



Friday, March 29, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, a solar eclipse will pass over North America on Monday, April 8, 2024. Classes will be in session that day on regular schedule. We will be taking measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff on that day. The district will be providing a pair of safe solar viewing glasses for each student for use on that day. We will be discussing with students the safety risks associated with viewing an eclipse. We would appreciate your help in getting ready for that day.

Since our scheduled spring break is the week before the eclipse, we are asking that you spend some time talking with your student(s) about the importance of wearing the safety glasses when viewing the eclipse and the importance of not looking directly at the sun.

Below are two resources that can help.

1. NASA has a comprehensive website full of information about the eclipse, including when and where the eclipse will be seen in our area and how to protect yourself from any harm that can be caused by the eclipse. According to the NASA eclipse explorer, the eclipse will be closest to totality at about 3:08 p.m. for Madison County.

www.nasa.gov/eclipses

2. GreatAmericanEclipse.com provides information, maps, photos, and other resources related to solar eclipses.

www.greatamericaneclipse.com

Thank you for your help in communicating this important information to our students. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing spring break week. We look forward to finishing this school year together when we return to school on April 8. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.