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Greetings!

We are excited about the upcoming Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21 and want to share the experience with our students in the safest way possible. All students at RES will receive grade level appropriate instruction about the solar eclipse, and will have the opportunity to watch the live feed being broadcast from NASA's website. The entire event starts at 11:39 a.m. and will end at 2:38 p.m. Teachers will show the live feed of the eclipse during its peak time at about 1:08 p.m. We will have indoor recess for all grade levels on Monday and blinds will be lowered in classrooms during the eclipse event.

While viewing the eclipse outdoors is a fascinating experience, it comes with some serious safety risks, especially with young children. As with any event causing such national attention, the availability of eclipse glasses is limited. Many of the approved vendors are sold out or have raised the price significantly. Watching the eclipse during the live feed from NASA will ensure that all of our students experience the event from the safety of the classroom.

If you want to experience the event with your child, you are welcome to check them out of school during that time.

Below are several useful resources about the Solar Eclipse.

[Remaining safe is key](#) for an enjoyable eclipse experience:

- [The Exploratorium offers a collection of videos on safe eclipse viewing](#), including many tips and tools that are accessible for teachers and can make the eclipse viewable by groups of students.
- [NASA'S Eclipse FAQ site](#) offers some great safety and science information including tips for teachers interested in getting eclipse-viewing glasses for their students. All eclipse-viewing glasses should be certified ISO 12312-2 international standard.

Live streaming from the path of totality:

- For four hours surrounding the eclipse, NASA will host an [Eclipse Megacast](#) providing unique broadcast coverage across multiple sites across the country. This is a hosted and narrated experience that will offer students interaction with scientists via social media.
- [The Exploratorium](#) will be filming the event from two different locations and live streaming it globally, [including one stream with no narration](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office or your classroom teacher.

Respectfully,

Becky Wilder
RES Principal