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On August 21, 2017, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun for the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse since 1918. Millions of Americans in 12 states will be able to watch this solar spectacle that will turn day into night for a couple of minutes. Tennessee is among the 12 states that have been declared to be a best place to experience this rare phenomenon.

We have been making plans for our students to participate in the event. Curriculum and lectures concerning the scientific relevance of the occurrence have been prepared and the students will be asked to participate in a safe viewing experience of the event. We have viewing glasses to allow the students participate safely. Additionally, the curriculum that day has been designed to include instructions on methods of safe viewing of an eclipse complete with warnings regarding attempts to watch this event without protecting one's eyes.

As always, we will exercise care and careful supervision for all students who participate in this event.

To be sure that parents are well-informed regarding the activities, we ask that you review the importance of following all teacher directions that day with your student.

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact your school's principal.

Respectfully,

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EVERY STUDENT ~ EVERY DAY**