

# LiveWire

An Informational  
Newsletter From the  
Office and Staff of  
Mori Orthodontics

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Adults and Children

## A Note from Dr. Mori



### What I know about Invisalign: January 2011

Everywhere you turn there seems to be an advertisement for Invisalign. I have been certified to provide the Invisalign system to straighten teeth from its inception several years ago and have treated many cases with this system. Please notice I classify this as a system to "straighten teeth" because it cannot always be used to correct bite problems, more complex treatment issues and certain types of crooked teeth.

Invisalign was originally designed to correct crooked teeth for patients who had previous orthodontic treatment but did not retain their orthodontic result. The patient could have straight teeth again without wearing braces on their teeth. The appeal to the public of getting a great smile without the need to wear braces on your teeth is great for many people.

Invisalign gives the public what they want (a nice smile without wearing braces) but is this appropriate treatment for everyone?

As an orthodontist, I received three years of post-graduate training to study every facet of correcting dental and skeletal malocclusions. I am trained to treat patients to a result that is esthetically and functionally acceptable as close to ideal as possible. Using this knowledge base, my feeling is that Invisalign works great for the

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## Meet Our Newest Team Member

We have a new member around the office. You might have noticed the paw prints.

### Meet Peaches!

Peaches is our mascot at Mori Orthodontics. She is here to welcome you to our practice and watch over the progress of your perfect smile. She wants to make sure your experience with our office is "Rhurrific!"



## Coming Soon! New Oral Hygiene Program!

In the on going effort to improve the oral hygiene of our patients, we are in the process of developing a new Oral Hygiene program. The exact details of how this will work and the new rewards program that will go with this is yet to be determined. Our goal however, is to actively involve the patient with determining their brushing score, and help them to recognize where improvements need to be made.

At each appointment, the patient will be handed a hand mirror and be asked to look at their teeth. Then they will be asked to look at a picture depicting the five oral hygiene scores and tell us what score they would give themselves. Ideally, the score they give themselves will be the score we would give, but if it's not, then we will show them why we

scored them lower and review brushing and flossing instructions with them. If they score themselves low and we agree with the score, we will also review instructions with them. We are here to help!

We know that it's tough for some patients to keep up with a good oral hygiene program. They have lots of other things going on every day, but it is really important to make time for brushing and flossing. Keeping their teeth clean and healthy is key to making their orthodontic treatment a big success. Our goal, as always, is to provide our patients with the best care possible, and we feel that implementing this new oral hygiene program will help us to achieve this goal.



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following patient types:

- Dental crowding of a mild to moderate nature
- Dental spacing of a mild to moderate nature
- Crooked teeth that are rotated up to 50%
- Crooked teeth not too far from their ideal positions
- Bite problems up to 2-3mm from their ideal positions
- Adults or Teens who fit into the above listed criteria

My goal is to provide Invisalign treatment to the same standard I would provide orthodontic treatment! The above listed problems can be corrected to a great result with this process.

Having just returned from the Invisalign orthodontic summit in November of 2010, I am up to date with what really works with Invisalign and what does not work. I know when a patient is a good candidate for this process and when treatment will be unpredictable.

If you are interested in improving your smile or bite and want to discuss if you are a candidate for Invisalign please schedule a consultation. My practice has designed our fee schedule to make this option affordable if you are interested.

Also, if you or your child is being treated or has been treated with Invisalign and are happy with your result, please tell a friend. Your referrals are what keeps our practice successful!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Rick Mori

## Patient News

### Our Patients Making a Difference

Sydney Howell and Elizabeth Wiese are two very special young ladies.

While working toward their Bronze Award for Girl Scouts, they came up with an idea to also provide help to those in need. With the help of some generous business donations including tooth brushes and tooth paste from Dr. Mori, Sydney and Elizabeth put together hygiene kits for the St. Vincent De Paul Women's and Family Shelter. The girls assembled a total of 300 hygiene kits.



Both Sydney and Elizabeth helped 300 people and in the process earned their Bronze Award which is the highest award that a junior member of the Girl Scouts can earn. Way to Go, Sydney & Elizabeth! You inspire us all to make a difference.

### A note from Proud Parents

**Dylan King** – We are so proud of Dylan for receiving the Beaver Pride Award at Main Elementary School. We also got to enjoy his rockin' choir concert on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the brand new auditorium. Combine all that with an awesome report card and you have some super proud parents! Keep it up, Buddy! Love you tons! Mom & Dad.

**Logan King** – Congratulations to Logan for a fantastic report card with 3-A's and 2-B's. Logan rocked the house in the Main Elementary School's new auditorium with her very first choir concert. Loved it! Loved it! Love you, sweetie! You go girl! We are so proud! Mom & Dad.

**Rachel Davis** – Rachel just keeps on running. She ran her 3<sup>rd</sup> half-marathon on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the USAF Half Marathon. She had her personal best time of 2 hours and 56 minutes. Rachel also prepared for her 4<sup>th</sup> half marathon on Halloween in Chicago. Good Luck Runner Girl! Keep on running, Rachel!

### Exceptional Teams

**Adam Lankford** – was on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade football team for Centerville. The team won the GWOC Championship. Way to go, Adam!

**Kayla Chumack** – The Holy Angels Hornets, 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' soccer team, won first place in their division. Kayla and her team won a big trophy. Sadly, they didn't win any of the tournament games but were still very happy. Congratulations, Kayla, to you and your team!

**Branden Lilley** – is the quarterback of his Fairborn 6<sup>th</sup> grade Blue Weehawk Football Team that went 10-0 for the season including two tournament games. If the team wins 3 more games, they will play at Welcome Stadium for the championship. Way to Go, Branden!

**Apollo Bush** – won his football game.

### Exciting News

**Andrew Sayeedi** – received a new Nerf-N-Strike Stampede ECS for his birthday. It has a magazine that holds 18 nerf darts. Have fun, Andrew!

**Kylie Napier** – participated for the first time in the Warren County Fair Horse Show. Kylie rode on her best friend's horse, Kick. That's exciting, Kylie!

**Michelle Keck** – Michelle entered in the Flower Show at the Montgomery County Fair last September. She won 2 best in show ribbons plus the Green Thumb Award. Congratulations to Michelle!

**Kaitlyn Holbrook** – received two first place ribbons in the Warren County Fair Horse Show with her horse named Kick. She loves riding Kick and Kick loves to be ridden. Kaitlyn loves her horse. She is also in 4-H with Kick. Way to go, Kaitlyn!

## 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!



**Hadil Alawam** – This past summer, Hadil went to Saudia Arabia. Not too many people get to do something like that. Hadil says, “That’s almost half way around the world”. She thinks that is something to brag about and we do to. That’s pretty cool, Hadil!

**Alexis Davis** – wants to say, “Happy Birthday to Allison Davis”.

**Lyric Fields** – was accepted into the 2011 People to People Ambassador Program. Lyric will be going to Italy and Greece for 19 days next Summer. Congratulations, Lyric! That’s awesome!

**Megan Smith** – survived the H1N1! YAY!

**Bayley Carter** – earned a part in her school play. Way to Go, Bayley!

## First Grade Teachers are Special

**Rand Alawam** – Rand is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, finally. Rand says, “I still miss my teacher. I go to recess with my friend and I see her on the playground. My old teacher was Mrs. Mori”.

## Wonderful Compliment

**Susan Ash** – says, “This office has taken care of three of my kids’ teeth and it has been a great experience”.



## Your Opinion Matters!

### We want to hear from YOU!

Feedback from our patients is so important to our practice. Your input lets us see how we are doing and helps us continue to grow as an office and more importantly, improve the quality of care to our patients.

Recently, we have added the Patient Survey icon to our website, [www.moriortho.com](http://www.moriortho.com). You can now fill out a survey in the privacy of your own home, at your convenience or even online while in our office. It only takes a few moments to complete.

In addition to the Patient Survey being accessible anytime, we are sending out emails once a month to patients that are about half way through their treatment. If you happen to get one of those emails, please take a moment and complete our survey. We thank you in advance, your opinion does matter!

## The Financial Corner

Dr. Mori prides himself on offering fair fees to his patients for their orthodontics needs but it can still be unreachable to some. While we offer no interest financing, we also require a down payment. The down payment required at the beginning of treatment is sometimes difficult to obtain and may cause the delay of much needed orthodontic treatment. We have the solution – Care Credit.

Mori Orthodontics is now offering Care Credit to help with the down payment or even pay for the entire treatment in full. Care Credit is a credit card exclusive for health care services. Care Credit allows you to pay the down payment and start treatment right away. Care Credit offers no interest plans if paid in full within the promotional period or a fixed interest rate with low monthly payments spread over 48-60 months.

Care Credit is easy to apply for, just go to [www.carecredit.com](http://www.carecredit.com). Click on ‘Apply Now’. Then click on “Apply Now” under applying for Care Credit at home. When prompted, type in ‘Dr. Mori’ and select ‘Apply Now’.

You may also apply over the phone @ **1-800-365-8295** or you may simply drop into our office and fill out a short application. You will know in just a minute if you have been approved. If you should have any questions about Care Credit, please call our office and Denise will be glad to answer your questions.

## Contest Corner

### Teacher Appreciation Contest

Is there a teacher you know that deserves special recognition for all they do, both in and out of the classroom?

If you would like to nominate a special teacher, write a short paragraph telling us why you think this teacher is special.

Check out our contest area in the office for copies of the paragraph form or find a printable copy on our website under “Contests”. Write your paragraph and drop it in the box.

Every teacher nominated will receive a special certificate. The teacher that wins will receive a certificate and a basket full of goodies. The student that nominated the winning teacher will be able to reward their class with a gift card for a pizza party. The Teacher Appreciation Contest starts January 4<sup>th</sup> and ends March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck!



## Contest Winner

Congratulations to Lyric Fields, the winner of the Mori’s Website Contest. Lyric won an iPod Touch valued at \$200.

Thanks to all who participated in the website contest. The response was awesome!



# Munchie Favorite - A Brace Friendly Recipe!

Got Braces? Do your teeth get sore after you have your braces adjusted?

Try a sample recipe from "The Braces Cookbook" by Pamela Waterman and Brenda Waterman.

## Marvelous Molasses Cookies

1 cup shortening	1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 egg	½ teaspoon salt
½ cup molasses	½ cup warm water
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger	2 ½ cups all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 11 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine shortening, brown sugar, egg, salt and molasses, using an electric mixer and beating until fluffy.

Add cinnamon and ginger. In a small bowl or measuring cup, stir the baking soda into the warm water; add water mixture to the molasses mixture alternately with the flour until well blended.

Drop by teaspoons onto greased cookie sheets. Bake for 11 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes about four dozen. Store in a covered container.

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.



## 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](mailto:info@moriortho.com). We will put it in our next quarterly newsletter to share with all our patients.

## 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](http://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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## 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 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Thursday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### Lunch:

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Please note the office will be closed February 17th, February 21st and the week of March 28th.

## 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.

