



February 22, 2016



# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**February 22**

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

**February 23**

**Global Reading Challenge**  
2:00pm  
STEM K-8 Cafeteria

**February 26**

**Spirit Wear Day**  
STEM K-8



**March 2**

**Read Across America Day**  
STEM K-8  
Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.

**March 3**

**PTA Meeting**  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
Boren Library  
Discussing 2016-17 school budget. Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

**March 14**

**Pizza Pi Night**  
6:00pm  
STEM K-8 Cafeteria  
\$10 donation if you can!

**March 23**

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

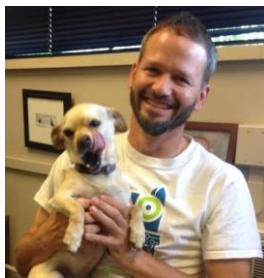
**March 25**

**Spirit Wear Day**  
STEM K-8

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## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

We are entering a month that will put many topics in air: next year's school budget, an updated facility plan for the Louisa Boren Building, and program planning for the next year. Some of the items being addressed: 7<sup>th</sup> grade class offerings, room moves and modifications, continuing and expanding the 6<sup>th</sup> grade 1:1 iPad program, and more. I'm hoping that we will receive more clarity about bell times for next year soon. We also learned recently that STEM K-8 will integrate three new school programs for next year—a Developmental Preschool, a Seattle Preschool program, and a primary Access program.

The Developmental Preschool and Access are described on [SPS's Special Education Service Descriptions Homepage](#):

- **Developmental Preschool:** Programs provide high quality early childhood environments where activities are designed by Special Education Teachers and Therapists to meet the individual developmental needs of students. Typically developing preschoolers from the community are included in many of the programs. Instructional content varies, based on each student's IEP. This service is open to all disability categories.
- **Access:** Services are intended to provide specially designed instruction to students with more intensive academic and functional special education needs. These services support students who are able to make progress on their IEP goals while spending most of their instructional time, including specially designed instruction, in general education settings with a range of supports. But, services may be provided in any setting, based on the individual IEP. Instructional content varies, based on each student's IEP. This service is open to all disability categories.

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Auction--*Out of This World*--on March 26 from 5:30pm - 11:00pm. The things you love at STEM are possible because of PTA support. Get your tickets and more information at [louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016](http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016).

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Ostrom  
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal

## Upcoming Events (continued)



**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](#).



## Volunteer for STEM Auction – March 26!

Please consider volunteering for the STEM Out of This World auction. We could not put on this important fundraiser for STEM K-8 without the support of our volunteers. There are lots of places to help - many will be on the actual day/night of the big event. Please pitch in if you can!

Click on the Sign Up Genius logo to volunteer!



## Read Across America Day – March 2

It's a SEUSSEBRATION! Each year, we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with Read Across America Day!



Kids can dress in a Seuss character costume or in Seuss-style (Seuss t-shirts etc, or invent your own Seussical character). They can also bring their favorite Seuss books to school (be sure to write their name in the books).

Partner classes will read Seuss books together in the afternoon. There will be free Seuss pencils and bookmarks for all students too!

## STEM K-8 Heart Heroes



A big thank you to our student heart heroes. So far, STEM K-8 jump-ropers have raised **\$3,087** to help kids with heart disease.

STEM students have also been learning about their own heart, and how to keep it healthy. This is the fourth year P.E. Teacher Ms. Gray and students have participated in this

great event!

## School Tours – Final Week



This is the last week of school tours. So, 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.

Thank you to all our volunteer tour guides who have done such a great job showing off our school!

## 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](#)



## Walk-In Day – Thank You!



**From: Shawna Murphy and the STEM PTA Advocacy Committee**

Thanks to all of you who stopped by our PTA Advocacy booth last Thursday morning for [#seawalkinday](#). This national event highlights the need for full funding for our schools, and was a huge success -- with over 70 Seattle Public Schools participating!



Educators, students and families had an opportunity to sign our poster boards, have their photos taken with our advocacy props and write post cards to the Governor. The group, [Soup for Teachers](#) gathered up all the vision boards and delivered them to Olympia the same day.



The West Seattle Blog even stopped by to check it out, and take some photos: <http://westseattleblog.com/2016/02/photos-west-seattle-school-walk-ins-to-send-a-message-share-a-vision/>





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

**OUT OF THIS WORLD – 2016 STEM K-8 AUCTION**

March 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>.

OR e-mail [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org) to arrange credit card payment and ticketing over the phone.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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