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## Solar Eclipse Means Great Lessons In KCPS

*Schools get safety glasses, special curriculum and treats for the historic occasion*

**Kansas City, Aug. 16, 2017:** Kansas City Public Schools is going to use the darkening of the sun to enlighten young minds.

Kansas City residents will have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience a solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21. Schools across KCPS will be in session that day and will turn this historic scientific event into a unique learning opportunity.

Deputy Superintendent Marla Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Trinity Davis and their academic team have provided several resources for schools to use during the solar eclipse, including certified safety glasses for every student and staff member. Classes have also been provided with a special grade-appropriate curriculum to guide lessons that day, plus MoonPie treats to celebrate the event.

"We're all extremely excited about the eclipse and the chance to help our students experience real-world science," Dr. Sheppard said. "The best lessons are often hands on, and this event is a great example of how our educators are thinking outside the box to guide our students."

KCPS is encouraging all parents to make sure their children are at school and ready to learn on Aug. 21. Residents are also encouraged to enjoy this incredible solar eclipse, but it is very important to get a certified solar filter or viewer and to follow the device instructions while viewing the eclipse. To learn more about how to stay safe during the eclipse, visit the NASA webpage devoted to this topic at [eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety).