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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A partial eclipse of the sun will be visible from San Diego County on August 21, 2017 (<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/san-diego>) from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A total eclipse of the sun will be visible from other parts of the country; which NASA will live stream on its website.

In the strictest sense the eclipse isn't dangerous, but looking at the sun without proper protection is always harmful. The primary safety issue during an eclipse is that curiosity regarding the phenomena makes it more likely people, especially children, will try to glimpse the eclipse without proper eye protection.

The risk is great. People who look at an eclipse without proper protection, even glimpses, are likely to suffer burns which damage the light sensitive cells that give them the ability to see. People with these burns don't notice an immediate loss of vision. They generally experience a loss of vision the next day, which looks to them like a black hole in the center of their sight. In some cases, people regain some of their vision over a period of several months, but in many cases the loss is permanent.

Schools, classrooms and individuals are encouraged to watch the eclipse via NASA's live stream. This is to prevent harm to those who surreptitiously view the eclipse without preventative precautions.

In addition, San Ysidro School District is not supporting the use of manufactured eclipse glasses for our students.

NASA Live Stream of August 21, 2017 Solar Eclipse Website: <https://www.nasa.gov/eclipselive>

Sincerely,

Dr. Julio Fonseca  
Superintendente