patient.

tion; it turns out he is related to Superintendent Darin Drill.



Patient James Olcott, Program Manager Mary Daly and Volunteer James Olcott.

Welcome to **James Olcott**, who is temping with us on the Tooth Taxi.

From the kids quotes gallery:

Jazmine to Hygienist - "I've never been to the dentist". But you know what to do? "I've seen dentist movies."

Kenny to Dr. Walker - "At least I missed math class, this is better than math class."

Cascade School District Stats

113 students screened

41 students treated in the van

\$28,537 value of free dental services provided.

Summary

September 2008 - January 29, 2009

- 957 students screened
- 306 students received oral hygiene education in the classroom
- 486 students treated in the van
- \$301,968 value of free dental services provided.

After wrapping up in Aumsville, Dr. Heringer and I went to the Salem Boys & Girls Club Thursday evening and screened 45 students in preparation for Salem Give Kids a Smile (GKAS). The Tooth Taxi will be parked at the front steps of the Capitol in Salem Friday 2/6 from 8:00 - 4:00. If you are in the area please stop by.

Next week on the road: North Douglas school district - Drain & Yoncalla Next week's recap: Sam Case Elementary School (Newport, Lincoln County school district), Salem GKAS, Portland Children's Health Fair.