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# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**January 29**

**Spirit Wear Day**

STEM K-8

**February**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Raising money for the American Heart Association.

**February 1**

**MLK/Black History Assembly**

9:30am

STEM K-8 Gymnasium

**February 3**

**Focus Day**

Olympia

**February 4**

**PTA Meeting**

6:30pm-8:00pm

Boren Library

**February 10**

**Board Game Night!**

6:30pm-8:00pm

STEM K-8 Cafeteria

**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

**February 26**

**Spirit Wear Day**

STEM K-8

**March 3**

**PTA Meeting**

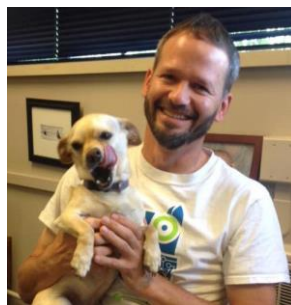
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Boren Library

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## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

It's the middle of the current school year, and we are full-on planning for the next one as well. I'm excited to share that the Seattle Education Association (SEA) and Seattle Public Schools' Human Resources Department agreed to post openings for next year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms starting

February 1<sup>st</sup>; our new 7<sup>th</sup> grades are being treated as if they were a newly opening school. This is a good time to note that participation on hiring committees is a great way to become involved in school. All hiring committee participants must have taken a SEA hiring training. The next available is on February 9—details are available at <http://seattlewea.org> or the school office. Please let Cindy know if you are interested in participating. At this point we will advertise for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Language Arts/Social Studies teachers. We will also use state Career and Technical Education resources to operate a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM block.

We are also planning classroom and program locations for the 2016-17 school year and beyond. As Arbor Heights leaves (we will miss our neighbors) and STEM spreads throughout the building, a number of classrooms will move and building modifications will be required. The February 4, 6:30 pm PTA meeting will be devoted to families' feedback on this topic. Please join us to share opinions and feedback.

Our MLK/Black History Assembly was shifted to Monday, February 1 at 9:30 AM in the school cafeteria. You're welcome to join us!

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

## Upcoming Events (continued)

**March 23**

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

**March 25**

**Spirit Wear Day**  
STEM K-8

**March 26**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Auction  
"Out of This World"  
5:30pm-11:00pm  
Hall at Fauntleroy

**April 7**

PTA Meeting  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
Boren Library

**April 11 – April 15**

No School  
Spring Break

**April 29**

**Spirit Wear Day**  
STEM K-8

**May 2 – May 6**

Teacher Appreciation Week  
STEM K-8

**May 5**

PTA Meeting  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
Boren Library

**May 27**

**Spirit Wear Day**  
STEM K-8

**May 30**

No School  
Memorial Day

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



## Out of This World!



**STAR DATE 03-26-16**

**5:30pm – 11:00pm**  
**Hall at Fauntleroy**

See Owl Post pages 4, 5 & 6 for lots more details on our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual auction!

## Focus Day



Seats are still available for the Focus Day bus! If there is lots of interest a second bus may be added. Get your FREE bus ticket on Eventbrite (you can find the link on our [Facebook page](#)).

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.

## School Tours – Volunteers Needed



We are in search of volunteers to lead school tours. The tours take place every Wednesday and Friday morning from February 10 to 26. We need elementary and middle school families to share their experiences and show prospective families our school. If interested send an email to [tours@stemk8pta.org](mailto:tours@stemk8pta.org)

If you know any families who would like to find out more about STEM K-8, please point them in the direction of our [PTA website](#) where they can rsvp for tours and find out about our upcoming Open House.

## 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).



[STEM K-8 Facebook](#)



[STEM PTA Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)

[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



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



## A New App that Earns Money for our School!



Check out Benefit Mobile from eScrip, available for iPhone and Android.

The Group ID for STEM K-8 is **500043528**

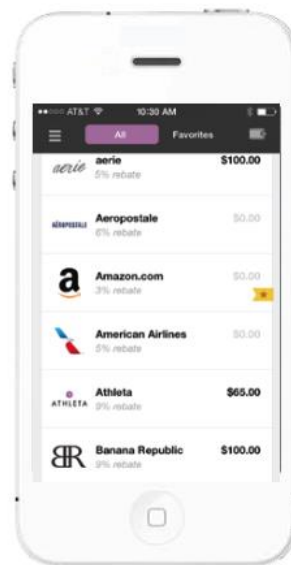


INTRODUCES BENEFIT

## Benefit Gives While You Shop!

When you use the Benefit app at checkout at any of our participating retailers, a percentage of the transaction is donated to a school or non-profit of your choice.

**It's as easy as a credit card and safer than a wallet.**



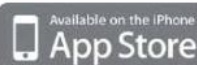
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- 2 Search for a school or non-profit that you'd like to support.
- 3 Shop at any of our participating retailers and use the app at checkout.
- 4 **With each transaction a donation is made!**



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A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...

## OUT OF THIS WORLD – 2016 STEM K-8 Auction

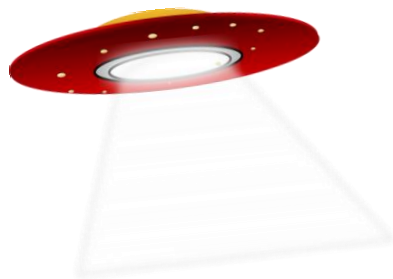


**When:** March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-11pm

**Where:** Hall at Fauntleroy: 9131 California Ave SW

### **Why does STEM have an Auction?**

PTA's support basic education in Washington State. The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA supports both basics (library books, gym equipment, art supplies) and "extras" (Project Based Learning supplies, scholarships for before & after school clubs, technology equipment, PTA events like Back to School Bash, and Pi Day). With your support, our students get the basics AND the extras which is what makes STEM **Out of This World!**



We are dreamers, shapers, singers, and makers. -Babylon 5

### **Tickets**

Available now: [louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net](http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net)

So say we all! -Battlestar Galactica



## **Volunteer & Dessert Dash**

We couldn't pull this off without volunteers! Help is needed in the days leading up to the auction, for event setup, and during the auction itself. To sign up visit: [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

Upcoming Auction Committee meetings are 7-8pm Uptown Espresso in the Junction Feb 8, Feb 29, March 14, and March 21.

We need 25 donated desserts to cap off the evening. Don't like to bake? Purchased desserts are welcome. Each dessert must serve 8-10. To donate a dessert, send an email to [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org).

We have done the impossible, and that makes us mighty. -Firefly

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Sponsorship is another great way to support the auction! Levels range from \$100 to \$5,000 and include a variety of great benefits. Contact [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org) for information on becoming a sponsor or in-kind donor.

You want weapons? We're in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world! -Doctor Who

## **Donations**

We are on the lookout for wine donations and color printing services.

Room parents: Feel free to organize (or ask for a parent to organize) a class basket. Pinterest is full of ideas, or contact [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org) for ideas about class baskets - it's an easy, fun way for classes to contribute to the auction.

**Fill out a procurement sheet at: [louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net](http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net)  
Due by February 28, 2016.**

Hasta la Vista, Baby. -Terminator 2

## Attire

Sci-fi – Centauri or Cylon; River Tam or River Song; Cardassian or Lando Calrissian; Agent Mulder or Agent Coulson. Vulcan, Androids, Bug Eyed Monsters, Dr. Who, Aliens, Wall-e, Princess Leia, Mr. Spock, astronauts, geeks & nerds. Costumed, your favorite pair of jeans, or semi-cocktail all welcome.

Donnie: Why do you wear that stupid bunny suit?

Frank: Why are you wearing that stupid man suit? -Donnie Darko

## Questions?

Contact [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org)

Its continuing mission to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no one has gone before. – Star Trek: The Next Generation

