



The Eye See...Eye Learn® program focuses on the prevention, early detection and management of eye and vision problems.

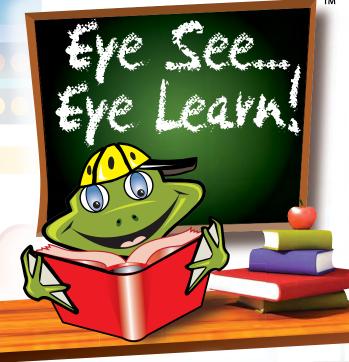
For more information visit: healthpei.ca/eyesee-eyelearn

Contact your Doctor of Optometry or visit www.peioptometrists.ca to find one near you.

## **Health** PEI

One Island Health System





# How well can your child see?

Eye See...Eye Learn®

An eye health and vision awareness program for kindergarten children

## **Health PEI**

One Island Health System

### Good eyesight is critical to learning.

To ensure children get the best start in their education, the *Eye See...Eye Learn*® program provides a free eye exam and a free pair of glasses, if needed, to Island kindergarten students.

- Children entering or currently enrolled in Kindergarten are eligible from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of that school year.
- Call your Doctor of Optometry to book your child's appointment for an eye exam. If you don't have one, visit www.peioptometrists.ca to find one.
- Bring your child's health card to the appointment.
- Those with private health insurance may have to pay up-front and be reimbursed based on the individual's policy coverage.

Government and Health PEI are pleased to partner with the PEI Association of Optometrists and eyewear sponsors, VisionTech Labs PEI and Viva Canada, to offer this program.

#### Vision and Learning

- 80 percent of classroom learning is done through the eyes
- 1 in 4 children have some form of vision problem
- Children rarely complain of vision problems or are even aware of them
- Children with vision problems often find it difficult to focus on their work and may be misdiagnosed as having a learning or behavioural disability
- Good vision is vital to developing skills such reading, copying, and hand-eye coordination

Regular eye examinations with a Doctor of Optometry can identify health problems and conditions such as a turned or lazy eye. These conditions may be treated successfully if they are treated early in a child's life. It is recommended that infants should have their first eye exam at six months of age.



