



April 4, 2024

Dear DC Public Schools Parents and Families,

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), we are committed to providing joyful learning experiences in a safe, nurturing environment. Communicating home about events that impact our school communities is critical to maintaining strong partnerships with families.

On Monday, April 8, the partial solar eclipse will take place over DC between 2:04 and 4:32 p.m. While this is an exciting event, I also want to share how our schools will ensure student safety during this event.

Schools may permit students to view the eclipse only if they have the appropriate glasses or use an indirect viewing method. Schools will ensure that students are closely supervised during eclipse viewing to ensure that they follow safe viewing practices. Schools will have alternative activities available in the event that you do not want your child to participate in eclipse-viewing activities.

I want to assure our families that DCPS staff will take appropriate precautions to ensure that students who participate in any activities to view the eclipse do so with proper eye protection and close monitoring.

For more information on the upcoming eclipse, including additional safety tips, please visit science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024.

The safety and well-being of our students is paramount. If you have questions about specific eclipse activities at your child's school, including opting your child out of any viewing activities, please contact their school directly. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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