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April 3, 2024

Dear WCS Community,

In the interest of student safety, Monday, April 8th, will change to a half-day of school in the morning for all students due to the solar eclipse that will affect our area. We will follow the normal half-day schedule with elementary schools following their half-day dismissal time and grades 6-12 running hours 4-6 in the morning. Also, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) will run the AM session.

Astronomy experts report that the eclipse begins at 1:58pm and ends at 4:27pm, with the MAX eclipse occurring at 3:14pm for our area. This is when all our schools are dismissed for the day with many students walking home from school unsupervised and others participating in outdoor athletics.

To help protect our children, I recommend parents and caregivers develop a plan to supervise them during the eclipse as it poses a serious risk to anyone who looks at it without appropriate eye protection.

Below are some informational links that you can use to learn about the eclipse and help keep your children safe:

- [Eye Safety During a Total Solar Eclipse \(NASA\)](#)
- [Where to Get Solar Eclipse Glasses \(America Academy of Ophthalmology\)](#)
- [Where & When \(NASA\)](#)
- [Live NASA Broadcast of 2024 Total Solar Eclipse \(YouTube\)](#)

Latchkey will remain open with normal half-day hours of operation. Guidance will be provided to all latchkey team leaders to keep students safe, including no outdoor recess or activities near windows. To support families, parents have until Saturday, April 6, at midnight to register for latchkey on April 8. After-school activities and changes to athletic schedules, etc. will be communicated through their respective coaches.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school, and please be very careful during the solar eclipse.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D.
Superintendent