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Rich Center Learning, Celebrating Solar Eclipse

The Center has planned a Solar Eclipse Party for students, families and staff on April 8th

Youngstown, OH— The Rich Center for Autism is having a Solar Eclipse Party to promote learning and understanding of the rare total solar eclipse.

According to ema.ohio.gov, the last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

The Solar Eclipse Party is taking place from 1pm-4pm on the outdoor basketball court in the center of the Youngstown State University campus. There will be a tailgate tent, catering and a guest appearance by Pete the Penguin. Students, families and staff will be provided ISO certified eclipse viewing glasses. Custom Solar Eclipse Party shirts are also being distributed.

The Rich Center is offering an early dismissal to students and families who would like to view the eclipse from home or travel closer to the 100% totality zone. Youngstown State University is expected to be in the 99% totality path.

This is a private event open only to Rich Center students, families and staff. Any media who would like to attend should contact Jake Ellis, Community Engagement & Event Operations Coordinator, to request access.



Solar Eclipse T-Shirt Design

About The Rich Center For Autism

The Rich Center for Autism was established in 1995 through the collaborative efforts of the Kosar, Rich (Ricchiuti), and Rubino families who have a shared interest in autism. The Rich Center for Autism, a component of the Youngstown State University Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, & Education, fulfills the mission to prepare educators, medical specialists and other professionals in best practices for teaching and caring for those on the autism spectrum; to increase knowledge base through the promotion of scholarly research; and to provide public service and advocacy on behalf of those affected by autism. The Rich Center for Autism has no geographic boundary and accepts children of all socio-economic backgrounds and cultures. Children are enrolled in the programs regardless of their caregivers' ability to pay. Referral, treatment, and support are provided at no cost to families.