

# HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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August 8, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Green Bank Observatory in Green Bank, WV is hosting a Great American Eclipse viewing party. All students, K-12, will be traveling to the Green Bank Observatory on Monday, August 21, 2017 to participate in activities focusing on the 2017 solar eclipse. Students will participate in hands-on activities from 11:00 -12:00; enjoy lunch and exhibits from 12:00 – 1:00; safe eclipse viewing through telescopes, projections, and special glasses; and view live streaming video of the eclipse provided by NASA from 1:00-4:00.

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon's orbit puts the moon directly between the Sun and Earth, casting a shadow on the Earth's surface. This only happens during the new moon phase, but we don't see an eclipse every month because the Moon's orbital path around the Earth is tilted relative to the Earth's path around the sun. A perfect alignment between Sun, Moon and Earth is needed for an eclipse. This is a rare event and we are excited to offer this trip to our students.

Lunch, snack and special glasses will be provided by the school. We will be traveling by school buses and departing Green Bank at 4:00. Students will return to school and board their regular bus for home. Buses should be leaving the school between 5:00 – 5:15.

Students must have a permission slip to attend. Please complete the enclosed permission slip and return it to school at our Open House on Thursday, August 17, 2017. You may also stop by either school office and complete a permission slip from 8:00 – 4:00 daily.

Sincerely,

Teresa K. Blum  
Elementary Principal

Tim Good  
High School Principal

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## PARENT PERMISSION SLIP AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

As parent/legal guardian, I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_,  
permission to participate in the field trip to the Green Bank Observatory on Monday, August 21,  
2017. We understand that the teachers and staff will exercise reasonable care and precautions to  
insure our child's safety.

Permission is granted to obtain medical treatment during the trip as considered necessary by the  
trip sponsors. We, as parents, have decided (with or without medical assistance) that our child  
is physically able to participate and we acknowledge that any accident insurance we consider  
necessary will be our responsibility to locate and purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Telephone number for contact between 8:00 – 6:00 on August 21, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_