A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

In addition to realigning classroom locations at Boren next year, there will be some changes in grade level assignments for some teachers. Ms. Sweeney is moving from 1st to 2nd grade. Mr. Roicki is moving from 2nd to 3rd grade. Mr. Daniels is moving from 3rd/4th grade class to 5th grade classroom.

As mentioned previously, creating classes that are balanced by gender, academic skills, and social needs is extremely complex. Therefore STEM K-8 does not accept teacher requests. If you have things that you would like us to know about your child to help make the best placement possible (other than teacher request), you are welcome to submit it in writing to your child’s teacher, Cindy, or me.

Last week we finished Smarter Balanced testing for 3rd - 6th graders. Some students may still be taking make-ups. 5th grade will take the WA State Science Measure of Progress (MSP) on Tuesday, 5/31. The MSP is one day only and is also on the computer this year. K - 2 classes that have not taken the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) will be doing so during their Technology PCP over the next two weeks. As always, please have students arrive on time and rested.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Ostrom
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal

Lost & Found Reminder!

Please have your students retrieve any lost items.

Remaining items will be removed at the end of the school day on Friday June 3, and donated to Wellspring Family Services and Mary’s Place.
End of Year Library Reminder

Dear STEM Families,

All library materials are encouraged to be returned on time with a final all school due date at 9:30 am on Wednesday, June 1. Please help your students to be responsible library users and return their library materials in a timely fashion.

Students with overdue materials will have the items converted into a library fine for the cost of replacing the materials. All overdue books, magazines, etc. must have their fines paid in full by Friday, June 17 in order for students to participate in Field Day. (We want all students to participate in Field Day, some students just need this additional incentive to return their materials or pay their fines.) We can accept checks or exact cash for library fines. By law, we are not allowed to keep money in the library for making change, as all money must be turned in to the office as soon as we receive it.

Please Note: Library Fines that are left unpaid follow the students throughout their years in Seattle Public Schools.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
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MSP Testing Schedule

| May 31       | 5th Grade Science MSP |

Opting Out of Testing

If you would like to opt your student out of these tests you may do so by sending an email or hard copy letter to Principal Ostrom and Cindy Baca. Include the name of your student and which tests you elect to opt them out of.
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STEM K-8 school website – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).

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Islandwood

4th Graders had a great time at Islandwood on Bainbridge Island last week. Here’s some pics taken by 4th grade parent Sarah Crickman.