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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Roslyn Families,

On the afternoon of Monday, April 8, 2024, much of New York State will witness a solar eclipse, which happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to educate our students on the cycles of celestial motion, but the number-one priority when viewing a total solar eclipse is safety. During its duration (occurring in our area between 2:12PM—4:37PM) it is not safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection. I encourage you to review NASA's guidance for safe viewing, as well as their recommendations for eye protection from reputable vendors. [Click here for the NASA website](#). It is my hope that the information on their website will help you manage this experience with your child(ren) in a safe, responsible manner, leaving you to marvel at the wonder of it.

Our science department is busy planning exciting lessons to coincide with the eclipse, but since it is happening primarily after school and during dismissal times, it's important to note that the district will not be able to provide protective eyewear, as we are unable to supervise their use safely.

As it applies to afternoon athletics, Athletic Director Dr. Brostowski will communicate any changes and/or cancellations that will need to take place to ensure the safety of our student athletes and spectators.

In the meantime, I want to wish everyone a happy spring, and extend warm wishes for a restful and joyful holiday recess!

Sincerely,

Allison Brown
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