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# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**January 13**

**2-hour early dismissal  
1:40pm**

*STEM K-8*

Pick your Owls up at 1:40pm.

**January 14**

**Winter PBL Exhibition  
5:30pm – 8:00pm**

*STEM K-8*

**January 15**

**BLUE FRIDAY!**

**Show Your Seahawks Spirit!**

*STEM K-8*

**January 18**

**No School**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



*STEM 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Artwork 2014*

**January 18**

**First Auction Meeting  
7:00pm – 8:30pm**

*Junction Uptown Espresso*

*4301 SW Edmunds St.*

*Seattle, WA 98116*

**January 29**

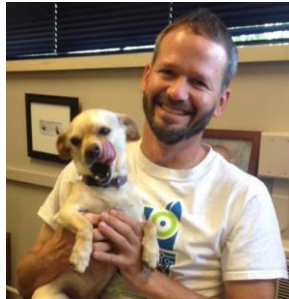
**Spirit Wear Day**

*STEM K-8*

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## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

It was great to see our students returning to classrooms and engaged learning in the New Year. If you haven't put the January 14, 5:30pm - 8:00pm **STEM K-8 PBL Exhibition** on your calendar, do so now. Our rooms will be open for families to see the projects students have been working on. It's also a good reminder to renew or initiate your PTA membership if you haven't had a chance. I say over and over—what our teachers and school does would not be possible without the PTA. Teachers needing everything from lumber, special presentations, software, art materials, or just assistance, turn to the PTA for the support to create magical classroom experiences. The PTA wants to have every student represented. General membership is free, and a voting membership is only \$15. You can [join online](#), as well as at the PTA membership table on PBL Exhibition night.

**Wednesday, January 13 at 1:40pm** is an Early Release day for professional development. STEM staff will be working in Singapore Math focusing on bar modeling, with primary doing some additional work on utilizing math trays.

Seattle Public Schools' School Board established a strategic goal to "strengthen school, family and community engagement" and a superintendent's goal to "develop a culture of open, two-way and transparent communication with stakeholders at all levels to support parent and community engagement." To support those aims, the Budget Office is offering training to families on Understanding the School Budget process. Information shared will include an overview of the budgeting process, planning dates for 2016-17 school budgets, how funding is determined and schools are staffed, including information about funded class sizes, and the process for parent involvement. The initial presentation is scheduled for **January 25 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence (JSCEE) auditorium.**

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Ostrom  
*Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal*

## Upcoming Events (continued)

**February 3**  
**Focus Day**  
*Olympia*

**February 4**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**  
*Boren Library*

**February 15**  
**No School**  
Presidents Day

**February 16**  
**No School**  
Mid-Winter Break  
(one day only)

**February 22**  
**Franklin HS Lion Dancers**  
**9:30am**  
STEM K-8 Gymnasium

**March 3**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**  
*Boren Library*

**March 23**  
**2-hour early dismissal**  
**1:40pm**  
*STEM K-8*  
Pick your Owls up at 1:40pm.

**March 26**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Auction**  
*Hall at Fauntleroy*

**April 7**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**  
*Boren Library*

**April 11 – April 15**  
**No School**  
Spring Break

Check out the school calendar  
[here](#).

## PTA Membership Drive

The PTA is a hugely important part of our school – providing the funding and volunteers that make many exciting projects and events possible.

[Please join today!](#)

General membership – FREE  
Voting membership – \$15



**\*Free STEM scarf for the first 20 people to sign up for a voting membership!**

## Blue Friday Seahawks Spirit Wear Day



Show your Seahawks spirit this Friday! Kids can wear Seahawks shirts/sweatshirts, owl shirts/sweatshirts, STEM spirit wear or blue/green tops to school.

## First Auction Meeting

Come help plan for the 3rd annual STEM Auction!

Monday, January 18, 7:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Uptown Espresso** in the **Junction**  
4301 SW Edmunds St.  
Seattle, WA 98116



## Stay Connected

[PTA Website](#) – all things PTA (become a member, volunteer, shop and earn, how YOU can be involved).

[STEM K-8 school website](#) – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).



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[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)

[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



[Mrs. B.'s Library Page](#)



## Focus Day



Join Washington State PTA in Olympia for the 2016 Focus Day on **Wednesday, February 3**.

The Columbia Room, 1st floor of the Legislative Building, has been reserved as a place to gather, share information and prepare for the day's events.

Bring your family and friends to meet with legislators and to rally in the main capitol building's Rotunda at noon.

An event agenda will be posted in mid-January:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events>

## Advanced Learning Announcement from SPS



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The Advanced Learning office will notify families (who referred a child by the October 8, 2015 deadline) via email about a child's eligibility as scores are received and processed, late January through February. Families who haven't received an eligibility email by February 29 should contact Advanced Learning at [alsupportanalysts@seattleschools.org](mailto:alsupportanalysts@seattleschools.org) with the subject line "Eligibility Letter."

K-8 testing continues at least through January, but all families who referred by the October 8 deadline should have received a testing appointment date by now. Those who have not should email

[alsupportanalysts@seattleschools.org](mailto:alsupportanalysts@seattleschools.org) with the subject line "Winter Testing."

For details about all of these issues, please see our [Advanced Learning Enrollment page](#) and our [Advanced Learning Appeals page](#).

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