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**Discover the power of a healthy smile with educational programs from the National Museum of Dentistry**

**BALTIMORE, MD** (February 1, 2011)—Discover the power of a healthy smile by visiting the National Museum of Dentistry in downtown Baltimore on a field trip or use the MouthPower Online program at [www.MouthPower.org](http://www.MouthPower.org) to teach oral health skills in the classroom. **MouthPower**—the signature oral health education program of the National Museum of Dentistry—helps young people discover the power of a healthy smile and the importance of oral health in a healthy life. Children learn how to brush and floss, make healthy food choices, and avoid the pitfalls of tobacco.

**FIELD TRIPS**

**Fabulous and Famous Teeth** (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

See amazing teeth feats, explore Mouthie's hands-on laboratory to learn how to keep your smile sparkling, and come tooth-to-tooth with George Washington's not-so-wooden teeth to see how our first president handled losing his choppers. This interactive tour takes students throughout the museum to explore why we have teeth, why they are important, and how to take care of them.



**Your Spitting Image** (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Step into the role of a forensics investigator and discover how to identify gender and ethnicity from skulls and analyze X-rays to make identifications. Learn how DNA in saliva is changing the way we detect disease, and see how scientists are growing replacement teeth from adult stem cells. Grades 4-8 will also visit the *Marvelous Mouth* to explore the world of braces, mouth guards and the dangers of piercings and tobacco.

Fee: \$2 per student. Call 410/706-9599 to make reservations or visit [www.smile-experience.org](http://www.smile-experience.org).

**ONLINE LEARNING**

**MouthPower** shares the power of a healthy smile with children across the state through an entertaining and educational web experience developed in partnership with the American Dental Association. Children explore Mouthie's interactive online laboratory to learn how to keep their smile sparkling, including how to brush and floss, make healthy food choices, and steer clear of the pitfalls of tobacco. The program includes information for educators about how to use MouthPower with children. Available in English and Spanish. Visit [www.MouthPower.org](http://www.MouthPower.org) to find out more.



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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY**

Sink your teeth into fun for all ages! See amazing teeth feats, marvel at George Washington's choppers (they're not made of wood, after all!), sing along to vintage toothpaste commercials, and discover fascinating hands-on exhibitions about the power of a healthy smile. An Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, this one-of-a-kind museum is located at 31 S. Greene Street in downtown Baltimore. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and college students, \$3 for youths 3-18, and free for ages 2 & under and active duty military & family. Open Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 1–4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Call 410/706-0600 or visit [www.smile-experience.org](http://www.smile-experience.org).

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