Upcoming Events

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 11
Global Reading Challenge
Semi-Finals
10:30am
SPL Central Library
1000 4th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

March 14
Pizza Pi Night
6:00pm
STEM K-8 Cafeteria
$10 donation if you can!

March 22
Global Reading Challenge
Final
7:00pm
SPL Central Library
1000 4th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

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:

It’s inspiring to see the Louisa Boren STEM Vision come alive! Just from Friday and the weekend: Kindergarteners designing and making umbrellas, 6th graders meeting with scholars from Denny Middle School to collaborate on “Bog to Bay,” a Longfellow Creek water quality project, and our Robotics Team competing at the state level. Take a look at our school vision: Louisa Boren STEM scholars Grow 21st Century readiness in a community that values equity, sustainability, and the whole child. Develop Rigorous STREAM skills to ask and answer audacious questions, and Use Project Based Learning to tackle real world challenges.

At the PTA meeting on Thursday, March 3 from 6:30pm-8:00pm, families will have an opportunity to learn about next year’s school staffing and budget. Because the STEM K-8 PTA and school collaborate closely, there are vital overlaps. Please join us for learning and feedback regarding STEM K-8’s 2016-17 school budget.

Don’t forget about the 3rd Annual STEM Auction--Out of This World--on March 26 from 5:30pm-11:00pm. PTA support brings what you love at STEM to life! Get tickets and information at louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Ostrom
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal
Upcoming Events (continued)

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 19
Spring Science/PBL Extravaganza
5:30pm-7:00pm
STEM K-8

May 27
Spirit Wear Day
STEM K-8

May 30
No School
Memorial Day

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

The STEM PTA raises money to support ALL of our kids and programs. Here is a brief snapshot of what your generous contributions have paid for in 2015-2016:

- $10,000 to buy books for the library.
- $10,000 for Project Based Learning resources for teachers –including relationships with McKinistry, Burke Museum of Natural History, Civil War Historians and more!
- $1,000 on Technology for robotics competitions and software, including Minecraft for Education, and all entries to robotics competitions.
- Projected: $10,000 for supporting Project Based Learning projects including rental of real scientific bird specimens from the Burke Museum bird boxes, geodes, tools for electrical engineering, costumes and materials for plays & art projects.
- $1200 on assemblies that provide learning and cultural experiences - Lunar New Year.
- $7,000 to create and manage a full enrichment program.
- $3,000 in requests for science fair projects.

Support our kids, support our teachers, support the STEM PTA in making our school truly “Out of This World” and attend the 3rd Annual STEM Auction!

TICKETS ONLINE!
http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016/homepage/show

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 – This Wednesday!

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!

"The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you LEARN, the more places you'll GO."

I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! by Dr. Seuss
Louisa Boren STEM K-8’s First In-School Global Reading Challenge!
By STEM Librarian, Mary Bannister

Congratulations to all the students that read this year’s Global Reading Challenge Books!

There were a handful of students that took the challenge further and read ALL 10 TITLES!

We were thrilled to have four teams compete in our first annual Global Reading In-School Challenge.

Mr. Daniels’ room had the Small Wings and P.S. GO STEM!
Ms. Newton’s class had **El Incredible Readers!**

The combined 5th grade classes had the winning team, **The Old Smurfs**.

We are so proud of all the teams, we even had to go into lightning elimination rounds for our first place team.

**The Old Smurfs** will represent STEM at the Global Reading Semi-Finals on Friday, March 11 at the downtown Central Library at 10:30am.

The top team from that event will continue on to the City Finals on the evening of Tuesday, March 22 at 7pm at the Central Library!

Thanks to Mr. Ostrom for helping out at the judges table and reading the round 2 questions with flair! Special Thanks to Miss Bea from the Delridge Library, Mary Palmer of Seattle Public Library for over 20+ years of Global Reading Challenge and Seattle Public Library Foundation for providing six sets of the ten titles to Louisa Boren STEM K–8 for our reading pleasure!
Sam, Lizzie, Eva, Hailey, DJ, and Archer (hiding in the back) were invited to attend the VEX IQ State Tournament. These six students participated in VEX IQ tournaments around Washington in the fall and winter. They accumulated points and recognitions that qualified them for the State Tournament.

Eva and Lizzie made it to the State Finals and placed 7th.

Hailey and Archer received the State AMAZING Award for their problem solving, tenacity to overcome adversity, and being a good strong team!