Upcoming Events

January 16
Advocacy Meeting
7:00pm – 8:00pm
All are welcome.
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

January 17
High School Transition Night
6:00pm – 7:00pm
8th Grade Families
STEM Library

January 19
Middle School Winter Dance
5:30pm – 7:30pm
STEM Gym

January 23
Elementary Tour
8:55am – 10:25am
Families of prospective students.
STEM K-8

January 24
PTA Meeting
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

January 26
Elementary Tour
8:55am – 10:25am
Families of prospective students.
STEM K-8

Middle School Tour
10:15am – 11:45am
Families of prospective students.
STEM K-8

January 26
Spirit Wear Day
STEM K-8

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Our annual MLK holiday provides an opportunity to act around the call to compassion, justice, and equity embodied by Martin Luther King, Jr. We need to identify concrete steps to change inequitable outcomes at STEM, however complex the roots. Our STEM K-8 Equity team is identifying training and actions to target increased achievement by students of all races. In February staff will participate in a workshop on structural barriers to racial equity. Staff will then begin to work on identifying the effects of implicit bias. At the same time we are working to partner with families to develop an environment that is welcoming to people of all races and backgrounds. We need to move beyond valuing racial diversity to creating racial equity. Project Based Learning (PBL) is one path to engage students from different backgrounds and build relevance and engagement.

Thanks to those of you able to stop by the PBL Open House last Thursday. It was an overloaded fall with new curricula in literacy and math and new grades and programs. Students and staff experienced decreased time to work on PBL experiences; they are also making adjustments to implement PBL because it’s central to our school vision. Across grades K-8 at the PBL Open House there were great examples of students experiencing choice, complexity, and rigor: habitats, outer space exploration, and fairy communities in primary grades, to magnet and catapult engineering, and exploring colonial life and engineering in intermediate grades, to building Sumerian cities, cells, math models, real world narrative dramas, and wind turbines in our middle school. If you didn’t make it you can see some picture highlights on twitter at https://twitter.com/PrinciPalOstrom and https://www.facebook.com/STEMK8/. Thanks for partnering with us to support powerful learning experiences at STEM K-8.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
Seeking Guides to Lead School Tours

Love STEM and want to talk to prospective families about the school? If you have some time in January or February, we are seeking guides willing to lead tours of the elementary and middle school. Dates and times are as follows:

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Tour leads will be provided with training and a FAQ sheet to help discuss the school. Please contact Christine with available time and dates that you can help.

High School Transition Night for 8th Grade Families

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 will be hosting its first-ever High School Transition night this Wednesday, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. It’s been a winding journey, and we’re almost at the destination! It’s exciting to be at the place where we are asking which high schools will provide the best fit as students plan for the next step in their STEM education.

At the STEM K-8 High School Transition Night we will share information and answer questions about high school planning, enrollment, and school choice. Representatives of Chief Sealth International High School, West Seattle High School, The Skills Center and possibly a few other programs will be available to talk about their schools and answer questions as well.

- **Date**: Jan. 17
- **Time**: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- **Location**: STEM Library

Attn: 5th Grade Families!

Interested in learning more about middle school at STEM? RSVP for a tour (January 26 or January 30, 10:15am – 11:45am) and be sure to attend the Middle School Open House on February 1. Remember, current STEM 5th graders are automatically assigned to STEM for 6th grade.

**STEM K-8 Middle School Open House**

**Thursday, February 1**

**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

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

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January 30

Elementary Tour

8:55am – 10:25am

Families of prospective students.

STEM K-8

Middle School Tour

10:15am – 11:45am

Families of prospective students.

STEM K-8

January 30

Dine Out for STEM K-8 & Sanislo

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Lil’ Woody’s/CTO/Beer Star

9807 16th Ave SW

January 31

Day Between Semesters

No School

January 31

Auction Committee Meeting

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Junction Uptown Espresso

February 1

Elementary Open House

6:00pm – 7:00pm

For prospective students and their families.

STEM K-8

Middle School Open House

7:30pm – 8:30pm

For prospective students and their families.

STEM K-8

February 2

Elementary Tour

8:55am – 10:25am

Families of prospective students.

STEM K-8

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![STEM Kids](image)
DINE OUT!

LI’L WOODY’S | BEER STAR | CTO
JANUARY 30, 2018
5PM - 8PM

A PORTION OF THE EVENING’S PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO LOUISA BOREN STEM K-8 PTA AND SANISLO ELEMENTARY PTA
Middle School Winter Dance
Friday, January 19
5:30pm - 7:30pm
STEM Gym
$3 donation suggested and appreciated
(Casual attire)

Bring a potluck dish to share! Middle School students only!

Bumpin tunes! Photo booth! Lit lighting!

*Chaperones needed. Contact Mr. Des if you are interested.

twdesautels@seattleschools.org

Shoot-A-Thon!

“Our amazing group of middle school boys sunk 359 baskets in one minute this past week! Maybe there is a generous STEM community member that would like to sponsor our players at $1 a basket for a grand total of $359?

Go STEM Owls! Hoot! Hoot!”

Middle School Basketball Schedule
Saturday, January 20

K-8 Varsity Boys
Hazel Wolf vs STEM
12:30pm Ingraham HS

K-8 Varsity Girls
Hazel Wolf vs STEM
12:30pm Ingraham HS

K-8 Junior Varsity Boys
Hazel Wolf vs STEM
1:30pm Jane Addams (N)