



April 2, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach April 8, 2024, I am excited to inform you about a rare and exhilarating astronomical event that will provide our students with a remarkable learning opportunity. A solar eclipse will occur, offering a unique chance for our students to delve into the Science of the eclipse, exploring concepts of astronomy, space, and the marvels of the natural world.

To ensure the safety and enrich the educational experience of this event, our district has procured protective glasses for all students and staff. These glasses will safeguard their eyes during dismissal and with any direct observation of the eclipse, allowing for a safe experience.

In alignment with our commitment to student safety, there will be no outdoor activities scheduled on April 8 until the evening. Instead, our focus will be on indoor educational activities related to the eclipse. However, if any parents feel uncomfortable sending their child to school on this day, rest assured that they will not be academically penalized for their absence. Students will have a chance to make up any work and may have an option to complete some of it at home.

Furthermore, to support your understanding of the eclipse and its educational significance, I encourage you to review the comprehensive resource guide developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). This guide covers essential information on eye safety, viewing methods, educational activities, and more. It is available on PDE's website and can be accessed at <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/SolarEclipse/Pages/default.aspx>.

As we eagerly anticipate this celestial event, I am confident that our students will gain valuable insights and foster a deeper appreciation for the wonders of science and the universe. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our students' curiosity and learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul M. Brennan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr. Paul M. Brennan  
Superintendent of Schools  
Riverside School District