



RIVER VALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

APRIL NEWSLETTER

2023-2024

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Dear School Community,

Spring brings a renewed sense of energy and excitement to River Vale schools as we prepare to showcase students' talents at seasonal events.

The sweet sounds of student musicians will fill our schools as we host music and band concerts. Holdrum performers will entertain audiences during the middle school play, and our youngest learners will proudly take center stage for their kindergarten celebrations.

The fun festivities also will include elementary field days, art shows, and other end-of-year events that highlight students' achievements.

These events are fantastic opportunities for students to shine, and your presence will make them truly special for your children!

Please watch your email for communication from your child's principals with event dates and times. Then mark your calendars for these can't -miss occasions.

We are so proud of our students for learning and practicing new skills that they can share with their parents and the community.

Enjoy the events...and have a joyful spring season!

Sincerely,
Melissa Signore
Superintendent of Schools



INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

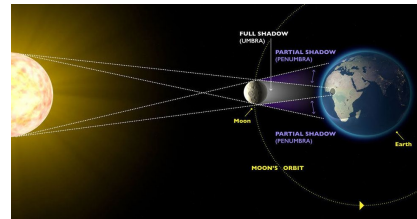


March began with Read Across America Week, but we couldn't put our books down all month! From collecting new titles for our book drives to cheering on favorite books in the March Madness Book Brackets, students were fully immersed in the joy of reading. Holdrum displayed photos of teachers with their faces hidden behind their favorite books and asked students to "guess who?" The district even had a special visit from River Vale police officers, who shared their favorite stories with students.



Solar power: Learning from the eclipse!

River Vale Public Schools will treat the April 8 solar eclipse as a science lesson in real time! The eclipse will occur in New Jersey from 2:09 to 4:37 p.m., peaking around 3:25 p.m. While other parts of the country will experience a total solar eclipse, the sun will be about 90% blocked by the moon in this region.



The district's curriculum supervisor is teaming up with teachers to provide eclipse-themed lessons and creative projects. The opportunity to learn about a solar eclipse while living through one is rare: The next total solar eclipse in the contiguous United States will take place on Aug. 23, 2044, according to NASA.

We are taking steps to make sure our students safely enjoy this historic event! Some of our teachers are making solar eclipse "glasses" or pinhole projection boxes that allow for indirect viewing using common household items, [as seen in this video](#). Students can also watch a livestream [video](#) from NASA of the solar eclipse!

We are also reminding students not to look directly at the sun during the eclipse. Parents can find [detailed safety tips on NASA's website](#).

Children who reside in River Vale and will be five (5) years of age on or before October 1, 2024 are eligible to be registered for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school-year.

Pre-registration opened online January 2, 2024. Registration forms and additional information is available on the district website ([click here](#)).

Please note; students will not be officially enrolled until the registration is completed at a scheduled appointment with the school staff.



DATES TO REMEMBER



April 22-26, 2024

Schools Closed / Spring Recess

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