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Re: **Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you in good health and enjoying the spring season. I'm reaching out to inform you about an extraordinary celestial event scheduled for April 8, 2024 – a complete solar eclipse. To facilitate safe viewing, the district has procured solar glasses for all students.

It's important to note that a significant portion of the eclipse is expected to occur in the afternoon, coinciding with dismissal times for Port Colden and Brass Castle Schools. Therefore, it's imperative for families to remind students not to look directly at the sun without special glasses, as it could lead to permanent eye damage.

While our staff will remind students of this precautionary measure, it's equally vital for families to reinforce this message at home. Students should exercise responsibility during dismissal and while on the bus. Please be aware that students will either be leaving school or on the bus during the eclipse and will not be supervised by staff to prevent them from looking at the sun.

If you prefer that your child does not ride the bus on April 8th or if you wish to pick up your child early from school on this day, please communicate your preference by sending a note to your child's teacher. If you opt for email communication, kindly copy the school secretary. For Brass Castle School students, include [rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org](mailto:rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org), and for Port Colden School students, include [ckaluzny@washtwpsd.org](mailto:ckaluzny@washtwpsd.org) in the email to teachers.

Your cooperation and vigilance in ensuring the safety of our students during this rare event are greatly appreciated. Let's work together to ensure our children can safely enjoy the wonders of the solar eclipse.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent