



Washington Primary School
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Mrs. Emily Judd
Principal

ANNUAL VISION SCREENERING

October 11, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As required by State regulations students in kindergarten, grade one, and three through five participate in annual vision screening by the school nurse using a Snellen chart. The Brookfield Lions Club has reached out to us regarding their program of pediatric eye screening (KidSight Program) which recently gained endorsement of the CT State legislature. In addition to the Snellen chart, our school has elected to participate in the KidSight screening program enhancing our screening procedures. At Washington Primary School the Reach, and kindergarten through fifth grade will participate in this screening on October 30th under the supervision of the school nurse.

The Kidsight program is based on the use of a state of the art PediaVision SPOT Screening Equipment. The PediaVision equipment has been evaluated by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is more sophisticated than the Snellen chart (which dates from the 1860's). It screens for eye abnormalities.

The information obtained from the vision screening is preliminary only, and does not constitute a complete eye exam or diagnosis. You will receive a printed report of the results including a recommendation referring the student to an eye doctor, if appropriate.

Attached is a letter from the Brookfield Lions Club with more information regarding the screening equipment, eye abnormalities that it screens for, how screening is performed, and information obtained.

We are excited to form this partnership with the Lions Club who initiated their Eye Health Program in 2009. They have screened tens of thousands of children throughout Connecticut and referred thousands for follow up with a doctor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 860-868-6879.

Sincerely,

Patricia Howard, RN, BSN
School Nurse

Washington Primary School Mission Statement

Washington Primary School is a learning community dedicated to educating and inspiring children. We foster engagement and collaboration to achieve high expectations. In partnership with families and our community, we prepare children to be respectful, caring, and contributing citizens who will lead us into the future.



THE BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB
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Pediatric Vision Screening

The **Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation** through the **Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)** is continuing its program of pediatric eye screening (**KidSight**) which recently gained the endorsement of the CT State legislature and the Governor.

Through this program local Lions conduct eye screenings on pre-school and school aged children throughout Connecticut. The program starts with children enrolled in Head Start programs, nursery schools and other public, pre-school, kindergarten and Gr 1 programs. Your child's school has elected to participate, with supervision of school nurse. Higher grades may also be tested as required by state law. **At Washington Primary School the Reach, and kindergarten thru fifth grade students will participate in this screening on October 30th.**

The program is based on the use of a state of the art **PediaVision SPOT VS100** Screening Equipment. Since the program was initiated in 2009 tens of thousands of children have been screened throughout Connecticut and thousands referred for follow up with a doctor. About 10-15% of those screened are referred.

The **PediaVision** equipment has been evaluated by the American Association of Pediatrics and is more sophisticated than the old "E" eye chart (which dates from the 1860's). It screens for such eye abnormalities as:

Astigmatism: irregularly shaped corneas or lenses

Myopia: nearsightedness

Hyperopia: farsightedness

Strabismus: misalignment of the eyes

Anisometropia: unequal refractive power

Anisocoria: pupil size anomalies

1. The **PediaVision** equipment operates like a camera, with a built-in keypad and display for entering the child's name, gender and date of birth. It comes with a wireless printer for printing results.
2. Screening is done at a distance of about 3 feet from the patient, without physical contact between the subject and screener. A faculty member is present. No eye drops are administered. Testing takes 2-5 minutes per student.
3. The information obtained from this vision screening is preliminary only, and does not constitute a complete exam or diagnosis. Parents receive a printed report of the results including a recommendation referring the student to an eye doctor, if appropriate. .
4. It is recommended that children who have been screened in a prior year get screened again for changes in their condition.