



Dear Parents,

On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will be visible from the United States.

This is a very unique learning experience for our students. Our teachers have been teaching them about this special phenomena and its effect on our eyes.

At Riverside Academy, safety is our first concern. Our elementary school has purchased accredited solar viewing glasses from the American Paper Optics to aid in viewing this eclipse for 1st-5th grades. We have enough glasses for our lower school students to go outside one class at a time. Permission slips were sent home yesterday, August 17th and must be signed and returned for your student to participate. Any parent who wishes for their child to stay inside during their class's viewing time, please make note on the permission slip.

It is extremely important your children know the severity of looking at the sun and solar eclipse without the safety of the accredited viewing glasses. We ask that you please discuss at home with your child the importance of this matter and that they DO NOT look at the solar eclipse without the proper protection. Riverside Academy will also discuss with our students Monday the safety of their vision.

Jr. High and High school students will be at lunch during the time of the eclipse as well as walking to and from classes. We urge our parents and students to understand how important it is to NOT LOOK AT THE SUN. Students are asked to stay in the cafeteria or in the gym during their lunch period.

Riverside Academy cannot guarantee your child will not remove their glasses or look directly into the sun. Our elementary students will be highly monitored during their class's time to view the eclipse. They will also have recess and P.E. inside. For our Jr. High and High School students, they must be responsible for their own safety as we cannot monitor each student outside during this time.

According to weather experts, Monday will be cloudy here in Reserve possibly causing a limited view of the eclipse. The eclipse will start at 11:57 am, with full viewing at 1:29 pm and will end at 2:57pm.

Thanks you for your concern in this most important matter.

Michael Coburn, Principal