



## Happy Spring Break

Dear Linden Families,

Happy Spring Break. Spring break begins later this afternoon through Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. I wish our school community a peaceful time with family and friends. During Spring break, all schools are closed. We look forward to everyone returning on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Also note that during that week, the Solar Eclipse will take place (April 8<sup>th</sup>), and school closure for Eid Al Fitr will occur (April 10<sup>th</sup>). Happy Ramadan to those who celebrate.

### **Preparing for the Solar Eclipse**

There will be a Solar Eclipse in the Northeast Region of the United States on Monday, April 8, 2024. With such a monumental event occurring while school is in session, the Board of Education Commissioners want our school community to be prepared to take precautionary steps to remain safe during this historic event. The solar eclipse is scheduled to begin around 2:09 pm, with maximum coverage at 3:24 pm. It is scheduled to end around 4:35 pm.

We know the warnings of looking directly into the Sun during a Solar Eclipse is unsafe. Our school district will supply students with protective glasses to view the eclipse if they choose. The glasses conform to the transmission requirements of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). According to [science.nasa.gov](https://science.nasa.gov), homemade or ordinary sunglasses are insufficient ways to view a solar eclipse, as the reflectivity and polarization are not high enough for safe viewing.

I encourage you to talk about the solar eclipse during spring break. Teachers will also engage in conversations related to the solar eclipse. Contact your child's optometrist or ophthalmologist for questions about your child's participation. For additional information on safety viewing during an eclipse, visit <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety/>.

Take care and be well,

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