



August 17, 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On August 21, 2017, for the first time since 1918, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the United States. Our School will be in the path of the solar eclipse. The science department at Mannion Middle School has been busy planning to make this once in a lifetime event a unique learning experience for our school. Students, with parent/guardian permission, will be allowed to go outside and participate in a class activity to view the eclipse.

As always, student safety is our primary concern. Looking directly at the sun is always unsafe. The only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses." Per NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. The school has purchased, and will provide, participants who attend the outdoor activities with eclipse glasses to witness this event. Students will be reminded to not look directly into the sun until it is their turn to wear the eclipse glasses. We will take precautionary measures, including pre-education, to make sure students are aware of the risks involved in directly looking at the sun.

**At no time should students or participants look directly at the sun as it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown affects. There is no way for the school to guarantee that your child will not remove their eclipse glasses and look directly at the sun, so please speak with your child about the importance of keeping the eclipse glasses on while directly viewing the solar eclipse.**

As parents and legal guardians, if you prefer your child does not participate in the viewing activity, he or she will be provided an alternative inside location to wait while his or her class goes outside to view the eclipse.

### **Parent Permission**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Period Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade:          6          7          8

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print parent/guardian name) give consent for my son/daughter to participate in Outdoor Solar Eclipse Viewing Activities during 3<sup>rd</sup> period on August 21, 2017. I reviewed with my son/daughter the safety recommendations of not looking directly into the sun during the eclipse and following the instructions of the teacher.

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Guardian Signature

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Date