

Visiting dentist leaves bright smiles



CHECK-UP

Kindergartner Steven Eggelston brave a check-up by Dr. Sheils-Vergeldt (left) in the Collins School Library as Dental Assis-

tant Theresa Barnes looks on. Steven was one of 43 students that received check-ups during the day.

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Students at Collins Elementary are smiling more brightly this week after a visit last week by Dr. Melanie Sheils-Vergeldt, DDS, RDH, RN, of The School Dentist. Sheils-Vergeldt, of Beverly Hills, MI, brings her office with her when she makes visits to schools, providing a check-up, cleaning and fluoride treatment to students at minimal cost.

She said the benefits of bringing dental care directly to the students include early diagnosis of problems and the chance for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to go to the dentist to get an examination.

Collins Principal Pam Akin said the program will be offered again in May.



POLISHED PRETTY

Hygienist Cynthia Kebbe polishes kindergartner Zoee Wieten's teeth. Each student was given an exam, a cleaning and a fluoride treatment, and left with a new toothbrush and instructions on how to use it.