

INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY

April 8th Solar Eclipse

On Monday, April 8, 2024, FHSD will be in the path of a solar eclipse. Unlike in 2017, no part of our district will be in total darkness/totality. We will get closest to totality at 2:00 PM. It will get noticeably darker at 1:55 PM, but it will start to change a bit at 1:45 PM.

At Independence, we will run a modified schedule to allow students to observe the eclipse with their class. Students will go to designated spots outside at 1:45 p.m. and return to the building around 2:20 p.m. On this day, fifth grade students will be eating in their classrooms to allow them time to view the eclipse. Parents of 5th graders will not be able to come eat lunch with their child on the 8th.

With our district not being in the path of totality, it is imperative that all students, staff, and volunteers utilize the district-provided solar eclipse glasses anytime they are viewing the event. These will be distributed to students and staff before going outside.

All students will participate unless you would prefer your child to stay inside. We will have a designated, supervised area in the building for anyone that will not be going outside for the eclipse.

Please contact the Main Office, katie.wood@fhsdschools.org, prior to April 8th if you do not want your child to participate.

Students will learn a little about the event in their classes leading up to the 8th. It is a special event that provides great opportunities for learning, and we are excited to share in the experience with our students!

