## **Eustis School Department Stratton School**

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Dear Parents and Students:

We wanted to inform you about the upcoming solar eclipse that will be happening on April 8, 2024. This rare celestial event is a wonderful opportunity for students to witness a natural phenomenon that may not happen again in their lifetime.

However, in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we have made the decision to release school early at 11:30 am on the day of the eclipse. This will allow everyone to safely view the eclipse with proper eye protection and supervision.

We encourage parents to discuss the importance of using proper eye protection when viewing the eclipse with their children, as looking directly at the sun without protection can cause permanent eye damage. We will be sending each student home with a pair of glasses and directions for their use.

Please be assured that this decision was made with the best interest of our students in mind. We want to provide a unique and educational experience while prioritizing their safety.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Tabitha I. Emery

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Principal



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