



# FORT WORTH PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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## *Happy Holidays 2011!*



**TERRIFIC TEAM:** *Our talented trio of pediatric dentists wishes you--our patients, parents, colleagues, and friends--a happy and healthy holiday season. Dr. Bruce Weiner (center) founded the practice thirty-three years ago. Dr. Janell Plocheck (left) has been with the practice for eleven years. Dr. Nathan West (right) has been an associate of the practice since July.*

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## WELCOME DR. NATHAN WEST

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Dr. Nathan G. West, a 2011 graduate of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's Pediatric Dentistry Program, moved to Fort Worth this summer and joined our office in July.

A former Eagle Scout, Dr. West is a natural with kids and is already a local Boy Scout leader. He has four children, including a newborn daughter who arrived November 28th.

Dr. West completed his undergraduate work at the University of Arizona, majoring in business management and graduating magna cum laude in 2005. He received his dental degree from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2009.

While in San Antonio for two years of specialty training in pediatric dentistry, he conducted research on dental sealants that was published this past summer in *Pediatric Dentistry*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. West, who is fluent in Spanish, lived in Colombia for two years and has participated in dental mission trips to Paraguay, Colombia, and Mexico. While in dental school, he volunteered at a dental clinic in a homeless shelter in Hartford, Connecticut.

He sees patients in the Fort Worth and the Burleson offices and enjoys getting acquainted with Tarrant County.



Anne Ferguson

Dental hygienist **Anne Ferguson's** oldest son, Blake Brogdon, married his high school sweetheart, Lauren Hunt, in August. The couple lives in Manhattan, where she is a law school student and he is a financial software developer. The New York Times wedding section ran a feature story about the couple, who first met in kindergarten!

Office Manager **Sherry Reaves'** 25-year-old daughter, Lauren Williams, a personal banker, married Tyler Jones last April. The couple lives in Rockwall. Sherry's younger daughter, 10-year-old Ally, was a bridesmaid at the wedding. This past October, Ally was crowned Little Miss Arlington through the Miss Arlington Scholarship Organization.

Both Anne and Sherry have been with the office for twenty-eight years.

**Dr. Loria Guiatas**, the pediatric dentist who worked in our office from 2006 through 2010, married Takis Nahatis of Dallas in October. Loria now lives and works in Dallas. She grew up in Fort Worth, was a patient in our practice, and worked part time in the office while she went to college and dental school. Dr. Weiner was her role model and mentor.



Diana Dobson

Hospital Coordinator **Diana Dobson**, who has been with our office for eleven years, sings with several choral ensembles, including her church choir. With the choral group One Purpose, she has had the privilege of singing the national anthem at Texas Rangers baseball games.

**Shalise Coleman**, a full-time dental assistant and a part-time student, is in her senior year at UTA where she is majoring in sociology, psychology, and criminal justice. Shalise, who takes most of her classes in the evening, has been with our office for ten years.



Sherry Reaves



Shalise Coleman

Dental Hygienist **Lisa Englehart**, who joined our office in the summer of 1998, has departed for a career in aca-



Lisa Englehart

demia, teaching full time in the Dental Hygiene Program at Tarrant County College's Northeast Campus. During her thirteen years in our practice, Lisa was the office educator and OSHA coordinator, teaching compliance with the latest state and federal standards. She assisted our clinical staff studying to become Registered Dental Assistants (all passed with flying colors). She enjoyed teaching so much that she went back to school part time and in 2007 received an advanced degree in dental hygiene from Texas Woman's University. She is currently enrolled in a long-distance Master's program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Her additional education qualified her for her dream position at TCC.

**Leticia Ortega**, the practice's Financial Coordinator and School Education Program Coordinator, presents dental health education programs to pre-schoolers and primary-school-age children. "In the past year I've visited over twenty schools and still counting," recalled Leticia who has been with our



Leticia Ortega



Destiny Ortega

practice thirteen years. To arrange a dental program at your child's school, just call the office and ask for Leticia. Leticia's daughter Destiny, who has Cerebral Palsy, plays basketball with the Dallas Junior Wheelchair Mavericks Basketball team. With Destiny's help, the Mavericks won their first prep national championship this season, defeating teams from Oklahoma, Georgia, Alabama, Michigan, California, and Tennessee.

Clinical Coordinator **Heather Bartko** has been with the office seventeen years. Her son, Mitchell, competes on the Burleson Centennial Swim Team, competing in the 100-meter freestyle and 200-meter backstroke as well as team relays. Her daughter, Laura, is a talented artist. The Burleson ISD selected Laura's work to illustrate her school's official recycling sticker.



Heather Bartko



**MEET THE WESTS:** Dr. Nathan West (left) with his family—Keslie, 6, Brennan, 3, Anika, 8, and Brittanie, who on November 28th gave birth to their fourth child, Sawyer Grace.

**Dr. Plocheck** continues her involvement in the dental profession at local, regional, and national levels. She serves on the Examination Committee for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, administering oral boards to pediatric dentists striving to achieve “diplomate” status. Within the ABPD she is also a member of the Renewal of Certification Committee, devising guidelines to insure that board certified pediatric dentists remain current in their field.

At the regional level, Dr. Plocheck lectured members of the Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry about the conversion to digital radiographs in the office. Her talk

was titled *Digital Radiographs: If I Had Only Known Then What I Know Now*. Closer to home, Dr. Plocheck serves on the Technology Committee of the Fort Worth District Dental Society, which recently launched the organization’s website.

Dr. Plocheck’s volunteer work extends to Mayfest, where she is a longtime member of the Central Committee, which oversees aspects of the four-day festival that most people take for granted. This includes everything from setting up tents and trailers to recycling trash. In her spare time, Dr. Plocheck enjoys growing vegetables in her garden and traveling near and far.



*Dr. Janell Plocheck*



*Dr. Bruce Weiner*

**Dr. Weiner** currently serves as the regional representative on the Continuing Education Committee for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. In that capacity, he attends several meetings a year to help keep him and our office up to date with recent developments in the field. His most recent continuing education course was a joint meeting of the AAPD and the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland. The program was titled *Doing the Best for Children: Are We Up to Date?*

Dr. Weiner plans to attend additional continuing education courses in February and March as well as the Annual AAPD meeting in May.

On a personal note, Dr. Weiner is always happy to talk about his three grandsons. The youngest just celebrated his first birthday, the two others are five and eight years old. His wife, Hollace, a writer and historian just completed her fifth book. She was recently honored by the Fort Worth Business Press as a “Great Woman of Texas.”

Fort Worth Pediatric Dentistry is moving into the future with technological advances to streamline your visits:

## Online account system that allows you to log into your family's account

This is an up-to-the-minute, "real time system" rather than one which requires updating overnight. With this new system, parents may do the following:

- Check appointment dates and times
- Change home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and other contact information
- Update insurance data
- Review ledger charges and account balance
- Make online payments

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## Texting and Emailing Appointment Reminders

Appointment reminders are now sent via text message to parents and patients with cell phone numbers. Accounts without cell phones, or those who do not wish to receive text reminders, will receive emails. Both methods allow patients to confirm their appointments with the touch of a button.

## New Computer Charting System

In the near future, we will have a chartless practice. The transition to digital radiography (x-rays) was completed several years ago. Patient dental information will soon be entered into our computer system rather than written on a paper chart.

In the business area, changes include processing credit card payments at each computer terminal. Depending on your preference, the check-out staff will be able to either print or email your receipt. Patients will have the ability to update their childrens' health histories online and have that information loaded directly into their records.



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