



March 21, 2016

Upcoming Events



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 8th Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98108

Lecture & open discussion on standardized testing. Childcare & snacks provided. Spanish language interpreter.

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 5

Class Photos

STEM K-8

April 7

PTA Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm

Boren Library

Complimentary childcare provided by PTA.

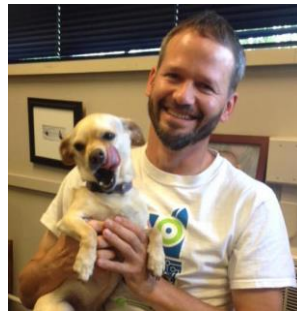
Owl Post

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

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A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

Locate your space suits and get ready for an *Out of This World* experience! The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Auction is a mere six days away. There are a few tickets left, and you have until noon today to get them!

[BUY AUCTION TICKETS HERE!](#)

On March 26 from 5:30pm -11:00pm come join our STEM K-8 community for a fun event that generates vital support for school programs!

Programs benefitting from PTA support were in full swing on Friday afternoon. 6th graders joined 3rd graders studying plant development, helping them using microscopes hooked up to iPads to record observations. STEM kindergarteners collaborated with Arbor Heights 4th graders on a gardening project in the north courtyard. 4th graders in the library made choices from an increasingly larger collection of STEM books. Thanks families for an amazing commitment to STEM K-8!

Sincerely,
Benjamin Ostrom
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal

Last Chance to Sign Up for Spring Enrichment!

Today is the last day to register for any one of our excellent Spring Enrichment classes, many of which start the last week of March! All classes but Robotic Engineers still have plenty of space for eager students, from The Sound of Music and Glee Struck to After School Sports and Watercolor. There's also room in Amelia's Aero Club for engineering minded 5th and 6th grade girls.

Visit the [Enrichment page](#) to register your owl(s) today!

Upcoming Events (continued)

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

June
4th Annual Book Swap!
TBA
STEM K-8

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

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



Out of This World Auction

Ticket Sales Extended Until Noon TODAY!



[BUY AUCTION TICKETS HERE!](#)

The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA auction is our largest fundraiser of the year, and allows us to support basic education needs (library books, gym equipment and art supplies) and provide “extras” (Project Based Learning supplies, enrichment program scholarships, technology equipment and events like the Back to School Bash and Pi Day). With your support, we can ensure our students will continue to get both the basics AND the extras... that makes our school Out of This World!

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

Thank you to everyone who has already registered and/or signed up to volunteer - we’re looking forward to a terrific evening of friendship, fun and fundraising on March 26.

For those of you who have yet to purchase your tickets, the time is now! Ticket sales have been extended until noon on Monday, March 21.

If you're not able to attend the auction, please consider sponsoring a STEM teacher or staff member instead. We love our teachers and want them to be a part of this special evening.

Thank you for your continued support of our STEM community!

Lost & Found



The Lost & Found area is filling up with coats, sweaters, shirts, pants, hats, scarves, a pair of flip flops, lunch boxes, water bottles, and a purple blanket. Please have your students retrieve any lost items. **Remaining items will be removed on April 1, and donated.**

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](#)



Your PTA Needs YOU! Positions Open for Next Year



The STEM K-8 PTA Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on our PTA Executive Team and Board for the 2016-17 school year. If you want to take part in the exciting work of strengthening our school community and growing our kids' and teachers' resources, consider volunteering your skills and time to our leadership team.

Open Executive Team positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Co-Treasurer, and Building Leadership Team Representatives. There are also lots of Board positions open including Fundraising Chair, Direct Give Chair, Art Chair, PBL Chair, and Assistant Webmaster.

Head to the [PTA website](#) for more information. Please contact the Nominating Committee: Darcey Pickard, Alouise Urness, and Mercedes Diggs at nominating@stemk8pta.org if you are interested in an open position.

The App that Earns Money for our School!



Benefit

Check out [Benefit Mobile](#) from eScrip, available for iPhone and Android. Benefit is a digital gift card platform that funds the things that matter most through everyday transactions. Cards are purchased and delivered within seconds to the mobile app for immediate in-store redemption. Each purchase earns up to a 20% rebate that is sent to our school!

Participating retailers include: The Home Depot, Target, Barnes & Noble, GameStop, Starbucks, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Staples, and Petco. Plus AMC and Regal theatres, American and Delta airlines, and several online retailers like eBay and Shutterfly.

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

Thanks for
choosing Benefit!





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

