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Dear Eisenhower Elementary Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, New Jersey will have a partial solar eclipse. It is predicted to begin at 2:09 PM and conclude at 4:35 PM. Maximum darkness is said to occur at 3:24 PM. The timing coincides with our after school dismissal.

Students will be instructed by their teachers on what eclipses are and eclipse safety. As part of our instruction, we are reminding students not to look directly at the sun during the eclipse without proper eye protection. Each student will receive solar eclipse glasses or a viewer, which were given to us by a generous donor. The glasses will be sent home the day of the eclipse, should you wish to experience this event with your child. Please note that the school will not be providing the opportunity to view the eclipse during the school day. Please speak with your child and remind them of the dangers of looking at the sun without protective eyewear; even during the lower light levels of the eclipse, eye damage is still possible from prolonged, unprotected viewing of the sun.

For further information, you may view NASA's website found <u>HERE</u>, regarding the solar eclipse and eye safety.

Thank you,

Dale J. Rubino

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