

Total Eclipse 2024!



Dear GSA Community,

We are excited to experience the upcoming solar eclipse happening on Monday, April 8. Our priority is to provide a memorable and safe experience for our students. It will be a typical full-day schedule, but we wanted to share all of the exciting things that will be happening that day so families can prepare for this exciting event!

What to Expect

Thursday, March 28:

- Solar Eclipse Speaker, Lara Eakins from the UT Department of Astronomy

Monday, April 1:

- The Stars and Science Austin's Discovery Dome Mobile Planetarium will be on campus for grade-level science lessons!

Monday, April 8:

- ALL students will have the opportunity to experience the eclipse!
- *Optional:* Please send your child in her RED polo (instead of Monday white) for an enhanced viewing experience
- Leading up to the eclipse, our students will engage in activities and assignments to build knowledge that will enrich the experience and emphasize safety precautions. Activities will include: making a pinhole eclipse viewer craft with their Sister Groups, viewing a telescope projection, a video and safety instructions, an Oreo cookie moon phases craft, and a post-eclipse Dance Party!
- We will provide all students with eclipse glasses and instructions on how to safely view the eclipse.
- If you are concerned about your child's eye safety, you may elect for early pick-up around noon.
- City officials anticipate a large increase of people and traffic in and around Austin. We recommend closely monitoring traffic conditions to plan your commute to and from school. Lower School students may be picked up any time after 2:30pm.
- We are monitoring the event closely alongside our county and state officials for any changes to our schedule. Safety of each member of our GSA community is paramount as we share this special educational experience together.

Thank you for your help in preparing your students for this exciting experience and educational opportunity!