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“3...A...B...C...7...8...9...10...H...I...J...K...14...”

What do these jumbled letters and numbers have in common? These are primary (baby) and secondary (adult) tooth designations used by dentists in the United States of America. Hovnianian School students had the opportunity (with their parents' permission) to participate in a dental screening on January 14, 2012. This screening was in anticipation of February's National Children's Dental Health Month which helps reinforce the importance of oral health care, oral hygiene, and good nutrition for children and their caregivers. Mrs. Dabaghian, School Nurse/recorder and Dr. Dadurian, Pediatric Dentist/screener, both parents of Hovnianian school students and alumni, conducted the screening, which addressed identification of teeth present, their condition, and any hygiene or orthodontic concerns the individual student may have. The elementary examination was accomplished with a small disposable tongue depressor per student. "I believe the children



looked forward to the screening this year...we had a very enthusiastic group, who on the whole seem to have a higher than usual Dental I.Q. Anecdotally speaking, this year's participants seemed to have the least incidence of dental decay in comparison to the past decade that I've conducted the screening at Hovnianian School," commented Dr. Dadurian. Each student received a dental goodie bag filled with age appropriate literature, toothbrush, floss, timer, and toothpaste (for age 6 years and above). The results of the screening will be compiled and sent home for parents' review shortly.

Remember: Floss, Brush, Drink Lots of Water, and Dark Chocolate is the treat of choice when having one.

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