



# BEAR Essentials

NORTH STAR ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

North Star Academy exists to ENGAGE and INSPIRE students to achieve their highest potential through a SAFE, CHALLENGING, and INDIVIDUALIZED learning environment.

**AUGUST 16, 2017**

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear NSA Parents,

We are excited to have our students and families back in the building. What a wonderful turnout for our Back To School Night Monday night. Thank you for taking the time to kick off a great start to the school year. The student, parent, school partnership is extremely important and communication is vital to that success. If you were unable to meet with your children's teachers that evening please reach out and introduce yourself. They shared a great deal of information that evening that you should be aware of.

Please take a look at the carpool procedures handed out that evening as provided in this newsletter to assist with a quick, yet safe dismissal each day. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Mrs. Archer at 801-302-9579.

Sincerely,  
Tana Archer, M. Ed.  
Director  
North Star Academy

## EVENT CALENDAR

Aug. 17	Kindergarten Parents Meet and Greet Times AM Parents / 8:30 - 9am PM Parents / noon - 12:30
Sept. 1	Early Out 1:10
Sept. 4	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 7	Picture Day
Sept. 7	PTO Big Give - 6-8PM Bluffdale City Park More info to come!



### AM Drop-off:

**Yellow Lane** - Drop-off your students along the side of the curb. Please stop for the crossing guard. Allow the green lane to merge. This is a continuous movement lane. Pull forward as far as possible.

**Green Lane** - Only drop-off your students at the crosswalk (see star on map). Please watch for pedestrians in the parking lot. Merge with the yellow lane to exit. This is a continuous movement lane. Please pull forward as far as possible.

**Parking Zone** - If your students need extra time in the car, please pull into the parking zone and park in a parking stall. Please walk your student to the cross-walk.

### PM Pick-Up:

**Yellow Lane** - You may park and wait in the car along the curb for your student. Do not leave your car unattended. Please stop for the crossing guard. Allow the green lane to merge. Please pull forward as far as possible.

**Green Lane** - There are no after school pick-ups in this lane. Cones will be out. You will need to park in the parking zone and walk to the cross-walk to pick up your student.

**2950 W & 14000 S** - Park along the curb closest to the school. Students will only be allowed to get to the car via the crosswalk at the parking lot entrance. They are not permitted to cross the street or cross through the parking lot at any time without an adult.

NSA WILL PROMOTE THE SCHOOL-WIDE ENRICHMENT MODEL (SEM)  
TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION



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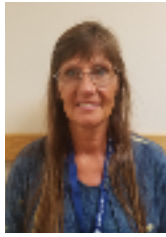
# Welcome OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Chelsea Fox  
Kindergarten Aide



Jeannean Sommer  
4th Grade Aide



Patti Yostrum  
4th Grade Aide



Elisa Martinez  
5th Grade Aide



Charayne Simister  
6th Grade Aide



Chandlor Hansen  
6th Grade Aide

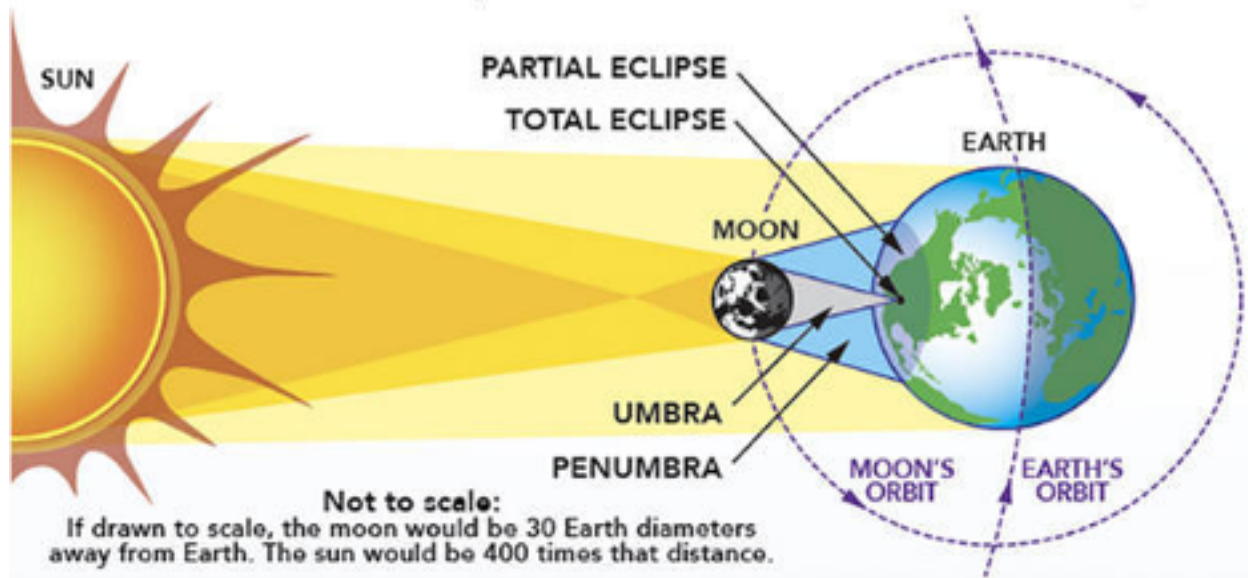


Rachel Hardy  
Custodian

We are excited for the upcoming Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21! Teachers will be instructing on the scientific phenomena in all grades and providing safety glasses to each student as they prepare to observe. In Utah, we are expected to have 91% visibility of the eclipse. We would like to encourage parents/guardians to talk with your children about the importance of viewing the eclipse safely. Looking at the sun can be damaging to the eyes, during an eclipse this damage can be permanent. PM kindergarten students will have their glasses sent home this Friday in order to safely observe from home.

## TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Monday • August 21, 2017

This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.



## SAFELY observing THE SUN

**WARNING!** Never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. You can *seriously* injure your eyes.

Check with local science museums, schools and astronomy clubs for eclipse glasses—or purchase an ISO 12312-2 compliant pair of these special shades!



View the eclipse with special eclipse glasses.



Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse.

SUN FUNNEL



Inexpensive and easy to build, the sun funnel is a device that completely encloses the light coming from a telescope and projects a magnified image of the sun, large enough for many people to view at once.  
<http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/make-sun-funnel>