# Lung Cancer Awareness Month

## **GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT**

<u>http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/lung</u> <u>http://www.cancer.gov</u> <u>http://www.cancer.gov/espanol</u> <u>http://www.preventionpartners.com/events/great\_american\_smokeout.cfm</u> <u>LiveHelp</u> at <u>http://www.cancer.gov/help</u> Information specialists provide live, online assistance

Two major health effects of cigarette smoking are emphysema and cancer.

Cigarette smoke discolors teeth. It can lead to gum disease and loss of teeth. Tar and nicotine build up on the teeth and tongue can lead to "bad breath."

Smoking can lead to cancer of the mouth, throat, pancreas, cervix, kidney and bladder, and lung cancer

• 8% of middle school students in the USA currently smoke

### Spit Tobacco Warning Signs

Lumps inside the lips, jaw, or neck area

·Difficulty swallowing

Color changes on the inside of the lips

White, smooth, or scaly patches inside the mouth

•A sore or red spot on the gums, lips, tongue or inside the mouth that just won't go away for weeks.

#### **Griffin MS Reminders**

November 11, 2008 Veterans Day Program 8:15 a.m. November 13, Mix It Up at Lunch "Taste the Friendship"

Mrs. P. Dunn, Counselor Grades 8 & 6th Pioneer, ext. 2918 Mrs. D. Hammonds, Counselor Grades 7 & 6th Explorers, ext. 2919

## If you don't smoke, DON'T



(800) 422-6237

NCI's Cancer Information Service (CIS) encourages patients and their families, health professionals, and the **general public** to **call**. They provide up-to-date and accurate information about cancer.

The Information specialists translate the latest scientific information into plain simple language in English or Spanish. Calls to the CIS are confidential and free.

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