Solar Eclipse Information
Spring Branch Independent School District

Did You Know? Solar eclipses of the past evoked both a sense of awe and fear as many ancient societies feared that some unknown entity was devouring the sun. No offense to the solar experts of history but in Spring Branch ISD, we are taking a different approach as we prepare for August 21st. The forthcoming eclipse, which coincides with the first day of school, provides us with a rare and fascinating learning opportunity for our students. We are thrilled with this unique experience and look forward to the learning that this eclipse will provide.

Safety First! Our schools and educators have received specific safety precaution information related to viewing the August 21st eclipse. While an eclipse offers a tempting opportunity to gaze upward, our students will only be allowed to view the eclipse through 1) solar eclipse approved sunglasses or filters 2) pinhole projectors (or other indirect projection devices) or 3) televised broadcasts or webcasts.

While the Houston area is not considered an optimal viewing environment for this particular eclipse, we are expecting roughly 66 percent of the sun to be blocked at the eclipse peak, expected at 1:16 PM. Educational resources that will help maximize this learning opportunity have been provided by our SBISD Science Team.

For questions pertaining to campus or classroom particulars, please look for forthcoming information from your child’s school or teacher.