

ECLIPSE - 8/21 - DELAYED DISMISSAL

Monday, August 14, 2017

Dear Nickajack Parents and Families,

Due to the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, the Cobb County School District will delay dismissal by 45 minutes.

The peak time to experience the solar eclipse falls during our regularly scheduled elementary school dismissal time.

Since student safety is always our first priority, we will start the day on time and delay dismissal to ensure that neither students nor employees are on the roadways during the time of the eclipse.

To ensure the safety of all students, the Nickajack administration has decided to *not view the solar eclipse outdoors*.

GREAT NEWS! A one hour live broadcast via IPTV will be available from Kennesaw Mountain High School showcasing the observatory/eclipse from 1:45 - 2:45 PM. We may also choose to watch NASA's live broadcast.

We are also allowing check-outs leading up to 2:00 for parents who want to watch the event with their child in person. <u>NO CHECKOUTS WILL BE</u> <u>ALLOWED FROM 2:00 UNTIL DELAYED DISMISSAL.</u>

We realize many of you may be planning to observe the eclipse as a family. If your student is checking out early on Monday, August, 21st, please submit all check out notes by Friday, August, 18th, so they may be verified ahead of time. Delays may be experienced if students do not submit a note prior to the day of the event.

NASA has curated a strong collection of informational resources on the eclipse. We recommend accessing this site for eclipse questions you may have regarding safety, timing, resources and more. https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/

For more information regarding the solar eclipse, visit the National Weather Service at http://www.weather.gov/sgf/SolarEclipse

Please visit the Cobb County School District Website: http://www.cobbk12.org/eclipse/ for further information and helpful links.

EXPECTED DISMISSAL TIMES:

3:00 - Begin Carpool.

Between 3:10 and 3:15 - Anticipated time for buses to leave campus. ASP will run from 3:15 until 6:00 pm. ASP pickup begins at 3:45 at the ASP desk.

Stay tuned for additional information regarding the possibility of an excused absence for this day due to weather conditions.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance as we facilitate this educational event.

Sincerely,

Adam Hill Nickajack's Princi 'Pal'