



August 1, 2017

Greetings,

As you may be aware, a Solar Eclipse will be occurring on August 21<sup>st</sup>, which is also the first day of school. Rest assured, preparations are being made to ensure that students and staff members are able to have a safe, enjoyable, and positive educational experience. In preparation for the eclipse, we are working collaboratively with Vale High School Senior Dan Wenger, as part of his Senior Project, to provide educational and engaging activities on the first day of school so students are knowledgeable about the event. In addition, all students and staff members will be provided with safety glasses to utilize during the Solar Eclipse to ensure safe viewing, courtesy of a grant obtained by the Malheur ESD. Vale Elementary School students WILL NOT leave the school campus to view the Solar Eclipse.

In an effort to ensure the safety of all students at Vale Elementary School throughout the school year, visitor protocols have been revised. All visitors will be required to complete a background check and complete a Visitor/Volunteer Guidelines form prior to accessing the campus beyond the school office. In the event that a parent would like to view the Solar Eclipse with their child's class on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the parent will need to visit the school office to complete the required paperwork by August 10<sup>th</sup>. To ensure the safety of all students, individuals completing the required visitor paperwork after August 10<sup>th</sup> will not be allowed to view the Solar Eclipse with their child's class. Please be aware that we do not have enough safety glasses for parents or younger children.

We are excited to be able to provide students with memorable activities and informational lessons during this once-in-a-lifetime event!

The 2017-2018 Vale School District calendar was adopted by the School Board in February. Questions or concerns regarding the calendar will need to be directed to the Superintendent's Office.

Sincerely,

*Alisha McBride*

Alisha McBride  
Principal