

# COMSEWOGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Comsewogue School District Community,

As many of you might be aware, a solar eclipse is expected to pass across the skies of our region on the afternoon of April 8. I would like to take a moment to address the excitement surrounding this celestial event, and note that while it will no doubt be a fun, educational experience for our students, eye safety should be paramount while viewing the eclipse.

It is important to remember that looking directly at the sun during an eclipse can cause serious and permanent eye damage. We urge all members of our community to use proper eye protection, such as solar viewing glasses or pinhole projectors, when observing the eclipse. Additionally, parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss safety measures with their children to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

We can expect fun, and educational classroom lessons around this upcoming phenomenon, and our teachers will explain the proper safety procedures to our students for properly viewing this event. JFK and the high school will be hosting viewing parties. Students in grades three through five are going to watch the beginning of the eclipse in class, and will be sent home with eclipse glasses. The peak of the eclipse will occur during the dismissal of our K-2 buildings. The students in those buildings will view the eclipse until dismissal. We're going to stagger dismissal so buses may be a few minutes late. If you are planning to watch this event as a family, we are requesting that you pick-up your child before 2:00 p.m. We hope this will prove to be a historic, entertaining and most importantly, safe, learning opportunity for our school community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Quinn  
Superintendent of Schools

