



SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

Ensuring Student Success

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Dear Hale Families,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North and Central America creating a path of totality. During a total solar eclipse, the Moon completely blocks the Sun while it passes between the Sun and Earth. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

The Schaumburg area will not experience a total eclipse but rather a partial eclipse around 1:50-2:10 p.m. Hale is planning a viewing opportunity to allow students to experience this unique event.

Safety is always a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures to make this experience safe and enjoyable. **It is not safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing.** Solar eclipse glasses will be provided for all students and staff participating in the viewing on April 8, 2024. Additionally, a **parent/guardian signature is required by Monday, April 1, 2024.** Students who do not participate in the solar eclipse event will participate in an alternate activity inside the school during the eclipse.

We look forward to this peak learning moment with our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Brian Kaszewicz

For more information, please visit:

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety/>

Parent/Guardian Consent: April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse Viewing

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

_____ Yes, my child can participate in viewing the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. I understand that there are risks associated with viewing, if my child looks directly at the sun.

_____ No, my child cannot participate in the live solar eclipse viewing on April 8, 2024.

Parent Signature: _____