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An Informational
Newsletter From the
Office and Staff of
Mori Orthodontics

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Orthodontics for
Adults and children

A Note From Dr. Mori



Soft Tissue Laser Use at Mori Orthodontics

In the practice of dentistry different forms of light are used for a variety of purposes. Taking an X-ray uses one form of light. Shining a light on bonding material allowing the material to attach to a tooth uses a different form of light. Lasers deliver light at a variety of wavelengths to react with different materials. In dentistry, diode lasers react with tissue fluid and blood to affect soft tissue (gum tissue).

Over the past few years it has become more common that orthodontists to use soft tissue diode lasers in their practices. I have obtained a laser for my practice and recently gained certification through the Academy of Laser Dentistry. This certification provides me the education and proper training to use the laser within the scope of my practice.

I will be using the laser in a variety of situations such as:

- to uncover slowly erupting or impacted teeth
- to gain access to teeth which are poorly positioned
- to remove excess gum tissue to improve appearance
- to remove excess gum tissue due to poor oral hygiene

These procedures can improve the overall result for the patient in regards to length of treatment and esthetics.

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Summer is Here!

The summer sun is shining and the kids are getting out of school. In our dental community, summer usually means gearing up for a busy schedule. Many patients want to schedule their dental appointments while they're out of school.

Dr. Mori and his team hosted their 4th Annual Barbeque Luncheon for our local dental offices. We fired up the grill to kick off the summer season and enjoyed lunch with our dental friends. We wanted to show our patriotism this year so our theme was Americana or red, white and blue. We had about 35 offices participate.

We satisfied our appetites with some grilled chicken, barbecued ribs, corn on the cob and some good old fashion salads from Bullwinkles and finished off the lunch with some yummy ice cream from Coldstone Creamery.

Dr. Mori raffled off a great basket with many patriotic goodies which included a gift certificate to Mahaffies pies for an American cherry pie. The dental offices were invited to take back to their offices a planter with Gerber daisies as a reminder that together we can create beautiful smiles. So don't forget to get your teeth cleaned this summer.

A big thank you goes out to Dr. Mori's team for a job well done, especially Bobbie who organized this event.

We wish all of our patients and their families a fun filled and safe summer.



Take Me Out to a Ball Game!

It's That Time Again...
Time for Baseball, Hotdogs and Peanuts too
To have Fun at the Dragon's Game
And spend time with you.

Dayton Dragons vs. Quad Cities River Bandits Monday, July 26th, 7 p.m.

- Entry form deadline was June 14th.
- 136 winners were drawn on June 15th and notified by mail.
- Each winner received 2 tickets, \$5.00 in baseball bucks to spend at the game and once at the game, they will receive a dragon's baseball cap.



Thank you to all that entered in our drawing. Congratulations to the winners!



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I may also be able in certain situations to avoid referral to another dental specialist which can save the patient time and additional cost. Each situation will be evaluated, diagnosed and discussed before any treatment with the dental laser is provided.

There are some advantages to using the laser for tissue removal compared to traditional methods to remove gingival or gum tissue. The laser affects nerve ending resulting in less pain for the patient. Ibuprofen and salt water rinses are all that is necessary to manage post-treatment discomfort. The laser also kills bacteria as the tissue is removed which keeps any issues with infection to a minimum. There is very little bleeding with laser procedures as the laser coagulates blood in the area being treated.

Overall, I feel using a dental laser in the orthodontic practice is beneficial to provide advanced patient care. In our practice I will carefully evaluate each situation and present using the laser when indicated in the situations previously noted.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rick Mori



Our Team Up Close

Mori Orthodontics Welcomes Two New Staff Members!

Rachel Chadd joined our team in March this year. She drives from Greenville every day and comes with five years orthodontic experience. Her energy and fresh ideas have given us all a new spark to our daily routines! She spends her free time with her husband and 20 month old daughter as well as family and friends. She does oil painting, writes music and plays guitar. Maybe she'll give us a free concert!

Rachel enjoys taking impressions and putting braces on...really loves making "beautiful smiles". We are fortunate to have her as a part of our team.

Beth Thomas joined our team in April of this year. She is a certified clinical lab assistant and worked in that capacity at Kettering Medical Center. Beth will be our protégé – being new to the dental field, we are making a team effort to teach her the best of Mori Orthodontics. She will be seen in all parts of the office. She spends her free time with friends and family and is an outdoors girl. Her eagerness to learn has given our whole team a new sense of renewal.

Beth is excited to help make bright smiles – and we are excited to have her as a part of our team!



Your Opinion Matters!

Check Out Our New Online Patient Survey.

Recently we have added the Patient Survey icon to our website. You can now fill out a survey in the privacy of your own home and at your convenience or even online while in our office (if you choose).

It's Quick! It's Easy! No Paperwork! Just click, click, type and submit. We want to hear from YOU! Feedback from our patients is so important to our practice. It lets us see how we are doing and helps us continue to improve the quality of care to our patients. Please take a moment and submit your survey today at www.moriortho.com.

Contest Corner

Summer Postcard Contest!

Back by popular demand!

Drop us a post card from your summer vacation.

Post cards received will be displayed in our office all summer long.

Then at the end of the summer 1 post card will be drawn for a really COOL PRIZE!

If you are staying close to home this summer, we would really like some local postcards too.

Summer Postcard Contest began June 1st and runs through September 8th.

The winner will receive a Great Movie Package to include popcorn and drinks.



Contest Winner

Congratulations to Garrett Schroeder the Winner of the Gold Fish Contest.

There were 1583 Goldfish in the bowl. His guess was 1586, only off by 3. WOW! Good job Garrett!

Garrett received 2 season passes to Kings Island.

Thanks to everyone for playing.



Patient News

A Note From Our Parents

Amber Todd – Amber received a Superior rating in her OMEA solo contest. She is a proud member of Ankeney Connection Show Choir in which she has a solo. Amber has also performed in several talent shows. She makes her parents very proud. American Idol ~Here We Come!

Dylan King – Dylan bravely survived his tonsillectomy in April. It was rough going for the first 2 weeks, but now he is on the mend and back to the books. Way to go Dylan! Mom is very proud of you!

Logan King – Logan's artwork from Main Elementary was hand selected for the 2nd year in a row to be shown at the Beaver Creek High School District Show. Way to go on painting "The Wild Things", Logan! You Rock! Mommy loves you and is so proud!

Bailey Hicks – We are so proud of Bailey for his hard work and dedication that he has shown during his 7th grade year. Bailey was on the football team, the wrestling team, and the track team for Ferguson Middle School and maintained his Honor Roll status through it all. We are so proud of you, Bailey! Keep up the great work! You will go places! We love you! Love mommy and daddy.

Sadra Hicks – We are proud of Sadra for all of her hard work and dedication she put into her grades during her 6th grade year. She also made the 7th grade cheer squad at Ferguson Middle School. You can do anything you put your mind to – Sadra! Keep up the hard work! We love you! Love mommy and daddy.

Special Honors

Allison Roberts – has received the President's Education Award for outstanding academic excellence for her years at Ferguson Middle School. She also was given the Superior Academic Achievement Award for maintaining straight A's for all 3 years in middle school. Her parents are very proud of her hard work.

Phillip Brucken – Phillip earned a superior rating at the District/County Level with his science project and was selected out of 2000 students to compete at the state level. On May 8th, Phillip competed against 2000 other students in the OSU State Science Fair Competition sponsored by Ohio University. He received an honorable 3rd place for his Trebuchet Project. Way to go Phillip!

Michelle Keck – won 2nd place in the DPS Chess/Checkers Competition. She also got into Stivers High School for band. Awesome Job Michelle!

Marcus Newell – was inducted into the National Honor Society. For the past three quarters in school, he was on the Honor Roll and had all A's on his report card. His parents are very proud of him.

Luke Hoffman – achieved SPL in boy scouts and now has a leadership role in the troop. Great Job Luke!

Ben Schneider – won his class chess tournament in January. He also won in a challenge match against the winner of another class. He also played against Principal Heid. Ben was one of Studebaker Middle School's "Student of the Month" for March. Way to go Ben!

Curtain Calls

Grace Langford – is in the play "Willy Wonka" as an Oompa Loompa and loves it. She also joined her school's track team. Have Fun!

AJ Breslin – starred as Tobias in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at Fairmont High School in April. Way cool AJ!

Mary Swisher – starred as Alice in "Alice in Wonderland" presented by Valley Elementary Drama Club. Congrats!

Sam Auditore – has a piano recital and is going to do well. Sounds great!

Kalliope – one time when she was in 3rd grade, she performed a solo in a musical. It was a great experience and she often looks back on it even today.

Special Teams

Rachel Davis – ran the Flying Pig Half Marathon. You go girl!

Kendall Newell – was named "Wrestler of the Year" for Junior Varsity. His wrestling record for this school year was 32-3. Kendall took 1st place in the Butler Invitational. Kendall has also made the Honor Roll for the last three quarters. His mom and dad are very proud. Wow, what an accomplishment! Great Job Kendall!

Tyler Estes – is the starting third baseman at Stivers High School where he went 4 for 6 in a recent double header. Awesome job Tyler! Keep it up!

Caitlin Babros – The St. Anthony 8th grade girl's volleyball team won the CYO Division 3 Championship! The Trophy was awesome! Way to go team!

Mara Williford – is on a dance team called The Beaver Creek Minis. Her team's jazz routine won the regional competition and then went on to win nationals on May 23rd. Their pom routine took 5th in nationals. Way to go Team!

Regayn Lakes – played baseball with her brothers, Hunter and Alec. Her dad was the coach. Even though they haven't won a game, they still play their hardest. The whole team has improved. Good Job! Keep working hard!

Exciting News

Grace Takacs – she is excited that her hamstring has healed and is now going to be able to do her dance at Vicki Lynn's Recital. She also got her expanders out in April. Congratulations Grace!

Keyra Rutlin – is participating in a beauty pageant and made the Honor Roll again. She is also hoping to get a summer job. Good Luck Keyra!

Regayn Lakes – is turning 14 and having friends stay over for a slumber party. She got her final report card and had 8- A's and 1-B. Every year she gets a B in Science. Her brother, Alec got straight A's the whole year. Way to go!

Road Trip Fun

Chloe Brunswick – went to Alabama over spring break. How fun!

Drew Schoenfeld – is going to New York! Have a great time!

Chris Pierson – is going to Alaska for six weeks. Have a great time!

Kaycee Bunn – has been to Disneyland 3 times and New York and Michigan twice. She competes on a professional junior select soccer team and has received a hat from Dr. Mori's for keeping her teeth really clean. Awesome job!



Gas Prices Getting You Down?

Congratulations to the following winners!

- April – Pat Schwab, Lei Turben
- May – Angie Demetriades, Kathy Maguire
- June – Christina Cundiff, Julie Zimmerman

We Want News About You

Help make our upcoming Newsletter a success! Share something about yourself- vacations, school activities, honors you've received, sports you play, births, weddings, etc.

Fill out a form in the office and place it in the mail box at our patient news station or email us at info@moriortho.com. We will put it in our next quarterly newsletter to share with all our patients.

Munchie Favorites - Brace Friendly Recipe

Crustless Quiche

3 eggs	1 ½ cups milk
½ cup packaged biscuit mix (or make your own)	1 ½ cups shredded Swiss cheese
3 Tablespoons vegetable oil	1 (6 oz.) can crab meat, drained and flaked apart

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease or Spray a 10' pie pan or quiche dish. In a large bowl, with a whisk, beat the eggs, biscuit mix, vegetable oil and milk. Pour mixture into pan; it will be lumpy.

Sprinkle on the cheese and crab meat. Bake for 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

A nice variation substitutes mild cheddar cheese for the Swiss, and bacon bits or shredded deli ham for the crab. Both versions freeze well. Serves six to eight.

Do you have a Brace Friendly recipe you would like to share with all of us? Just drop it off at the front desk and we will try to get it in one of our newsletters.



Pass on a Smile!

Refer a friend or family member for a complimentary evaluation! Our practice continues to grow by referrals from our Patients.

Thank you for recommending us!



From the Front Desk

Don't Forget to Take Advantage of our Website!

We want to remind everyone of a great time saver we offer to our patients and parents. If you have your user ID# and password, you can log on to our website. Go to www.moriortho.com to access your account information, pay on line or just check your next appointment. Another great feature is checking out your orthodontic photos and x-rays. If you have difficulty logging on or forget your user ID # and password, just call us and we will assist you.

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Mori Orthodontics is now on Facebook. You can access Mori Orthodontics Facebook page right from our website, just click on the link and follow the fun. Keep up with the latest contests and tooth trivia.



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Don't Forget to Visit Your Family Dentist-

It is important for all of our patients to continue to visit their family dentist every six months, even during orthodontic treatment. Your family dentist will help maintain healthy teeth by regular cleanings, examination for tooth decay and fluoride treatments.

Together we can provide complete dental care!

Reminder: When changing your general dentist, please let us know so we can update this change in your patient records.



Scheduling Corner: Please note our office is closed during our lunch hour each day and during our monthly staff meeting. If you would like to make a payment, a drop box is located to the left of our front door for your convenience. If you need to speak to someone, we have a call button, just press it and we will help you.

Office hours:

Monday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lunch:

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Our summer hours began June 1st and will continue through August 31st!

Please note special dates the office will be closed:

- Thursday July 29th
- Monday September 6th
- Monday August 2nd
- Week of October 11th thru 14th