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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:

Thanks to all of you who were able to drop by the Science and PBL Extravaganza! It was an amazing evening with loads of inquiry science and Project Based Learning on full display. The curiosity, effort, and investigative and engineering skills of K8 STEM students shone from classroom after classroom. Our school is taking strides in building PBL and STEM practices.

We have been developing STEM's school vision to help guide our K8 program work. I will etch out time in these concluding weeks to share our evolving K8 STEM vision for comment and feedback, as well as provide a more thorough K8 update. The workload of the last month has gotten in the way of communicating all the things happening. Our first class of 6th graders are going to have some exciting learning experiences to look forward too!

Don't forget to scour the house for library books. They are all due on June 3rd. We are trying to reduce dramatically a cost of lost books which has been in the thousands of dollars.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
June 2	7-8pm	Boren	Instrumental Music Concert	Instrumental Music Concert – family evening
June 3	9:30am		Library Books DUE!	Return all library books! Students with overdue materials will have the items converted into a library fine for the cost of replacing the materials. All fines for overdue books should be paid in full by June 12 th . Library Fines that are left unpaid follow the students throughout their years in Seattle Public Schools.
June 3	1:40pm		2 hour Early Dismissal	Professional Development Day
June 4	10am	Boren	Summer Book Swap	Bring in your gently loved books for Summer Book Swap – boxes are set up for collection at Boren! June 4 th @10am is the

				swap for all students.
June 4	5:30pm-6:30	Library	K-8 Roll-up	Regular Meeting
June 4	6:30pm-8	Beveridge Place Pub	PTA Social	No regular meeting – but come celebrate the end of the year at Beveridge Place Pub (Morgan Junction)
June 6	9:40am-12		SW Teen Life Center	Come learn about projects on Delridge and encourage a playground, free little library and other projects for STEM! More info at: http://buildingconnections.seattle.gov/2015/05/21/delridge-projects-workshop/
June 11	3pm-4	Boren	Volunteer Tea	Staff & teachers invite you to the Volunteer Tea! More details TBD.
June 12	9:45am-2:45	Boren	All School Field Day	If you are interested in helping with this year's Field Day festivities please visit: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eabab2fa4f49-field1
June 15	9:30am-1:30	Alik	All School Field Trip	Alki! Forms coming home & need to be returned by Wednesday June 3 rd .
June 16	2:35pm		Last day of school	Spirit Wear Day! 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
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Other Information:

- 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
- STEM Library Summer Reading Challenge form as well as Summer Reading Programs 2015 and Online Reading Resources link to the SPS online resources: <http://sps.ss8.sharpschool.com/students/support/library>

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

