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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A solar eclipse is scheduled to occur on April 8th, 2024 starting shortly after 2:00 PM and lasting until approximately 4:00 PM in our local area. Given the timing, the eclipse will be during our dismissal time.

We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students are our top priorities. While solar eclipses can be fascinating, they also present potential risks if proper precautions are not taken. Directly viewing the sun during an eclipse without proper eye protection can cause serious damage to the eyes.

In light of this event, we are taking the following precautions and encourage you to discuss with your students:

Safety Measures:

Our staff will remind students about the importance of not looking directly at the sun during the eclipse. **We encourage you to discuss this with your child as well and emphasize the importance of their well-being.**

Safety Precautions:

In accordance with safety guidelines recommended by the American Astronomical Society (AAS), we will be providing solar glasses that are approved to all students and staff. These glasses are specifically designed to protect the eyes from the harmful rays of the sun during an eclipse.

Educational Experience:

The solar eclipse presents a unique and exciting learning opportunity for our students. We will be incorporating this event into our curriculum to enhance their understanding. This hands-on experience will allow students to observe and learn about the eclipse in a safe and controlled environment.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the solar eclipse or our school's procedures, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Danielle Breedlove

Principal

G.T. Norman Elementary