



# Behind Your Eyes

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## Active Children, Lazy Eye

Most parents worry about the health of their children, including their eyesight. It is very important to make sure that your young child has good vision in both eyes because of a phenomenon called amblyopia. "Amblyopia," or as most people know it "lazy eye," develops in children who do not have good vision in one of their eyes for a variety of reasons. An eye can be "lazy" and still be straight and look normal which is why elementary schools and pediatricians' offices screen children's vision every year.

When one eye does not see as clearly as the other, a child's brain will shut down the poorer seeing eye. These connections to the brain are permanently lost if amblyopia is not caught and treated before age 7 or 8.

Amblyopia can develop from a child's eye being crossed in or out, a large difference in nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism between eyes, or if the eye is blocked from seeing out such as from a large birthmark. Fortunately, while the child is still young and his/her brain is still flexible, amblyopia is treatable. By treating the reason that the weak eye cannot see well, amblyopia can be prevented. Those children who fail a vision screening and show signs of lazy eye need a full examination by a qualified ophthalmologist. An ophthalmologist can either prescribe glasses, straighten the eyes with muscle surgery, patch the better seeing eye, or all three to try to treat the amblyopia.

## EYE TO EYE FOCUS

Please welcome our newest member of the Eye to Eye family: Deb. Deb is a part of the front desk staff. She is the first one to greet you as you come in to our office. She makes appointments, checks patients in and out, and makes sure all of your insurance information and referrals are ready for your visit.

Deb is a local! She was born and raised in the West Grove area. She is married and has one grown son (Jeff) who just got married in July. Before joining us, she worked as a legislative aide to Domenic Pileggi. Before that she worked as an administrative assistant to the vice president of Lincoln University. Of note, Deb is also a notary public.



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## In the News...

Please come out to the West Chester YMCA on Airport Road on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 2 PM to cheer on Dr. Luscavage. She will be riding in the second annual YMCA benefit bike ride which benefits the Good Kids campaign.

Eye to Eye will be performing complimentary glaucoma screenings for the community at the West Chester Senior Center on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please stop by!

Eye to Eye is holding their second annual tomato sale to benefit the Chester County SPCA. We will match all funds raised from the sale. Our organic beefsteak tomatoes are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. Good for you and good for the animals! Also on sale for the SPCA are daffodil bulbs straight from Dr. Luscavage's garden. You can plant them now and have beautiful pale yellow flowers by the spring. They are \$1.00 a bag.

### **Important Phone Numbers &**

#### **Resources**

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