



# Bruce Middle School

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**Dear Parent/Guardian:**

As part of our commitment to provide the best opportunities for students to achieve success, Bruce Middle School has partnered with **Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC)** to provide complete vision care for all students at Bruce Middle School.

Surprisingly, one in three children entering school has a vision disorder. Many of these children accept poor vision and other eye problems because they are unaware that their vision is not the same as that of other children. The Canadian Association of Optometrists recommends that children receive a complete eye examination, by an optometrist, every 12 months after starting school.

An optometrist, licensed optician, optometric assistants, and eyeglass specialist(s) will attend our school to provide comprehensive eye exams for students and provide them with glasses, if required. Dilation will only be administered on an as needed basis, to be determined by the optometrist- please see the attached Dilating Eye Drops Information Sheet for more information. Parents will receive a letter from the MVCC after the eye exam to share any pertinent information.

Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's eye exams and direct billing will be done by the Mobile Vision Care Clinic staff. For some students, eyeglasses may be covered through 3rd party insurance such as Employment Income Assistance (EIA), Non-Insured Health Benefits (Status) or a 3rd party insurance company. Funds are also being donated and raised for families who have no 3rd party coverage and are not in a position to afford the cost of prescription eyeglasses.

If your child requires glasses, they will be delivered to your child's school. Eyeglass delivery will take place approximately 3 weeks after MVCC has been at the school. Additionally, if your child is identified as having a visual impairment, he or she will be referred to the appropriate specialist.

***In order to have your child's eyes examined by the Optometrist, you will need to complete the attached Eye Examination Consent Form.*** Consent covers eye examinations (covered by Manitoba Health) for your child while their LRSD registration is current. Please complete **one form per child**, in full, and return it to the school immediately.

If you require any further information, please contact the school.



**Mobile Vision Care Clinic**