



January 30, 2017



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

Upcoming Events

January 30

Girls Running Club

Registration Now Open

Registration is open to girls in 5th to 7th grade through February 17th.

Register at [Girls on the Run](#)

January 31

STEM K-8 School Tours Begin

Potential K-5 parents and incoming middle-school parents, sign up for your preferred tour dates on the [STEM K-8 website](#).

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

February 1

NO SCHOOL

Day between semesters

February 3

9:15 AM

STEM K-8 Community Demonstration

Join families and PTA to show support for every family.

STEM K-8 Playground

February 4

9:30 AM

FREE Showing of *Hidden Figures*

A morning matinee of the movie [Hidden Figures](#) for the STEM K-8 community. Seating is limited, RSVP today at the [Facebook event page](#).

Admiral Theater, 2343 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116.

February 28

7 PM

PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting

To get involved in advocacy efforts please attend our next Advocacy Committee meeting. The Advocacy Committee has an open membership and all are welcome.

Uptown Espresso on Delridge

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Our nation's future requires tearing down walls, not building them. We must embrace diversity, not hide from it. At STEM K-8 we will stand up to support our students and families in opposing deportations, xenophobia, and racism. We don't allow excluding on our playground, and oppose it in our country too.

We are living a civil rights lesson. Not in recent memory have citizens stood up so clearly for equity, multiculturalism, and civil rights. Our students can see and join the fight against prejudice and discrimination first hand; the failings of history need not be repeated! The Constitution, the balance of powers between legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government, and civil disobedience are parading past as a living civics curriculum. We will not fail this test!

Community Showing of *Hidden Figures* on Saturday, Feb. 4

If you haven't seen *Hidden Figures*, or want to see it again as a family, the STEM K-8 PTA rented the Admiral Theatre for a special showing on Saturday, February 4th at 9:30 am. *Hidden Figures* displays empowered resistance, civil rights' struggles, the value of mathematical thinking, and importance of diversity. Great acting, history, and wonderful onscreen relationships are a bonus. You won't regret getting up a little early to watch it with your STEM community!

STEM K-8 Enrollment Tours Starting this Week

STEM K-8 enrollment tours start on Tuesday, January 31st. If you know people looking for schools send them to [STEMK8pta.org](#) or have them call the school office for information.

Chúc mừng năm mới!

Ben Ostrom

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal



Show your Support of Immigrant Families and our Diverse Community

Please join us this Friday, February 3rd, from 9:15-9:35 am, out in front of the playground, as our community comes together to show that we support and welcome all of our families. PTA and parent groups around Seattle will be hosting similar events that morning to support and affirm our diverse families and immigrant communities. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and Room Parent emails for more info coming soon.

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](#)

Volunteer

Are you looking for a way to get involved? All current opportunities are listed on STEM K-8 [Sign Up Genius Page](#).

Library Volunteers

Looking for helpers to shelve, label and check books in and out. [See full details on Sign Up Genius](#)

Garden Work Party

For the next six weeks we will be gathering support and volunteers to help beautify our gardens. [Get more details and sign-up to volunteer here.](#)

FREE Showing of *Hidden Figures*, sponsored by STEM K-8 PTA

Join STEM K-8 families and staff at a FREE Special Showing of *Hidden Figures* for the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Community. 9:30 AM on Saturday, Feb 4th at Admiral Theater. 2343 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116. Popcorn special small drink & small popcorn for \$6.50. Recommended for 10 years old and up. More info [here](#). **SEATING ONLY FOR 220! RSVP on the [Facebook event page](#)**

Update on State Education Levy Cliff

Last Monday the House passed HB1059, the Levy Cliff Delay bill, by a large margin. This bill would save \$358 million for Washington Public Schools that will otherwise be lost beginning next January because of a previously legislated decrease in our local levy authority. Louisa Boren STEM K-8 parent, Darcey Pickard testified in front of a House Committee the week before in support of the bill on behalf of our PTA advocacy efforts.

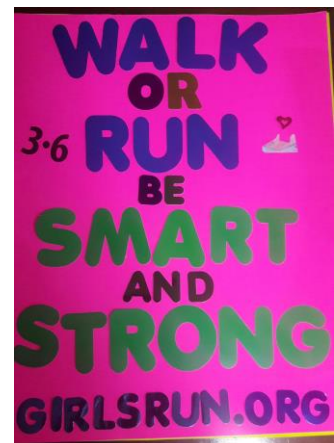
On Friday, Senate Democrats brought the bill to the floor as SHB1059 and made several attempts to force a vote so the bill could pass quickly and bypass Senate Committee Hearings. They were unsuccessful and today at 3:30 SHB1059 will be heard in front of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. A large contingent of parent advocates have been organized by the non-profit Washington's Paramount Duty, and will be attending the hearing to give testimony on behalf of SHB1059. Read more [here](#).

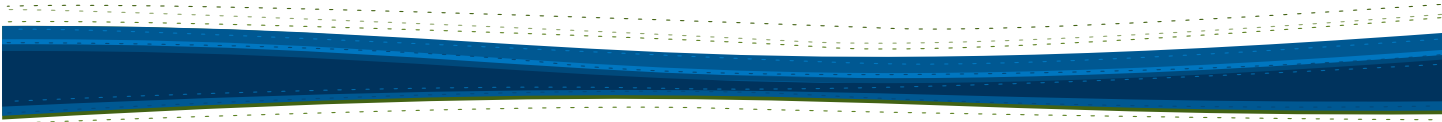
Register Now! Girls Running Club for Grades 5-7

Our new girls running club begins March 6th at STEM. Heart and Sole is coming to campus March 6th through May 23rd after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Registration is open to girls in 5th to 7th grade through February 17th. Walk or run, be smart and strong!

Register at [Girls on the Run](#)





Volunteers Needed!

The team at STEM K-8 is looking for help to manage the uniform closet and lost and found. If you can help, email Christa in the office. cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org.

- **UNIFORM CLOSET:** We are looking for 1 volunteer to help with the uniform closet. Tidying and putting away new donations once a week for about an hour or less whenever it is convenient.
- **LOST AND FOUND:** We need a volunteer to help with tidying the lost and found rack. This could be done every few days.

If you have some extra time and energy and want to get help the school and PTA with events and programs, there are lots of ways to get involved. You can always find volunteer opportunities on the [STEM K-8 Sign-up Genius Page](#). You can also contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteers@k5stempta.org.

STEM K-8 School Tours and Open House Dates

Potential K-5 parents and incoming middle-school parents, sign up for your preferred tour dates on the [STEM K-8 website](#). Questions? Please contact the STEM K-8 [front desk](#) or tours@stemk8pta.org

<i>STEM K-8 Elementary Tours</i>	<i>STEM K-8 Middle School Tours</i>
Jan. 31 & Feb 3, 9:35am – 11:00am	Feb 10 and 15, 11:00am -12:15pm
Feb. 8 & 10, 9:35am – 11:00am	
Feb. 15 & 17, 9:35am – 11:00am	

The STEM K-8's **Open House**, where attendees can learn more about the elementary and middle-school programs, will be held on Thursday, Feb 9. Hours for each are as follows:

- Elementary 6:00 –7:00pm
- Middle School 7:30-8:30pm