



Jackson Hole Lions Club
Hearing and Sight Program
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Students attending Teton County Schools and private schools will benefit from hearing and vision equipment donated by the Jackson Hole Lions Club. The Teton County School District School Nursing Staff in Partnership with the Lions Club worked together over the summer break under Covid conditions to determine testing needs.

Esther Ellis, School Nurse, engaged with Lions to share information describing their incredible workload of testing some 1200 students in a short time as students return for the fall session. Esther and her Nursing Team test grades K, 1, 3, 6 and 9th annually, in addition to retesting, new student tests and special requests from students, teachers or parents. “It’s an ongoing, continuous task,” said Ellis. Equipment on hand was limited, old, and shared amongst the nine schools located across the county at schools in Moran, Alta, Jackson and Munger. “Older equipment combined with limited number of machines made the testing workload more challenging and stressful” said Ellis.



Lions Dorothy Neckels and Michael Schrotz present a hearing test machine to Esther Ellis, School Nurse.

The Jackson Hole Lions Club, all volunteer members, stress that students who can’t see or can’t hear will not do well in school, and without good solid schooling as that provided in our community, the student will be at a disadvantage for the rest of their lives. Lions took the challenge and purchased three new GSI-39 test machines for the School District. Two years ago, the JH Lions donated four eye-screening machines to the schools, again to help the Nursing Team give students the best chance of doing well in school.

Lions Club President Dorothy Neckels said that this Covid year has been tough on all businesses, students, hospital and emergency workers, restaurants and volunteer groups. “We count on the revenue from our pancake breakfasts on July 4th and at the Teton County Fair in order to make donations such as this hearing equipment, and those events did not happen this year. We just have to remain healthy, be innovative, and explore new ways to raise funds for these community projects. The Lions motto is “We Serve” and we will continue to do just that.”

Together, the Nursing Team, students, teachers, and the Jackson Hole Lions continue our work to give our students the best opportunity to learn in their young life.

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