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PRESERVING CHILDREN'S VISION

One in twenty preschool children has a vision problem. Yet, according to the vision organization Prevent Blindness America, about two out of three children in the United States do not receive critical eye services before they reach the age of six years. Because vision plays an important role in learning, eye disorders can exert an adverse impact on future school performance. For this reason, children should undergo a certified vision screening or eye exam to detect any serious vision problems. With this in mind, children should have their vision checked at infancy, then again at six months, three years, and five years, with follow-ups as needed. Many children's vision problems can be successfully treated if detected early.

Vision is a set of skills and abilities of which 20/20 eyesight is only one. Other necessary skills include two-eyed coordination, focusing, eye movements, and tracking. Because young children know only what they see and not what they are supposed to see, it is important for parents to schedule routine eye exams. At PRATT OPTICAL, we use the latest diagnostic methods to perform comprehensive eye health examinations for the entire family. Please call us at 477-8000 to schedule an appointment. Our office is located at 55 Mayflower Way. Business hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00am-6:00pm and Sat, 8:00am-1:00pm.

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be at the High School all week from 10-5.
P.S. If your young child consistently holds a book too close or closes one eye to read, have his or her vision tested as soon as possible.

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