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Dr. Scapillato
"The Jester"

The last time you were at the office, did you notice the framed items on the wall down the hallway to the operatories? If you did, you'll see Chicago baseball and football memorabilia. Between Operatories 2 and 3 are pictures of Wrigley Field, Soldier Field, and the old Comiskey Park. I love Chicago

will be larger than ever before. The tournament will take place from June 11 through July 19. It will feature 48 teams rather than the traditional 32. Additionally, it is being hosted by three countries: the United States, Canada, and Mexico. There will be 104 matches played across 16 cities. This promises to be the most dramatic World Cup in history. Unfortunately, Chicago is not one of the host cities. The closest host city is Kansas City.

Chicago was the site of the opening match of the 1994 World Cup, and many people assumed it would host matches again in 2026. Instead, the city chose not to participate. As a result, Chicago, one of the largest and most soccer-friendly cities in the world, will be watching the tournament from the sidelines. There will undoubtedly be many neighborhood and private watch parties taking place throughout the city.

We're living in a time when people and cultures often seem divided. However, competition has always been a healthy experience, friendly competition, such as in sports and among fans. Competition, when approached with the right mindset, is one of the healthiest forces in life. It challenges us to improve, pushes us beyond our comfort zones, and inspires us to achieve more than we thought possible. Whether in sports, business, academics, or personal goals, competition teaches discipline, resilience, and perseverance. It reminds us that success is not guaranteed and that growth often comes from effort, preparation, and learning from setbacks. The 2026 FIFA World Cup will showcase the highest level of competition on a global stage, where athletes from around the world



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sports and am a fan of all the teams.

If you're a sports fan, you probably have your favorite teams. For example, if you follow baseball, you may be a Cubs fan or a White Sox fan. It's rare to be a fan of both. I'm the rarity. I root for all Chicago teams. Because I treat fans of each team as patients, I remain agnostic about team loyalties. I enjoy them all. A residual benefit is the calming effect that comes from not being a diehard fan of any one team. I can enjoy the sport without getting caught up in the emotions of winning and losing. I know that won't make sense to some people, but it works for me.

We've entered another milestone moment in sports. For the first time, the 2026 FIFA World Cup

strive for excellence while demonstrating respect for their opponents, proving that competition can bring people together as much as it can drive them apart.

One of the greatest benefits of competition is that it raises our standards. It encourages us to work harder, prepare better, and continually improve. But competition does something else that is equally important: it teaches us the value of surrounding ourselves with people who also strive for excellence. The best athletes seek out great coaches and teammates because they know success is rarely achieved alone.

I apply that same philosophy at Family Dental Care of Oak Park. I believe exceptional patient care begins by surrounding myself with exceptional people. Just as a World Cup team depends on every player performing at a high level, this practice relies on a dedicated team committed to serving patients with skill, compassion, and professionalism. Dania, Wendy, Ivone, Dani, and Atziri each bring unique talents and strengths to the practice, but they share a common commitment to excellence. Together, they challenge one another to grow, learn, and continually raise the standard of care we provide. The result is a team environment where patients benefit from people who genuinely care about doing their best every day.

Competition at its healthiest is not about defeating others. It is about pursuing excellence, holding ourselves accountable, and surrounding ourselves with people who inspire us to be better. We are fortunate to have a team that embraces that philosophy and demonstrates it through their service to our patients every day.

Part of the excellence in care we provide comes from having patients like you who appreciate that level of commitment. We'd love to hear about what we've done well. One of the greatest compliments you can give us is referring friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors who value quality dental care. We are actively welcoming new patients.

You'll also notice an article in this issue written entirely in Spanish. We have a growing patient population within the Hispanic community. With Dania, Ivone, Wendy, and Atziri speaking fluent Spanish, we expand our care across cultures and better serve our diverse community. Rest assured that whomever you refer to us will receive the same high level of care, attention, and respect that you have come to expect from Family Dental Care of Oak Park.

Dr. James Scapillato



comunicación es una parte fundamental de una atención médica de calidad, y entendemos que hablar sobre inquietudes dentales, opciones de tratamiento, aspectos financieros y necesidades familiares es mucho más fácil cuando la conversación puede realizarse en su idioma de preferencia.

familia. Damos la bienvenida a niños, padres, abuelos y familiares de todas las generaciones. Desde limpiezas de rutina y cuidados preventivos hasta servicios restaurativos y tratamientos especializados, estamos comprometidos a ayudar a cada paciente a lograr una sonrisa saludable.

Si tiene amigos, familiares, vecinos o compañeros de trabajo que se sentirían más cómodos recibiendo atención dental en un entorno donde se habla español, lo invitamos a recomendarles nuestra oficina.

En Family Dental Care of Oak Park, nos sentimos orgullosos de servir a una comunidad diversa y esperamos tener el privilegio de atender a las familias hispanas durante muchas generaciones más.

¡Hablamos español y esperamos darle la bienvenida a nuestra familia dental!

Family Dental Care of Oak Park ha servido con orgullo a nuestra comunidad durante más de 50 años. Durante este tiempo, hemos atendido a múltiples generaciones de familias y hemos construido nuestra práctica sobre una creencia sencilla: todas las personas merecen sentirse cómodas, respetadas y comprendidas al recibir atención dental.

Nos complace compartir que nuestra práctica continúa dando la bienvenida a un número creciente de familias hispanas de Oak Park y las comunidades vecinas. La

Dania, Ivone, Wendy y Atziri hablan español con fluidez y están disponibles para ayudar a los pacientes durante toda su visita. Ya sea que esté programando una cita, haciendo preguntas sobre un tratamiento, consultando beneficios de seguro o simplemente conociendo nuestra oficina, queremos que se sienta seguro, cómodo y bien atendido.

Nuestro objetivo no es únicamente brindar atención dental excepcional, sino también crear un ambiente donde cada paciente se sienta parte de nuestra

A Message from Mr. Plaque

Hello, I'm plaque. Me and more than 600 types of plaque and germs live in your mouth. Thank you for giving us a home. I'm sure Dr. Scapillato has told you about us. We hate floss, toothpaste, mouth wash, water piks, and other dental care products. We especially hate floss as it is the best tool to rid us from your mouth. Flossing is the hardest and most inconvenient tool you can use to combat us, so we're glad when no one flosses.



Hold it there sport. Freddie Floss here. Flossing is not as difficult as you make it out to be. I want to introduce my floss-friends. There's a floss-friend for every patient and every situation. Look out Mr. Plaque, me and my friends are coming for you.

"Hello! I'm Interdental Brush, but my friends call me 'Proxy.' I'm not technically floss, but I'm part of the flossing family. I specialize in cleaning places where regular floss has a hard time reaching. If you have bridges, implants, braces, wider spaces between teeth, or just want extra cleaning power, I'm your helper. Mr. Plaque really doesn't like seeing me coming!"



"Hi, everyone! I'm Floss Pick, and I'm the easy-going member of the Floss Friends family. Some people find traditional floss a little tricky, so I hold the floss for them. No wrapping, no tangling, no fuss. Just grab me and go! I make it easier to reach between teeth and evict pesky plaque from their favorite hiding places."

"Hi! We're the Kid Floss Buddies! We may be small, but we're mighty plaque fighters. We come in bright colors and fun shapes because we know brushing and flossing should be fun. We help children learn healthy habits early, so Mr. Plaque doesn't get too comfortable hanging around."



"Howdy, folks! My name is

Stumpy Stim-U-Dent, and I'm the wooden member of the Plaque Patrol. Don't let my simple appearance fool you. I've been helping people remove plaque and massage their gums for years. I slide gently between teeth and help clean places where food and plaque love to hide."

[Mr. Plaque] Well, this has been a terrible day.

For years, my plaque pals and I have enjoyed living between your teeth, hiding along the gumline, and throwing little food-particle parties where toothbrushes can't always reach. We thought we had it made. I knew I should have moved to somebody else's mouth...



An Escape from the Office



We have been busy in the office. We've seen a high number of new patients and the team has been working at a feverish pace. We had the opportunity to get out for lunch together at Cooper's Hawk in Oak Park.



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Oscar the Elephant

Ivone Loves Buc-ee's

Have you visited Buc-ee's? Buc-ee's is a Texas-based chain of oversized travel centers known for its exceptionally clean restrooms, enormous convenience stores, and wide selection of food, snacks, and merchandise. More than a typical gas station, Buc-ee's has become a destination for travelers, famous for its fresh barbecue, homemade fudge, Beaver Nuggets snack mix, and its iconic beaver mascot. Most Buc-ee's locations have 100 gas pumps. Today, there are 55 Buc-ee's locations across 12 states. The closest one to Oak Park is in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Occasionally, Ivone leaves the office wearing a Buc-ee's T-shirt. One day, she and a patient struck up a conversation about their shared love of Buc-ee's. During the discussion, Ivone mentioned that she was on a mission to collect a T-shirt from every Buc-ee's location she visits. Recently, that same patient returned for a routine six-month checkup and surprised Ivone with

a special gift, a Buc-ee's T-shirt from the Brunswick, Georgia, location. It was a thoughtful gesture and another reminder of the wonderful relationships that develop between our team and the patients we serve.



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