

Dear Melillo Middle School Parents/Guardians,

On the first day of school on Aug. 21, the Houston area will experience a partial solar eclipse. The eclipse will begin in Houston at 11:46 a.m. and will peak at 1:16 p.m. At the peak of the eclipse, roughly 65 – 70 percent of the sun will be blocked by the moon. The eclipse will end at 2:45 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to view the solar eclipse at school on Aug. 21. We will use this “teachable moment” to increase the science literacy of our students with grades K – 12 implementing curriculum connections to this unique opportunity.

Melillo is providing CE ISO certified solar viewing glasses for students. These glasses are safe for direct solar viewing and filter out harmful ultra-violet intense visible light. The campus has provided general eclipse viewing information and safety guidelines.

NOTE: If you do not wish for your child/children participate in viewing the eclipse, please complete and sign the form below. Have your student turn this letter in to the front office at the beginning of the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Diane Wheeler

Principal, Melillo Middle School

_____ I **DO NOT** want my child (Name: _____) to view the solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____