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### **La Petite Academy Partners with Lions Club to Offer Free Vision Testing for Kids**

AURORA, Colo., April 9, 2010 – In honor of Week of the Young Child, La Petite Academy of Aurora has partnered with the local Lions Club to offer free vision testing for children. The event will take place at the academy – located at 17001 E. Iliff Ave. – on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

“Vision is closely linked to the learning process,” said Freedom Passarelli, academy director. “As child advocates, we know that many students may not complain of vision problems because they don’t know any better. So we are honored to partner with the Lions Club and bring this testing to the community free of charge.”

Appointments are not necessary and local families are encouraged to participate.

Week of the Young Child takes place April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and was created by the National Association for the Education of Young Children to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Some groups – such as La Petite Academy – generate so much enthusiasm and support that they celebrate the Month of the Young Child. To learn more, please visit <http://www.naeyc.org/about/woyc/>.

**What:**

Free Vision Testing at La Petite Academy of Aurora

**Who:**

Local families with children of all ages

**When:**

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Where:**

La Petite Academy; 17001 E. Iliff Ave., Aurora; (303) 671-8868

**About La Petite Academy**

Headquartered in Novi, Mich., La Petite Academy, Inc. is a leader in early childhood education with more than 550 schools in 36 states and the District of Columbia. Its *Journey*® curriculum takes a total approach to learning, focusing on six areas of development, including Language, Cognitive, Socio-Emotional, Physical, Creativity-Arts and Character Building. Each program is based on age-appropriate learning objectives and is designed to keep children on the right pace for their development. For more information on La Petite Academy or to find a school in your area, please visit [www.lapetite.com](http://www.lapetite.com).

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