

Dear Parents,

On August 21, 2017, Marionville will be in the path of a total solar eclipse. This event is being called "The Great American Solar Eclipse," because it is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. Marionville is one of the cities in the path of the eclipse. The times of viewing the event are estimated to be from 11:43 a.m. til 2:40 p.m. Note: (1:12 p.m. will be when the eclipse is at its max for the city of Marionville). Planning is already underway to ensure our students can experience this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Without a doubt safety is always a top priority. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to look at the eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun unless they are wearing their eclipse-safe viewing glasses. The district has purchased these eclipse-safe viewing glasses for students and staff.

Because of safety concerns, permission forms will be given out when school starts. The form will have to be returned by August 21, 2017 in order for students to participate using the eclipse glasses.

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