



A Note from Dr. LaRocca

Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8th

On Monday, April 8th we will experience a solar eclipse. The moon will be passing between earth and the sun from approximately 2:10 pm to 4:40 pm in our area. This is a special event and a wonderful learning opportunity for students and families.

At Valley Stream Thirteen we will be exploring this phenomenon in our classrooms and will be providing learning experiences that **do not** include direct viewing of the eclipse.

Dismissal in our district takes place during portions of the eclipse. At dismissal we will have extra supervision and students will be reminded when they leave school not to look directly at the sun. All after-school activities will take place indoors.

We will be maintaining our regular instructional schedule for the entire day; however, we realize that some parents may wish to pick their children up early to share this experience and directly supervise them. If you are planning to pick your child up early, we ask that you arrive between 1 pm and 2 pm, but no later than 2 pm. Please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible if you will be picking up early on the 8th, along with the approximate time. This will allow us to be ready to ensure a seamless dismissal for your child and those students remaining for the full day.

For more information about the eclipse see the links below:

[NASA 2024 Total Solar Eclipse](#)

[American Astronomical Society: How to View a Solar Eclipse Safely](#)

[NYS Center for School Health: Solar Eclipses Eye Safety](#)

[NYS DEC Public Safety Information and Viewing Guidance](#)

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