

From Kaiden's Mom:

"This is my son Kaiden. He is 6 years old. After the Christmas break, the Lions Club came to his school to do eye screenings. They sent a letter home stating that he had failed the screening. There had been no indication up to this point that he had any issues with his vision. He reads extremely well (above his grade level) and was not having any issues at school. A few days later his teacher followed up with me to make sure that I had seen the letter. I told her that I had, but that I felt like Kaiden had to have been being silly because there was nothing wrong with his vision. His teacher stated that she would have agreed with me, except they used the machine and didn't ask the kids any sort of questions. I called and made an eye appointment just to be safe. When we took him to the appointment we discovered that he has amblyopia. The reason we did not notice was because he does not have the traditional symptoms of "lazy eye"; however, the nerves and muscles that connect his eye to his brain did not finish developing and his brain basically completely ignored his left eye. They told us he could not see 3D movies and that he had no depth perception. This information made some of his behaviors (extreme fear of heights and scooting down stairs instead of walking down them) make so much sense. At that appointment the best they could get his vision with corrective lenses was 20/60. We got glasses and were told to patch his stronger eye for 2 hours every other day for 12 weeks. When we went back for the follow up, they were able to get his vision to 20/30 and they changed his prescription. They want us to continue to patch his strong eye every other day for 2 hours until he turns 7 in January. The doctor said you lose the ability to manipulate the muscles after they turn 7. They are hoping to get his vision to 20/20 with his glasses when we go back again after his birthday. He will always have to wear glasses. His extreme fear of heights has lessened considerably and now he walks down stairs as one should. I am so thankful that The Lions Club does these screenings in schools. If it had not been for your screening, I'm not sure how long it would have taken for someone to notice that he had issues with his eyes. I am also thankful that they do these screenings at the Kindergarten level since the eye is far more adaptable prior to them turning 7 years old. Thanks again for all you do and for making sure that my baby can see!"



Kaiden

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