



March 4, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hanover School Division is once again partnering with The Lions Club to offer vision screening to all students in Grades 1 and 5. The program is very similar to the hearing screening we conduct in the fall every year.

Members of The Lions Club have been trained in the use of the SPOT Vision Screener and will use this tool to screen children in all HSD Grade 1 and Grade 5 classrooms. The vision screener they 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. The individual conducting the screening will provide a print-out of the results for each child for whom a follow-up appointment is recommended with an eye care professional. If you would prefer to have your child "opt-out" of the screening assessment, please notify your child's teacher within the next few days. It is important to understand that it is only a screening and does not constitute an examination or diagnosis of vision problems.

Your school screening day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12. This service is offered free of charge by the Lions Club under the MD5M Lions Kidsight vision screening program. The school will also provide you with a brochure which provides more information for you.

If you have any questions, please call your child's school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'C Thiessen'.

Corinne Thiessen
Student Services Administrator
Hanover School Division



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