



Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21st

Dear Oak Ridge Parents and Community Members:

Here is some information about The Oak Ridge Solar Eclipse Event:

Oak Ridge Elementary students will be totally immersed in the truly spectacular solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. The eclipse in Tallahassee will begin around 1:10 p.m., and come to its fullest around 2:42 p.m. Since Tallahassee is not in the path of “totality,” we will experience a “partial” solar eclipse, but the moon will be covering 90% of the sun - it will be dark! A rare aspect of this eclipse is that the path of totality occurs over just one country - USA!

We have planned afternoon lessons and activities for Monday, August 21st. On the day of the eclipse, Oak Ridge will be starting our eclipse activities (by grade level) and viewing around 1:15 p.m. in the grassy area by the PE portable with the NASA live stream of the eclipse traveling across the USA. We will be providing ISO certified eclipse glasses to all students, faculty, and staff. After our outdoor activities; the kids will be heading back to their classrooms to watch live tv coverage until the new dismissal time of 3:30 p.m.

If you would like to check your students out early, normal check out procedures will be followed, come to the front office and we will contact the classroom to have your child sent to the office. Because of the intensity of the eclipse as the afternoon progresses until about 4:00 p.m., it would be preferred if you checked your student out by 1:00 p.m. We will excuse early check-outs that day. Our afterschool 21st century program will have indoor activities until 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding these changes for Monday, Aug. 21. This is an exciting event, but we do want to keep our students safe!

To learn more about the solar eclipse, visit Eclipse2017.NASA.gov or NASA.gov and en.Wikipedia.org.

LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS



*A total solar eclipse is about as bright as the full Moon — and just as safe to look at.
But the Sun at any other time is dangerously bright; view it only through special-purpose safe solar filters.*

8/21/17 Dismissal Times:

High School 12:50pm

Elementary 3:30pm

Middle School 4:10pm

☆ **Outdoor after-school activities are postponed until 4:00pm**

☆ **Please work with your school for early sign-out or excused absences**