Upcoming Events

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
Spirit Wear Day
STEM K-8

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
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

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

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

As we head towards the beginning of February, Seattle Public Schools enrollment choice period begins. This year families may submit school choice options for the 2018-19 school year from Feb. 5 to Feb. 16. For families registering for Kindergarten or trying to bring in a sibling from another school, registration during this time window is essential for ensuring that a slot is available for your child. Families participating in the Seattle Preschool Program are not guaranteed a spot at STEM and still need to participate in the school choice process. Students rising in any other grade have a default enrollment at STEM K-8 for the next school year.

This year our school tours begin on January 23 and go through February 6, with an Open House the evening of February 1. We have separate elementary and middle school tours, with details at STEMK8PTA.org. At an option school our enrollment and staffing are dependent upon school choice. Our most effective outreach to new families is via your word of mouth. If you know families looking for schools send them to STEMK8pta.org or have them call the school office (206-252-8450) for information.

Everyone is invited to attend the STEM K-8 PTA meeting this Wednesday. 5th grade teacher Lauren Martin will be presenting information about STEM’s switch to Eureka Math and expectations for Common Core Mathematics for families who are interested.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

PTA Meeting THIS WEEK
Wednesday, January 24
6:30pm – 8:00pm
STEM Library
Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA
Seeking Guides to Lead School Tours

School tours start this week, and there has been an overwhelming response from prospective families wanting to tour the school! We are in desperate need of tour guides, particularly elementary. Come share your love of STEM!

Dates and times are as follows:

**School Tours — Elementary:** all elementary tours take place from 8:55 – 10:25 am
- 1/23/18
- 1/26/18
- 1/30/18
- 2/2/18
- 2/6/18

**School Tours — Middle School:** all middle school tours take place from 10:15 – 11:45 am
- 1/26/18
- 1/30/18

Tour guides 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.

**STEM K-8 Middle School Open House**
**Thursday, February 1**
**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Black Lives Matter at School Week**

Building on the success of last school year’s district-wide Black Lives Matter at School events, educators around our district and across the nation will be hosting Black Lives Matter at School Week February 5-9. School staff are planning to participate through school-wide classroom and professional development opportunities. The PTA Advocacy Committee is proud to support the week by hosting a Black Lives Matter at School Unity Event Monday February 5 before school from 8:35am until the bell. All students, families and staff are invited to participate that day by wearing BLM shirts (for students-with their uniforms). STEM Families will be out in front of school that morning handing out BLM stickers and staffing a resource table. Mark your calendars. Come by and say hello. Email PTA Advocacy Committee Chair, Shawna Murphy southernstreetkids@yahoo.com for more information.
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**

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### Middle School Basketball Schedule

**Saturday, January 27**

**K-8 Varsity Boys**
- Broadview vs STEM
- 11:30am Denny MS

**K-8 Varsity Girls**
- Broadview vs STEM
- 11:30am Chief Sealth HS

**K-8 Junior Varsity Boys**
- South Shore #2 vs STEM
- 10:15am Madison MS