

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

On April 8, 2024, a spectacular astronomical event will occur as the moon passes before the sun, causing a total solar eclipse. The eclipse will be visible across North America and will provide a remarkable phenomenon for observation and study.

Experiencing an eclipse can be a fantastic way for students to connect with the scientific concepts they have learned in class. It can offer a unique chance to observe and understand the impact of astronomical events on our planet. It can also serve as a source of inspiration and curiosity for students.

Georgia is expected to experience an 81% partial eclipse. The partial eclipse is forecast to begin at 1:45 p.m. and end at 4:21 p.m. The maximum visibility is predicted to be at 3:04 p.m., which is after or during dismissal for some APS students. Therefore, please review and adhere to the viewing tips below to ensure a safe experience.

**Viewing Tips:**

- Adult supervision is imperative while viewing a solar eclipse. The recommended safe method for students to directly view the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun is by using the provided safety solar eclipse glasses.
- Prior to using, please check your solar eclipse glasses for any scratches or damage.
- Avoid looking at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device.

Your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students during the solar eclipse is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

K-12 Science Department, Atlanta Public Schools