



**LIONS FOUNDATION**  
of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario

## Lions Kidsight

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Lions Club wishes to inform you that we will be providing vision screening at West St. Paul School on the following date November 25, 2021.

Members of our Lions Club have been trained in the use of the SPOT Vision Screener and we can screen children, with our main target being kindergarten and grade 1.

The vision screener we use is capable of screening for Myopia (near-sightedness), Hyperopia (far-sightedness) and Anisocoria (pupil size deviation). In addition, Astigmatism (blurred vision), Anisometropia (unequal refractive power) and Strabismus (eye misalignment) which can result in Amblyopia (lazy-eye), The individual screening takes just a few seconds and is performed from a distance of about three feet. There is no physical contact with the child and no eye drops are administered.

All volunteers and children will be wearing face masks during this process.

We will provide a print-out of the results for each child who should receive follow up care from an eye care professional. To have your child participate in this screening you will need to fill out and sign the Parental Consent Form included with this letter.

It is important to understand that it is only a screening and does not constitute an examination or diagnosis of vision problems.

This service is offered free of charge by the Lions Club under the MD5M Lions Kidsight vision screening program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call your child's school.

Sincerely,

Student Services Director and Kidsight Volunteers



*We offer free community screening.*

*We are hands free and follow all health regulations.*

*We are volunteer Lions Members who make a difference in our community.*

According to educational and vision experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if child can't see well, they can't learn well.

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of good vision.



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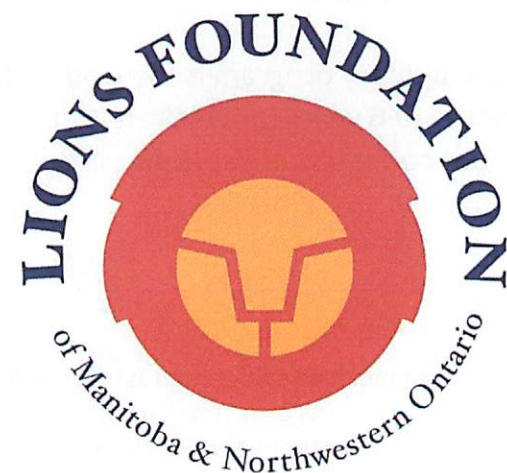


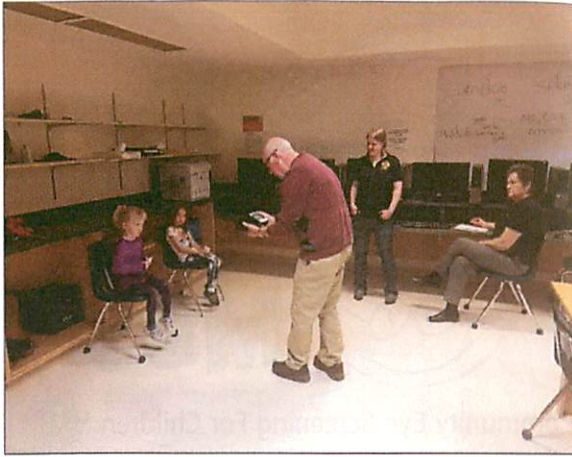
Whenever there is a need, LIONS are there to help.



Goal of Lions Kidsight is to ensure all children have the opportunity to receive free vision screening by Lions Clubs with the focus on younger children.

Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly and succeed in school and society. -Lions Kidsight USA





### ***What is Kidsight?***

It is a free vision-screening project, where Lions Club volunteers thought the district organize and conduct vision-screening sessions in local communities.

The results are provided to the guardian, if the camera detects a vision issue you are encouraged to take the results to a local optometrist.

This voluntary program is focused on 6 months to 6 years (or children that cannot communicate specific vision problems).

\*The screening device does not test for adult eye diseases such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, or other vision issues which adults may be at risk for.

### ***Why should my child be screened?***

A child's vision should be checked yearly for conditions such as: misaligned eyes, cataracts, and problems that need correction with eyeglasses.

These problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Each day that eye problems go undetected and untreated, a child's vision may deteriorate to the point of irreversibility.

The earlier these conditions are detected, the more easily and successfully they can be treated.

### ***Working hand in hand with our local optometrists...***

This screening does not replace seeing your optometrist. It is used as a means to identify kids with potential vision issues acquired between visits and to encourage guardians to seek professional attention for children who are referred from our program.

The screening device detects risk factors, such as strabismus (eyes that cross or wonder out) or refractive errors (the need for glasses) as well as additional vision issues, which can be found in children at an early age.

***Can't See....***

***Hard to learn....***

### ***How the vision screening is done....***

It is as simple as having your child's picture taken. Local Lions Club volunteers are trained to use a special camera (SPOT scanner) which takes an image of your child's eyes to detect potential eye problems.

If your child is recommended for a follow-up exam by an optometrist, we suggest you bring the Kidsight print-out provided.

### ***No insurance....no problem.....***

Did you know your child can have a free eye exam done by a professional optometrist?

Manitoba: Under the age of 18 yrs – once every 2 years

Northwestern Ontario: Under the age of 20 yrs-annual eye exam

Does your child need glasses or other adaptive requirements? Please reach out to your local Lions Club or Lions Foundation if you require assistance with fees.