

Summit Parent/Guardians,

As you may know, Southwest Allen County Schools is excited to use Monday's eclipse as an opportunity for girls and boys to learn about the natural world. At Summit, students may be involved in discussions with their teachers regarding the solar eclipse, and teachers will have the option of facilitating safe and age appropriate indoor or outdoor solar eclipse activities during the school day. After school activities and practices will be held as normal, and coaches/sponsors will prepare students for being safe outdoors while the solar eclipse is in progress. Advisory teachers will be discussing safety with students. Additionally, below is an announcement to be read to students and posted on Canvas for all students on Friday and Monday:

*On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will experience an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature's most awe inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. Indiana will see a partial eclipse beginning at 12:59 to 3:47 p.m. with the peak eclipse time happening at 2:25 p.m. As you know, the sun should never be looked at directly with your eyes, eclipse or not. Please know that the only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses" or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, do not offer adequate protection. There are other indirect ways of viewing the eclipse such as pinhole projects and other DIY optical projections. Please check Canvas for an announcement that has a link to the NASA Solar Eclipse site and information about experiencing this natural wonder in a safe way. Be smart. Be safe. Enjoy this historic opportunity safely.  
(Source: Nasa.gov)*

Here is the link to the NASA website for general eclipse information: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-101>

Here is the link to the NASA website for safety related eclipse information: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>

Here is the link to the NASA website for information on a convenient method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed Sun called pinhole projection: <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/projection>