August 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

We have been very excited about the upcoming solar event on Monday, August 21. To prepare for the event, we followed NASA’s instructions and ordered ISO and CE certified solar viewing glasses. However, I am very disappointed to inform you that I have received an email from Amazon recommending we not use the solar eclipse glasses we purchased for our students and staff. The email I received from Amazon states as follows:

“Amazon has not received confirmation from the supplier of your order that they sourced the item from a recommended manufacturer. We recommend that you DO NOT use this product to view the sun or the eclipse. To protect your eyes when viewing the sun or an eclipse, NASA and the American Astronomical Society (AAS) advise you to use solar eclipse glasses or other solar filters from recommended manufacturers. Viewing the sun or an eclipse using any other glasses or filters could result in loss of vision or permanent blindness.”

In light of this new information, we will now view the solar eclipse through live streaming on IPTV only. Students will benefit from direct instruction and collaboration as it pertains to understanding the significance of this event. It is unfortunate for all, but we will not risk the safety of our students and staff by allowing them to go outside without the appropriate materials. We understand the importance of this event. If you prefer to check out your child early, we recommend you do so before 2:00 p.m. Please send a note with your child to school indicating the time you wish to check out your child. If you are able to send in a note this week, that will help us prepare ahead of time to expedite the check-out process for our students. Also, please make sure you bring in your identification to check out your child. All student absences on August 21st will be excused if they have a note from their parent or guardian. Any student who checks out after 12:45 pm will be considered present for that day.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility in regard to this unfortunate turn of events. We remain committed to your student’s safety and education. I will gladly discuss any concerns you have as needed.

Sincerely,

Derrick Bailey

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Principal