

Stouffville Lions Club provides vision screening for local kids

In January, members of the Stouffville Lions Club visited local public schools to offer vision testing for students.

The screening program, which is run by trained volunteers, uses a series of simple tests to identify

potential problems, and the results are given to parents or guardians for follow-up with a specialist. In its first year of operation, the program resulted in more than 700 referrals to optometrists, and both

teachers and school boards have been very supportive.

Statistics show that one in five children has amblyopia, or lazy eye, which results in double vision. The condition can be successfully treated, often just with the use of an

eye patch, but if it is not diagnosed early, it may become incurable.

The tests are carried out in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and all results are confidential.



Kate Gilderdale / Stouffville This Month

Lion Doug Watson is flanked by Michael Vizl and James Merksamer, two students at St. Brigid Catholic School. The youngsters recently participated in the Stouffville Lions Vision program, which offers free screening at local schools. Below, Lianna Metauro gets her eyesight checked out by Lion Nancy Boll.



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