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**Message from the Principal – Ben Ostrom:**

We are preparing for the stretch run for the 2014-15 school year. We have come a long ways, with some exciting events to come; don't forget to mark your calendars for the Science and PBL Extravaganza on Thursday, May 28. During this portion of the school year staff also begin planning for next fall.

We will be working on tentative class placements at the beginning of June (we don't finalize class placements until the Thursday before school starts because often adjustments have to be made in August). To support equity and balanced classrooms, we don't take placement requests for teachers. However, we are interested in creating a good fit for your child. Staff will use care and time when coming up with class lists for next fall. **If there are things you want us to know about your child when making class placements (other than teacher preference), you are welcome to provide a letter or email to Cindy Baca at [chettrick@seattleschools.org](mailto:chettrick@seattleschools.org) sharing those things you would like us to have in mind.**

This is our last week of Smarter Balance testing (other than make ups). 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be math testing on Monday and Thursday, and Fifth grade on Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure you children arrive at school well rested and on time. Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is now a non-school day. There will be a Seattle Education Association walk out and march on that day to support school funding. This action aims to push the state legislature to address existing initiatives and the McCleary decision that found Washington State is not adequately funding basic education. An additional school day will be added on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Upcoming Dates:**

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
May 19			No School	
May 28	TBD	Boren	Science and PBL Extravaganza	Stay tuned for details soon!
May 20	2:30-3:15pm	Boren	Seattle Opera visit to STEM	Seattle Opera will be visiting STEM to perform their first act of their elementary school program from "Our Earth:

				Heron and the Salmon Girl". Next year, we hope to have this terrific program as an enrichment program for our kids- come check it out!
June 1			Library Books!	Return all library books!
June 2	7-8pm		Instrumental Music Concert	Instrumental Music Concert – family evening
June 4			Summer Book Swap	Start saving your gently loved books for Summer Book Swap
June 10	3-4	Boren	Volunteer Tea	Staff & teachers invite you to the Volunteer Tea! More details TBD.
June 16			Last day of school	Out 1 hour early

- If you have alternate after school arrangements for your child, please have them in to Cindy or Patti by 2:30.
- No coffee chat this month.
- Are you missing coats, sweaters, stem wear, lunchboxes? Lost and found is over flowing again. Please come and check or have your students check for lost belongings, we will donate unclaimed items to Westside Baby and the STEM uniform closet by May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- BELL TIMES: ONLINE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE! We asked, they listened! An online survey at [belltimes.www.seattleschools.org](http://belltimes.www.seattleschools.org) is now available until May 10 for all parents, students and staff to collect input on possible bell time changes for schools. The District would like your input because a change in the start and end time for a school day has the potential to affect the entire community. *It is recommended that even those who completed previous surveys send their input online to ensure your feedback is considered.*
- Remember to send books back to school with students – many students have books out for extended times.
- Girls between the ages of 6 and 18 are invited to participate in [Go, Girl, Go!](#), an all-female Q&A panel sponsored by FIRST, Washington FIRST Robotics, IEEE, and ICRA. This is a chance to speak and network with local and international female STEM and STEAM professionals and learn more about the world of science and technology. Free to attend, girls can stay all day or for just portion. Lots of fun activities are planned for girls to spark their curiosity and imagination in the world of science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

When: Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

Who: All girls between the ages of 6-18

Cost: Free

Registration: <https://gogirlgo2015.eventbrite.com>

- Seattle Public Schools is hosting a community meeting to share information, receive comments and answer questions about our upcoming Operations Levy and Buildings, Technology, Academics/Athletics IV (BTA IV) Capital Levy, to be submitted to Seattle voters in February 2016. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 2nd in the John Stanford Center Auditorium, 2445 Third Avenue South, from 6:30-8:00 p.m

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