



February 1, 2016



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

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

Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA

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

6:30pm-8:00pm

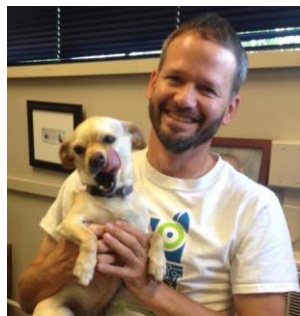
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A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

The PTA meeting on February 4 at 6:30pm will review Boren facility plans. Join us for input on program and grade level locations as STEM K-8 expands to fill the entire Boren site. A number of grade and room location changes are in store for next fall. A month later the March 3 PTA meeting

will look at next year's school budget.

We will interview applicants for our new middle school positions on 2/12 and 2/18. Depending upon the number of applicants there may be some interviews on 2/11 as well. Participation on hiring committees is a great way to become involved in STEM K-8! All hiring committee participants must have taken the SEA hiring training. The next available training is 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 are advertising for 7th grade Math and Language Arts/Social Studies teachers. The next round of hiring for openings at any other grade levels will be in early April.

Special thanks to Cassandra O'Neal, STEM Parent, playground supervisor, tutor, and erstwhile volunteer. She is off to a new job and will no longer be a regular fixture on our playground. If you are free during the middle of the day and might be interested in high reward/minimal salary playground supervision work, let Cindy or I know.

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

3rd 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](#).



Focus Day – This Wednesday!



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.

<https://www.facebook.com/events>

Seats are still available for the Focus Day bus! Get your FREE bus ticket on Eventbrite (you can find the link on our [Facebook page](#)).

School Tours – Volunteers Needed



School tours are almost upon us! We are in search of volunteer tour leaders. 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

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.

Poetry Day at STEM

Poets Janet Wong, Charles Waters and Carmen T. Vernier-Grand performed at STEM on Monday. The whole school benefits from the excitement around poetry right now! It was inspiring when students stopped me in the halls Tuesday and told me about the theme of their science poems. Here is a selection of winning poems (poems were drawn at random). Each student poet gets a poetry book. The teacher edition book went to **Lisa Sweeney**. There are several still available for check out for those that didn't win a book!

Mary Bannister
STEM K-8 Librarian

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](#)



Spark by Matthew

I'm up in my room late at night.
The pages on my note book are open.
I have no ideas tonight. I reach to turn off my lamp.
Ouch! I found my spark.

Programming by Matthew

Move up. Move down. Move left then right.
These are programs that make a game.
They weave together like my grandmother's old picnic basket.
I have a dream that one day I will be with a top company like Microsoft or Apple or maybe my own.
Everything big starts off small with someone like me.

Scientist by Ms. Sweeney

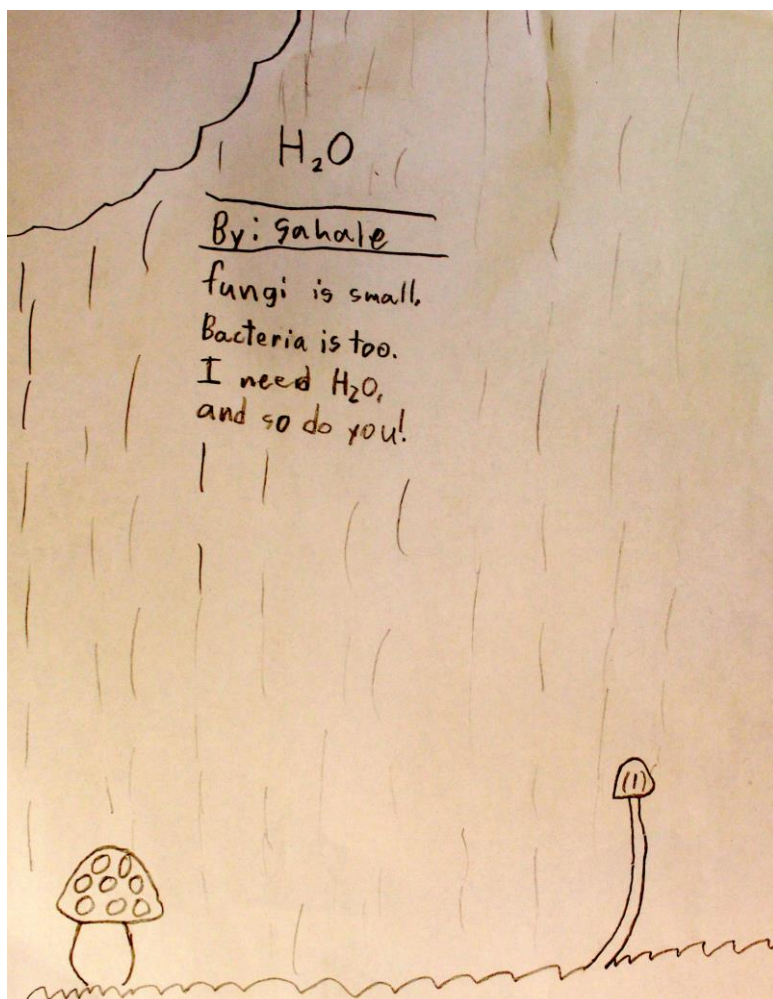
I like science
I like school
I'm a teacher
at a STEM school
I ask questions
I wonder WHY!
You're a scientist
And so am I

3 States of Matter by Zystyn

Solid is something that you can hold and touch
Has a definite volume, shape and mass
Table, chairs, toys and a lot
Are just the examples of this state of matter

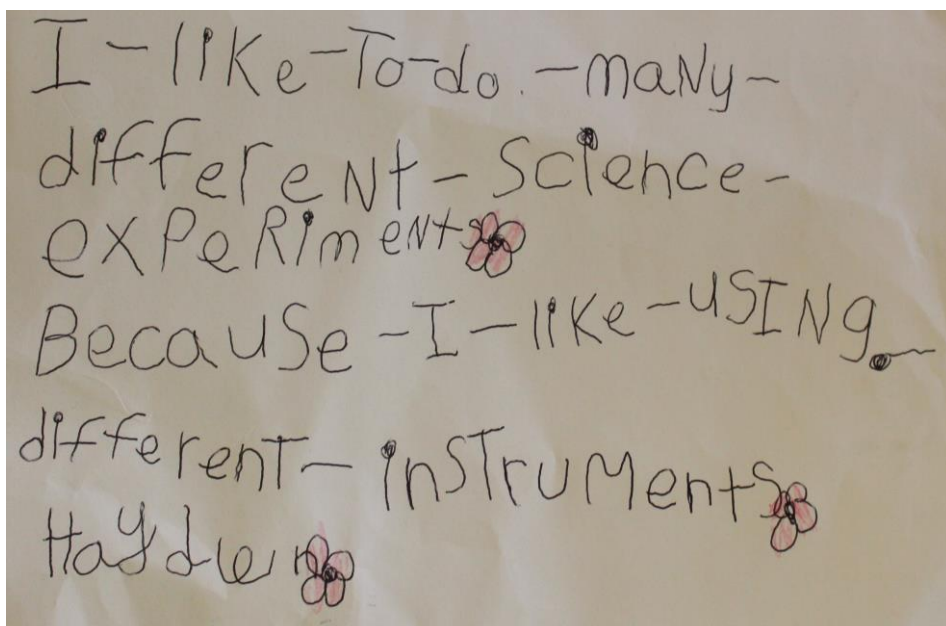
Liquid takes the shape of its container
It has definite volume but shape is not
It will turn to gas when it is heated
And will turn solid when it's cooled

Gases are often invisible
Don't have definite volume and shape
But you can feel it anywhere
It is the air that we are always breathing in



Dig by Joey

I'm at the dig site
the hot sun over my head.
I'm at the dig site
looking for animals dead
when I find one
the real fun begins
the fossil is thoroughly researched
and everybody wins!





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

OUT OF THIS WORLD – 2016 STEM K-8 AUCTION

March 26th from 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm / The Hall at Fautleroy

Why does STEM have an Auction?

PTAs support basic education in Washington State. The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA supports both basics and “extras.” With your support, our students get the basics AND the extras, which is what makes STEM **Out of This World!**

Ticket sales, volunteering information, dessert dash, sponsorship, and donation procurement are **all online** at:

<http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016/homepages/show> or by e-mail: auction@stemk8pta.org.



TICKETS ONLINE!

<http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016/homepages/show>

Don't want to buy Tickets online?

Ticket (single) \$60: _____

Ticket (couple) \$120: _____

STEM Teacher / Staff \$0: _____

Sponsor a STEM Teacher / Staff \$60: _____

Other donation to support STEM K-8 PTA \$: _____

TOTAL \$: _____

Checks can be made out to STEM K-8 PTA and left in the front office, given to your child's teacher, or mailed to: 5950 Delridge Way, Seattle, WA 98106 BY MARCH 5th.

OR e-mail auction@stemk8pta.org to arrange credit card payment and ticketing over the phone.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Sit by: _____