



Note from the Dental Hygienist:

My name is Amy Cleary . I am a Certified Specialist Dental Hygienist. I have recently joined UMASD. I am excited to work with your children to educate and promote healthy dental habits. Throughout the remainder of the school year I will be implementing the Dental Hygiene Services Program in the Upper Merion Area School District to the public and non-public schools. The program plan offers dental health education and dental screenings. I will begin screenings with the elementary schools and complete as many schools as time allows.

#### FACTS ABOUT DENTAL HYGIENIST:

- A dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional licensed in dental hygiene who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.
- After graduation from an accredited college, a licensed dental hygienist must pass a written National examination and a Clinical examination. In order to maintain an active license, a dental hygienist must take board approved continuing education credits every 2 years.
- A dental hygienist is that member of the dental team who is responsible for providing treatment that helps to prevent oral diseases such as cavities and periodontal (gum) disease, and for educating the patient to maintain optimal oral health.
- The dental hygienist is especially knowledgeable about the preventive aspects of dental disease.

I am here to assist in helping you obtain dental care for your student. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at [acleary@umasd.org](mailto:acleary@umasd.org)