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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for an extraordinary celestial event, we wanted to reach out to you regarding the upcoming solar eclipse that will occur on Monday April 8, 2024. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon totally or partially obscures the face of the sun. We are expecting a partial eclipse where the moon will cover approximately 80% of the sun. The solar eclipse will begin at approximately 2:03 PM and will end at 4:32 PM. The eclipse is a unique educational opportunity for students to engage with science and astronomy. Needless to say, Surry County Public Schools (SCPS), believes in fostering curiosity and exploration within our student body, and the solar eclipse provides an excellent opportunity to inspire our students' interest in science and the wonders of the universe.

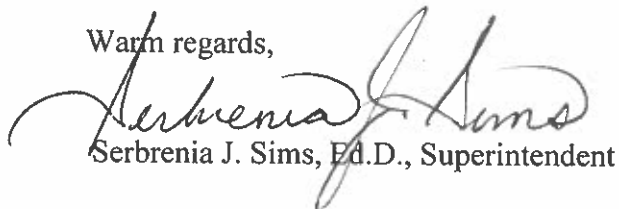
At SCPS, we also prioritize the safety and well-being of our students above all else. To that end, we will be providing solar eclipse glasses to all students as they leave our schools to go home on April 8, 2024. We kindly ask that students keep their glasses on when directly looking at the eclipse. **Parents, please speak to your child regarding the importance of this safety precaution.**

The solar eclipse glasses that will be provided for students are specially designed to filter out harmful ultraviolet and infrared rays, allowing for a safe observation of the sun during the eclipse. If you feel that your child is unable or unwilling to keep their solar eclipse glasses on, we encourage you to keep your child at home or pick them up early prior to the start of the eclipse.

Finally, we kindly ask for your cooperation in reinforcing the need to wear solar eclipse glasses when observing the eclipse. Additionally, we encourage you to discuss with your child the significance of this event and the science behind it, further enriching their learning experience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your ongoing support of our educational endeavors.

Warm regards,



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