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First Total Solar Eclipse In 99 Years!

Everybody saw it.

(Except the Kindergartners)



By Lucas D. Lima and Fifi J. McClain

On August 21st, 2017, one of the rarest sights in nature occurred. A total solar eclipse happened for the

lucky residents of Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. They were in the “path of totality.”

A total solar eclipse is when the moon and the sun are at perfect angles and the moon blocks the sun whole. Also tons of people flocked to the path of totality because it might be the last of their lives. But people won't have to wait another 99 years for the next Total Solar Eclipse in the U.S.A. The next one will be on April 8, 2024. It will start in the southwest side of Texas to Newfoundland in Canada according to Fred Espenak,

an American Astrophysicist who is best known for his work on eclipse predictions.



New Rules in the Cafeteria

By Kabria Allen and Michael Renzi

Have you seen the mess left on the cafeteria floor? It looks like a hurricane blew over the trash cans. We have taken pictures of what it looks like after lunch and the results aren't pretty.

Thankfully our janitor, Mr. Steve, goes and cleans everybody's mess up. He works really hard to clean them up, but the students just make bigger messes. We love Mr. Steve!

Recently, new rules have been implemented in the cafeteria and the results have been much better. Students are not allowed to leave the cafeteria until all of the trash is cleaned up at their table and on the floor.

According to Ms. Lacey, "Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Lockman teamed up to make up the new rules. I like it because Mr. Steve doesn't have to pick up as much trash anymore."

Thank you, Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Lockman, for helping with this process. You are problem solvers who make a big **impact** at SVA!





Blue Oak Academy

By Mia Angulo, Ellie Elms, and
Madeline Papanickolas

Hey! This is the SVA Explorers Journalism Team! We are doing a news story about the SVA sister school, Blue Oak Academy, known as BOA. BOA is located at 28050 RD 148 Visalia CA. 93292, in case you are wondering where it is.

The dress code is the same, except that BOA can wear blue, but cannot wear green, just like we can't wear blue.

Who is their new Principal you are wondering? She is Dana Stinson. Some SVA staff sadly have gone over to BOA, some permanently and some temporarily. Mr. Conn, who you might have known as your P.E. teacher at SVA, is now a P.E. teacher at BOA. Mr. Padilla is the new full time P.E. teacher at SVA. Mrs. Bennett, our art teacher, is working at both schools. Mrs. Johnson has left SVA and is now working only at BOA as an intervention teacher. Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. Dolin, and Mrs. VanGronigen also have their offices at BOA. Ms. Sue is now the new custodian over there.

Did you know that our Fall Festival is going to be at BOA? Yep, that's right. We are combining the SVA Fall Festival with the BOA Fall Festival. Stay tuned for more details

in the News and Notes. This will help us to get to know each other, and to see the new BOA campus. That's it, folks, for BOA news!



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"Sun Spots"



with Makyla Williams



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