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# Gator News



Announcing the  
May Patient Contest



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## Butterflies

in the waiting  
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Alligator Dental!



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## Awesome Advice

From Dr. Matthew ~



## Kid-Friendly Terms



Dr. Matthew Gillham

At Alligator Dental our goal is to help every child have a fun, positive dental experience. One way we do this is to use child-friendly terminology with our younger patients. Rather than using dental terms that could sound scary - to the child or parent - we substitute more gentle terms. Here are some terms we use and what they refer to. Knowing these terms will help parents understand their child's description of their dental experience at Alligator Dental.

Alligator Dental Term	Regular Dental Term
Sleepy Juice	Needle or Shot
Whistle	Drill
Clean a Tooth	Drill on a Tooth
Wiggle a Tooth Out	Pull or Yank a Tooth Out
Sugar Bug	Decay or Cavity
Count Teeth	Examination
Tickle Teeth	Tooth Cleaning
Tooth Pick	Explorer
Magic Air	Gas

In using these terms our intention is not to 'fool' the child. Rather we hope to keep the experience as positive as possible. As children mature we introduce some of the regular terminology, especially in regards to decay, so they can take a larger role in caring for their teeth.





# Gators in Action:

The San Marcos Doctors & Staff had a blast celebrating Easter with Mr. Bunny and some of our super fun patients!



**Meet Lindsay Koehler**  
Financial Coordinator at Alligator Dental in Seguin!

**Family Info:**

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Ryan, for 4 years. We have our beautiful daughter who is in Pre-K at Marion.

**Favorite Place to Eat:**

Clear Springs in New Braunfels

**Favorite Store to Shop At:**

The Rustic Mile – all western home furniture and cowhides. I love decorating my house.

**Favorite Kids Movie:**

The Little Rascals

**Favorite Place to Visit:**

Port Aransas – my home away from home.

**Something Unique about me:**

I am not originally from Texas. I was born in Colorado. I absolutely love living in the country.



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Seguin Doctors & Staff had a ball at local health fairs: teaching and interacting with the wonderful children!



## Recipe: Strawberry Cheesecake

-Compliments of Aurelia from Alligator Dental in Seguin

**Ingredients:**

**Crust** - ¾ cup ground pecans, ¾ cup graham cracker crumbs, 3 Tablespoons melted butter

**Filling** - 4 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened; 4 eggs; 1 ¼ cups sugar; 1 Tablespoon lemon juice; 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**Topping** - 2 cups (16 oz.) sour cream, ¼ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Strawberry Glaze** - 2 Tablespoons cornstarch; ¼ cup water; 1 jar (12 oz.) strawberry jelly; 3 Tablespoons lemon juice; 1 quart whole, fresh strawberries, hulled; red food coloring - optional



**Directions:**

1. **Crust** - Combine pecans, crumbs and butter. Press into bottom of 10-inch pan.
2. **Filling** - Beat cream cheese in a large bowl until smooth. Add eggs, sugar, lemon juice. Beat well. Spoon over crust.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes, or until filling is almost set. Let stand 15 minutes.
4. **Topping** - Combine sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Spread over cheesecake and return to the oven for 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature and refrigerate 24 hours.
5. **Glaze** - Several hours before serving prepare glaze. In a saucepan, combine cornstarch and water until smooth. Add jelly and cook over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, until jelly is melted and mixture has thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in lemon juice and food coloring, if desired. Cool to room temperature. Just before serving, loosen and remove sides of pan. Arrange strawberries on top with pointed ends up. Spoon glaze over berries, allowing some to drip down sides of cake. Serve immediately.