

Dear Lois Hole School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you about some important schedule changes that we are implementing to accommodate the upcoming solar eclipse passing over St. Albert.

As you may be aware, a solar eclipse is a rare and exciting event that provides a unique opportunity for learning and exploration. It presents us with a chance to observe a natural phenomenon that occurs only occasionally. In order to fully embrace this educational experience, we have decided to adjust our school schedule on April 8, 2024.

Leading up to the eclipse, our teachers will be incorporating educational activities and discussions into the curriculum to help students understand the science behind eclipses and the significance of this event. Many classes will also be following the eclipse on television.

The following changes have been made to the school day to allow students to have time outside while protecting them from any potential harm from the eclipse. Morning recess for all students will take place as normal. Students will not be allowed outside unsupervised between the hours of 11:20 am and 1:45 pm. Over lunch hour, we will have an indoor recess, following a similar schedule to our cold weather days. Once it is safe to do so, the students will head outside for an afternoon recess.

For our half day Kindergarten families, there will be no noon-hour busing for Kindergarten students on April 8. Parents of students in half-day Kindergarten programs will need to decide whether to send their children to school that day. If parents do bring their children to school, we recommend that the morning Kindergarten parents should pick their child up by 11:15 am so they are home before the eclipse starts. For afternoon Kindergarten, parents should drop their child off later, after 1:45 pm, when the eclipse ends. Families who rely on private childcare providers to pick up and drop off their children during this period should reach out to these providers to find out what their plans are and make appropriate arrangements. Please advise your child's teacher of your plans for your half-day Kindergarten child that day.

We believe that embracing events like the solar eclipse not only enhances our understanding of the world around us but also fosters a sense of curiosity and wonder in our students. By making these schedule adjustments, we aim to create a memorable and enriching learning experience for everyone at Lois Hole School.

If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule changes or the eclipse event itself, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we prepare for this exciting event.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jones  
Principal