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MOBILE DENTAL VAN CELEBRATES SMILES BY CUTTING THE FLOSS

Jeffco students and families now have something extra to smile about with a free resource to keep their teeth healthy. Superintendent Cindy Stevenson will help dedicate the van with a special ‘floss-cutting’ ceremony.

Metro Community Provider Network, MCPN, has partnered with Jeffco Schools to offer students and families free dental screenings, and care and assistance referrals through their new mobile dental van on Thursday, Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at Jefferson High School, 2305 Pierce St., Edgewater, CO.

Jeffco student artwork also adorns the sides of the mobile dental van, chosen from a district-wide art contest. The ceremony will honor the students’ artwork, offer healthy snacks and drinks, and provide guided tours of the dental van.

Staff working on the dental van hopes to provide over 3,000 dental visits in the 2012-13 school year. The program will also bridge the gap between school clinics and classrooms by providing education to over 700 students in grades K-12 with its innovative oral health education program.

Grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Colorado Health Foundation made the mobile dental van a reality. Dental van services will be offered to children from their first tooth all the way through high school and aims to provide comprehensive, quality dental care with fewer missed days from school.