

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools recognizes the important links between vision, eye health and learning. That's why we are proud to support the Eye See...Eye Learn® program, developed by the Alberta Association of Optometrists. Through Eye See...Eye Learn®, Doctors of Optometry correct vision and diagnose, treat and prevent eye health problems in children as they enter the school system.

**Your child's eye exam with a Doctor of Optometry is covered by Alberta Health Care. This program takes it one step further by providing free eyeglasses to kindergarten students who need a prescription.**

Why it's important:

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem, and more than 43% of children who have a vision or eye health problem can pass a basic vision screening or sight test.
- It's not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, however these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having a learning or behavioural disability.
- The earlier an eye health or vision problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.

How you can participate:

- Read the attached brochure.
- Book an eye exam for your child with your Doctor of Optometry.
- Make annual eye exams a part of your child's health checklist.

If your family does not have a Doctor of Optometry, please visit [www.optometrists.ab.ca](http://www.optometrists.ab.ca) and click on the "Find an Optometrist" link.

Please contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists with any questions at 1-800-272-8843 or email [esel@optometrists.ab.ca](mailto:esel@optometrists.ab.ca)

Thank you for helping us ensure your children reach their full potential!

Sincerely,



Superintendent