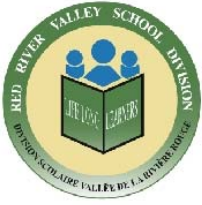


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Dear Parents/Guardians:

With its ongoing commitment to provide the best opportunities for students to achieve success, the Red River Valley School Division is pleased to support the **Eye See...Eye Learn** program. This program was developed by the Canadian Association of Optometrists with support from Alberta Education.

**Eye See...Eye Learn** is based on research that confirms the importance of vision and eye health on a student's success in learning. According to statistics provided by the Canadian Association of Optometrists, four out of every ten school-aged children have a vision problem that may negatively affect learning. Children who cannot see the board clearly, focus on a picture, or follow words in a book may not be able to reach their full potential. Near or far-sightedness, poor eye tracking, focusing or coordination, or amblyopia (sometimes called "lazy eye") are examples where early diagnosis can prevent future or more complex vision problems.

Even though Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's comprehensive eye examinations, less than twenty per cent of children access this **free** service before they begin school. The Red River Valley School Division recognizes the important link between eye health and learning, and recommends comprehensive eye health examinations for all children entering kindergarten.

**When your child does receive a comprehensive eye health examination, please request that your eye doctor complete the enclosed form and return the pink copy to your child's teacher.**

If you don't currently have a family optometrist, you can find one by going to the MAO website at <http://optometrists.mb.ca/find-an-optometrist.cfm> and selecting **Find an Optometrist**, or call the Manitoba Association of Optometrists @ 204-943-9811.

Sincerely,

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*That each of us will be life long learners*