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The official weekly newsletter of the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

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Message from the Principal – Ben Ostrom:

We are entering a home stretch jam-packed with learning and adventures. Start by dropping in on the Science and PBL extravaganza Thursday, May 28 from 6-7:30. It will be an open house format with spring Science and PBL projects from all grades on display. Meander from classroom to classroom to see what STEM K-8 students and staff have been working on. From 6:00-6:30 our 5th graders will be standing by to talk about science fair-type projects, so you may want to start in the 5th grade first.

Many elements of our 6th grade planning are starting to fall into place. For example, we are tying down funding to offer instrumental music to 6th graders. Look for a full update the second week of June, and more information throughout the summer. In the next few weeks we will also share out K-8 STEM vision developments for community feedback, with plans for a fuller discussion when we return in the fall.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
May 28	6-7:30	Boren	STEM EXPO - Science and PBL Extravaganza	Don't miss this open house style event, see the amazing projects and experiments students have created!
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 11	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

Open Board and Committee Positions for STEM K-8 PTA 2015-16!

We have some great positions open to take an active role on the PTA supporting our students and school.

Please reach out and consider taking on a role, you can be a full-time working parent, bring younger siblings along and for many roles, much of the work can be done from home. The roles listed are those that we have had in place over the last couple years, but if you don't see something that interests you and you have a skill to share and *want to be involved please let us know vp@k5stempta.org!*

Enrichment Coordinator: subsidized position as school employee funded by the PTA. Averages 10 hours per work paid, but hours will vary up to 20 – 30 hours a week at peak times. Pays \$18 hour before deductions. There are also volunteer opportunities to support the Enrichment Coordinator.

Duties include:

Develop program and schedule that serves kids of all grade levels and provides a mix of activities to interest many students. Manage all aspects of the Enrichment program. Coordinate all schedules and contracts with vendors. Secure all instructors dates and times for classes. Manage registration of students, do outreach to school community and book all rooms for classes. Manage all payments for enrichment classes and coordinate all registration. Secure volunteers for each class. Be present on site for morning and afternoon classes for at least the first week of classes for each session.

Board Seats: The PTA Board is a group of volunteers that meets with the PTA Executive Committee every other month to discuss school needs and PTA programs.

- a. Development/Fundraising Chair
- b. Community Events/School Spirit
- c. Advocacy Chair
- d. Diversity Chair

Coordinator Positions:

- a. Volunteer Coordinator
- b. Uniform Closet Coordinator
- c. Lost & Found Coordinator
- d. Hospitality: (Coffee Chats, Open Houses, 1st day Welcome coffee)
- e. Bulletin boards
- f. School Pictures Coordinator

Other Information:

- 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 by May 29th and again at the end of school.

- 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 pm

More information always www.k5stempta.org, on Facebook (West Seattle STEM PTA) and twitter @STEMPTA