



# Richland-Bean Blossom

## Community School Corporation

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### VISION

Living, learning and leading together.

### MISSION

Our mission is to work in cooperation with the community and families to provide students with an education that promotes responsible citizenship, develops critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.

Dear Parents,

On August 21, 2017, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the United States. Our school corporation and the Ellettsville area will experience 93.7% of a full solar eclipse at 2:24 pm.

Our teachers, STEAM coaches, and principals are working hard to make this rare event a meaningful and safe learning experience for R-BB students.

On August 21, 2017, all students in the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation will be given the opportunity to go outside to view the solar eclipse.

As always, student safety is our top concern. Looking directly at the solar eclipse is unsafe and can lead to permanent vision loss. The only safe way to look at the solar eclipse is through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses". Per NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the eclipse. R-BB has purchased eclipse glasses, compliant with NASA safety standards, from an approved vendor for students and staff.

There is no way for the school to ensure that your child will not remove their eclipse glasses and look at the sun during this event. If you wish for your child to participate, please discuss with them the importance of wearing their eclipse glasses when viewing the eclipse.

Please sign and return the form below if you do NOT give permission for your student to view the solar eclipse at school on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Students not going outside to view the eclipse will be provided alternative educational activities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jerry Sanders  
Assistant Superintendent  
Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation

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*----- (Sign and Return this form to school if you do not want your son or daughter participating in solar eclipse activities)*

\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) is not permitted to be outside to view the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

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Parent's Signature