

Dear Parents / Guardians,

August 21, 2017 is the Great American Solar Eclipse. Safety is our top priority so we are providing some important guidelines as precautions to ensure safety for our Tyrone Public Schools students and staff. Staring at the sun even for a short time without wearing the right eye protection can damage the retina permanently. It can cause blindness, called solar retinopathy. (American Academy of Ophthalmology). Below is a link to a great video explaining the eclipse and the need for safety precautions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTckC5ANlJg>

Please instruct your student to not look at the eclipse. You may provide your child with an umbrella to carry during transition times.

At Tyrone Public Schools, all of our students and staff will view the eclipse on our large screen in the auditorium. Due to students having off periods and open campus for senior lunch, there will be times that supervision may not be available. Students will be encouraged to not look at the sun directly.

We understand that you might choose to witness this exciting event as a family and choose to keep your child home that day. We support your decision and just ask that you call the office to let us know to count your child absent.

Josh Bell M.Ed. Superintendent

Tyrone Public Schools