

Goldsmith Elementary School

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Dear Goldsmith Parent:

The August 21 total solar eclipse will be a rare historic and scientific event. Our classroom teachers will be instructing students on this natural phenomenon, and we have plans to view the experience outside.

It is important to consider safety when viewing the eclipse. The light from the sun can damage your eyes if you look directly at it, so during an eclipse it is important to wear special safety glasses. The school has ordered safety glasses and teachers will be instructing the students on how to use them. It will be of utmost importance that the students follow instructions regarding keeping the glasses on viewing experience.

According to <http://www.weather.gov>: "On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will track from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The shadow of the moon will track over parts of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. The total eclipse will begin near Newport, Oregon at 1:16 PM EDT and will end near Charleston, South Carolina at 2:48 PM EDT. A partial eclipse will occur for the rest of the United States. The next total eclipse that can be seen from a large portion of the United States will not occur until 2024. The next total eclipse that can be seen from the west coast to the east coast will be in 2045. "

Only students who have returned the permission slips will be allowed to experience the eclipse outside.

If you do not want your student to participate in this experience, simply do not sign the permission slip. Students will still be able to learn about the eclipse from classroom activities and TV or streaming.

Families who keep students home during the eclipse or travel south for a better view may fill out an Educational Enhancement form (available at school) and the absence will be excused. This form is due on Friday, August 18.

JCPS Middle and High Schools plan to delay dismissal. Elementary schools will not delay dismissal, however be aware that buses may be behind schedule due to the Middle and High School runs.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Renner, Ed.D.

Principal

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