

Randolph Public Schools

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Dear Randolph Community,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Randolph will be one of several communities that will experience a Solar Eclipse, a rare astronomical event when the sky darkens as the moon covers the sun. The eclipse will begin around 2pm and continue for 2 and 1/2 hours. The timing of the eclipse coincides with dismissal at all of our schools. It is important that, as a community, we share in educating students on the wonder and risks associated with a solar eclipse.

Eclipse safely tips:

- Do not look directly at the eclipse.
- If you choose to watch the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with your eyes, which happens before and after totality, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times.
- Regular sunglasses do NOT provide adequate eye protection, and without proper eclipse glasses, eye damage can occur.

If parents are concerned about the potential risks associated with a solar eclipse, students may be dismissed early with no penalty. After school athletic activities have been moved to indoor locations during the time of the eclipse.

This natural phenomenon provides an excellent opportunity for all of us to learn about astronomy, the solar system, and the importance of eye safety during celestial events. See the links below for educational information. In addition, the Turner Free Library has some fun eclipse related activities and eclipse viewing glasses available for library card holders. <https://www.turnerfreelibrary.org/eclipse-2024>

Eclipse Resources

[What is a Solar Eclipse?](#)

[Museum of Science Soal Eclipse Information](#)

This [short video](#) may be helpful for you and your family to review.

With Randolph pride,

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