



March 28, 2016



Owl Post

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

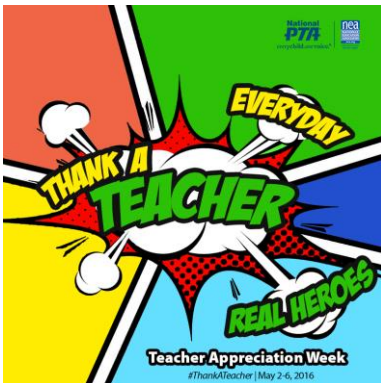
Upcoming Events

April 5
Class Photos
STEM K-8

April 7
PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm
Boren Library
Complimentary childcare
provided by PTA.

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

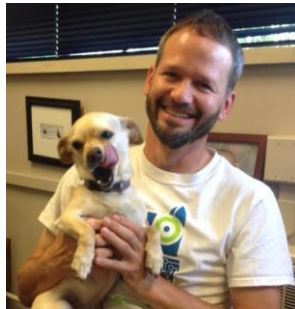
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May 19
Spring Science/PBL
Extravaganza
5:30pm-7:00pm
STEM K-8

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A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

My heartfelt gratitude goes to the families and staff who contributed so generously to the Out of This World Auction on Saturday night! It was a fabulous celebration of STEM community that will enable us to continue building on the unique programs that make STEM K-8 special. Special thanks to Robin Graham, Wendy Warborg, and all the other volunteers who helped secure donations, produce class art projects, and organize an astounding event. You are all incredible!

Another great way to get involved at STEM is to join a hiring committee. If you have received SEA hiring training and would like to participate in hiring, chances are available the first week of April: 6th - 7th grade Math on Tuesday April 5, Special Education Developmental Preschool on Wednesday April 6, Special Education Access Program on Thursday April 7, and 7th grade ELA/Social Studies on Friday April 8. Please let Cindy know in the office if you are interested. It's possible we will be operating hiring committees April 26 - May 3 as well; new hires to SPS who have contingency contracts will not be eligible for positions until that time. For families interested in obtaining hiring committee training, the next training is on April 12—details are available at <http://seattlewea.org> or the school office.

There are chances to provide feedback via surveys on important SPS developments the next few weeks. To provide feedback on the upcoming English/Language Arts Adoption, look for the survey option on the right side of the linked [adoption homepage](#). Another district task force is requesting family feedback on high school schedules, career and college planning, and more. The 24-Credit Task Force is considering how the district might best serve students under the state's new graduation requirements, which include increasing the number of required credits to 24 (from 21 in Seattle). Learn more, access online surveys and find meeting dates at this link: [24 Credit Task Force](#). Finally, the [Bell Time Implementation Task Force online survey](#) is available between now and Wednesday, April 13. Information is being gathered from families regarding the affect of bell times on Nutrition Services (Breakfast and Lunch), Before and After School Programs, and Athletics.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Ostrom
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal

Upcoming Events (continued)

May 27

[Spirit Wear Day](#)

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May 30

No School

Memorial Day

June 1

2-hour early dismissal

1:40pm

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Pick your Owls up at 1:40pm.

June 2

PTA Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm

Boren Library

Complimentary childcare
provided by PTA.

June 24

Last Day of School

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June 24

[Spirit Wear Day](#)

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Auction was Out of This World!



We Raised Over \$75,000!

Thank you so much for all your support, donations, and time for the auction. Robots are re-booting but R2-D2 and BB-8 promise to include a full run down in next week's Owl Post including how to get matching gifts, a survey, and more information!

Take a look at our short video that shows you the many ways STEM K-8 is Out of This World! You may spot some familiar faces

[WATCH AUCTION VIDEO](#)

Enrichment Update

Greetings from Enrichment:

Most spring classes start this week. Both "Glee Struck" with Stage Struck and After School Sports with Dari start after Spring Break.

Late registrations are still welcome for many classes.

Contact Linnea Seidelmann, Enrichment Coordinator at afterschool@stemk8pta.org with any questions.

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

Lost & Found Reminder!



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).



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[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 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!