



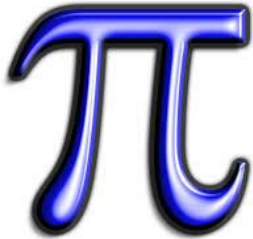
March 14, 2016



# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events



**March 14 – Happy Pi Day!**  
**Pi Competition**  
9:30am  
STEM K-8 Gymnasium

**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 24**  
**An Evening with Professor Au**  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
South Park Community Center  
8319 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Seattle, WA 98108

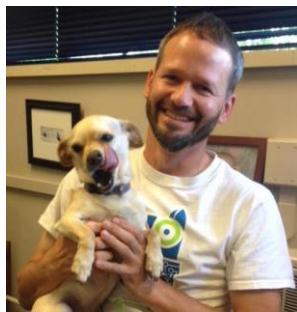
**March 25**  
**Spirit Wear Day**  
STEM K-8

**March 26**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STEM Auction**  
**“Out of This World”**  
5:30pm-11:00pm  
Hall at Fautleroy

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## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



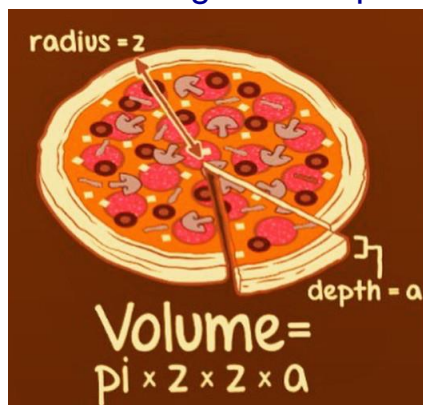
Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

Congrats to the Old Smurfs, the team of 5<sup>th</sup> graders who represented STEM K-8 in Seattle Public Library’s Global Reading Challenge. Thanks to Librarian Mary Bannister who facilitated STEM’s participation in the annual effort to promote reading of 10 high-quality children’s literature titles.

A big shout out to goes to the Owls—Louisa Boren STEM K-8’s first foray into team athletics! STEM’s 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ultimate Frisbee team had its first match on Saturday against a team of Washington Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Much gratitude goes to Coach Des for stepping up to the challenge of launching a middle school athletics program.

If you haven’t had the chance, it’s time to plan for an *Out of This World* experience. Get tickets and information at [louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016](http://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/auction2016) for the third annual STEM auction. It’s on Saturday, March 26 from 5:30pm-11:00pm.

## Pizza Pi Night – 6:00pm Tonight!



**Today is Pi Day 3/14!** Don’t forget to join us this evening for Pizza Pi Night - pizza and fun with friends from school.

\$10 suggested donation per family. PTA will provide pizza, paper plates and utensils; bring your own drinks and sides.

## Upcoming Events (continued)

**April 5**  
Class Photos  
STEM K-8

**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

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



## Out of this World Auction Update



We are closing in on the final two weeks before our largest fundraiser of the year! Thank you to all who have volunteered donated and purchased tickets!

We have **10 tickets left** - so if you've been procrastinating this is the time to buy and join in on raising much-needed funds for our school community. 3/18/16 (Fri) will be your last day to purchase tickets!

**Procurement for donations:** 3/16/16 (Weds) will be the last day that we can accept your generous donations. Procurement sheet found on the auction website at <http://stemk8pta.org/auction/>

## Spring Enrichment Registration Open Until March 21



Will it be [Chess](#), [Trendy Crafts](#), [Ukulele](#) or something else? With so many excellent before and after schools programs to choose from, you're sure to please even the most picky child!

This spring, there will be not *one* but *two* drama programs, robotics, a "makey messy messes" hour for the little ones, sports, sewing, and **so much more**. Visit our [Enrichment Programs](#) page to see a full line-up or head right to the [registration form](#) to start the process! Registration is open through March 21.

If you'd like to volunteer for a class or need a scholarship, please contact Linnea Seidemann at [afterschool@stemk8pta.org](mailto:afterschool@stemk8pta.org).

## STEM K-8 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ultimate Frisbee Schedule



March 19	Seattle Waldorf 6	4:00pm	Delridge south 2
March 26	Eckstein 6 JV	2:30pm	Walt Hundley 2
April 9	Mercer 6th	2:00pm	Van Asselt 2
April 16	South Shore B	11:30am	Van Asselt 1
April 30	Evergreen 6th	2:00pm	Walt Hundley 2

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



## Global Reading Challenge – Congrats 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!



### From STEM Librarian: Mary Bannister

KUDOS to the OLD SMURFS! The 5th grade team, Old Smurfs, represented Louisa Boren STEM K-8 very well at their semi-final round of Global Reading Challenge. They only missed one question in the original three rounds of the competition and went into a “lightning round” or “sudden death” round with six other teams! They can be proud of their representation of our STEM scholars!



Thanks to all the 4th and 5th grade students that read any of these [10 spectacular titles](#) this year.

Looking forward to even more participation next year!



## Looking for information about standardized testing?

Concord International School PTA & Louisa Boren STEM PTA  
*proudly present an evening with*

### University of Washington Professor Wayne Au

Dr. Au's academic interests encompass critical education theory and teaching for social justice. His research focuses on educational equity, high-stakes testing, curriculum theory, educational policy studies and social studies education.

**Please join us for a lecture and open discussion**

Thursday, March 24th  
6 - 8pm  
South Park Community Center  
8319 8th Ave S 98108

**Childcare and Snacks provided!  
Spanish Language Interpreter**

