Upcoming Events

October 17
Advocacy Committee Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
All are welcome!
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

October 19
STEM Enrichment Committee Meeting
7:00 pm
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Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

October 24
Follow-Up SPS Facility Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (time may change)
With senior capital staff and WS School board member Leslie Harris.
STEM Cafeteria

October 25
Harvest Festival Potluck & Fundraiser Event
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Non-scary/school appropriate costumes please
STEM Cafeteria

November 8
PTA Meeting
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Including GGLOW OWLS Book Gifting Ceremony. Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

November 9
STEM’s Got Talent
8:55 am
Talent show and Veteran’s Day assembly.
STEM Gym

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

STEM staff had some large chunks of time focused on adult learning last week. During Wednesday’s Early Release, all STEM staff were learning about the second step in our Ruler rollout—the Mood Meter. Information about the Mood Meter is included on the next page of the Owl Post. On Friday STEM Staff spent time learning about strategies for implementing Eureka Math, looking at the alignment of literacy standards K-8, and analyzing student work to evaluate student learning and make teaching adjustments.

Next week doesn’t slow down. On October 24 STEM will host a West Seattle facility planning meeting. On October 25 families are invited to attend the Harvest Festival Potluck from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in costume.

Don’t forget to participate in the STEM K-8 PTA Direct Give Campaign. Families’ direct give to the PTA provides vital support for STEM programs. The Direct Give provides hundreds of STEM books, additional technology, tools, construction materials, scientific instruments, software, and supports Project Based Learning. Funds are used to provide staff with additional planning, training, and classroom resources. Please donate to the STEM K-8 Direct Give at whatever level you are able.

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

2017 Direct Give Update

The annual STEM K-8 Direct Give Campaign is our first fundraiser of the year. During October we aim to raise $35,000 to support the STEM community.

The STEM K-8 PTA serves as the roots of the STEM community and supports funding for every aspect of our unique school. State and local funding is terribly inadequate to support the vision of our school and provide the level of services, support, and materials we need for all of our students.

Goal $35,000
Money Raised so Far $9,275
Still Needed $25,725
Click on to the SPS Family Ruler Website to learn more about Ruler strategies. Below is information about the Mood Meter.

The Mood Meter is a tool used to recognize and understand our own and other peoples’ emotions. It’s divided into four color quadrants - red, blue, green, and yellow - each representing a different set of feelings. Feelings are grouped together on the mood meter based on their pleasantness and energy level.

Here’s a Mood Meter Introduction Video to learn more.

Why recognize feelings?

Helping students recognize feelings helps them understand how feelings impact decisions and behaviors. It's also the first step in helping students develop empathy, the ability to understand the feelings of another person.

Below is a list of family activities to put the Mood Meter into practice at home!

- Parent-Child Conversations Using the Mood Meter
- Printable Mood Meter Brochure (English)
- Printable Mood Meter Brochure (Spanish)
- Mood Meter Song (early elementary/pre-k)
- Mood Meter Cheat Sheet simple descriptions and photos of each quadrant's characteristics
- RULER Bookmark questions to ask children while reading aloud (pre-k or elementary)
- Using RULER to make sense of emotions
- Parent Child Mood Meter Worksheet
- Dinner Table Discussions, Movie Prompts, Shared Journals (elementary or middle school)
- Video to watch together: Mood Meter Overview Animation (upper elementary/middle school)
Harvest Festival Potluck and Fundraiser Event

Join us on Wednesday October 25 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for the Harvest Festival Potluck and Fundraiser (for 5th grade Islandwood Outdoor Education). There will be lots of activities for all ages with prizes, including a Photo Booth, Nintendo Switch Competitions, Airbrush Tattoo Artist, Football Throw, Cash Cube, Corn Hole, and Ring the Pumpkin.

Please bring an appetizer or main dish to share for the potluck portion of the night. You may purchase bottled water, or bring beverages for your family.

Tickets will be sold at the door for activities and cotton candy and snow cones for dessert. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume! Please make sure costumes are non-scary and school appropriate.

STEM’S GOT TALENT
TALENT SHOW AND VETERAN’S DAY ASSEMBLY NOV. 9TH

Auditions: *PLEASE LIMIT ACTS TO TWO MINUTES
10/16 After School all students
10/17 Middle School / 4th – 5th grade Lunch Recess
10/18 Pre-K, K-3rd All lunches all grades
Auditions in Miss Nelson’s room
Any questions ask Miss Nelson or Miss A

Any student who signs up to audition after school on Monday 10/16, needs to be picked up by their parent after school and then taken to the audition (there is no adult supervision for students waiting their turn to audition).

5th Grade Parents – Sign Up to Volunteer

Hello 5th Grade Parents,

Please help us raise money for our Students’ Islandwood trip this spring by volunteering at the Fall Harvest Festival, hosted by the 5th grade classes. West Coast Entertainment has graciously donated lots of fun activities for this event, but we need to staff every activity. You will be given instructions when you arrive on how to “man your station”.

Please show up 5:45pm at the latest, so we can open all games at 6:00pm.
The Signup Genius awaits you!

Thank you for your willingness to help.
Your 5th Grade Room Parents
Dear STEM Families:

As many of you know, we have initiated our Earth Sciences Career and Technical Education program for 8th Grade. Students will experience the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) through real world, hands-on, geotechnical activities. Basic geochemistry, geohydrology, and earth materials cycling will be taught in both laboratory and field settings.

Unfortunately, our order for rock and mineral specimens is long-delayed for approval by budgeting decision-makers.

To ensure we deliver our curriculum as planned, we must improvise. I would like to request a donation of your rock collection for use in our lab. Most samples will be subject to hammers, scratching tools and acid baths, so we cannot return them. The testing on specimens is destructive.

If you have a rock collection sitting around your garage, we could really use it for the Geotechnical Sciences Program. Drop the collection on the loading dock of Mr. Parsley’s shop (SW Juneau) and the students will bring it in. You can also deliver the collection to the office. All samples are welcome except polished agate collections because it is too difficult to view their crystalline structures.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic school!

Craig Parsley
Career and Technical Education
Middle School Sciences
Enrichment Program Coordinator - Job Announcement

Job OPENING:

STEM K-8 PTA
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Job Description. Enrichment Coordinator works with enrichment program instructors, STEM staff, the PTA Board, parents, and students to administrate and continually enhance STEM K-8’s before and after school enrichment program. Duties would include, among others:

- Work with PTA survey data to independently select and develop new programs and classes.
- Interface with instructors, STEM staff and administration, PTA board and web team, and parents regarding administration of the program.
- General administration, including enrollment, roster maintenance, communication with teachers and instructors, collection of payments, qualification and payment of instructors, and room applications and assignment.
- Respond in a timely manner to parent and teacher communications.
- Provide periodic reports to Enrichment Committee and PTA Board regarding status of program.
- Work to develop strategies for the enrichment program, including development of forms and procedures.
- Be present before and after school on a frequent basis in order to oversee the program and deal with issues as they arise.

Qualifications:

- Detail oriented with strong organizational skills;
- Think creatively about enrichment class offerings that can serve all kids;
- Have a focus on equity, fairness and a perspective on serving all students and our community;
- Reasonably capable of using Excel or other database management software; familiarity with Digital PTO a bonus;
- Be generally available by email and cell phone for coordination with vendors, parents and school team;
- Have a flexible enough schedule to be around before and after school frequently in order to meet with instructors, parents, and school staff;
- Have some financial acuity to work with treasurer to manage invoices, scholarships and keep the enrichment budget balanced.

Time Commitment. The expected time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours per week, on average (though there will be busier and less busy times), for one calendar year, beginning on November 6, 2017. The Enrichment coordinator is also on the PTA Board as an important member of the team and is required to attend meetings of the board every other month. Attendance at PTA meetings is desired.

Pay. Currently budgeted up to $7,000 per year payable through the Seattle Public Schools payroll system. Pay prorated for remaining length of 2017-18 calendar year.

To Apply. Please send an email indicating your interest to Melinda Luke-White, Vice President, STEM - vp@k5stempta.org

Please email a letter explaining who you are and why you’re interested.

Additional info: This is a very important role for our community and students; the work is intensive. Pay is more of a stipend to offset the huge volunteer commitment this person makes to our community. We hope that anyone that takes it on would do so as much as a labor of love as for the pay. About half the students at STEM participate in the enrichment program. Because it includes scholarships and an extremely wide variety of classes, many kids participate in the STEM enrichment program who otherwise wouldn’t participate in any extracurricular activities at all. The enrichment program coordinator works directly with many of STEM’s teachers, parents, other staff and administration. If it is your goal to get to know the STEM community, this is a great way to do so. In summary, it is a demanding, involved job, but because it impacts many STEM families, it is also very rewarding.
All of October - $35,000 Goal

Your Name: ____________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________________________
Student(s)/Grade(s) at STEM: ________________________________

Donation Amount: $_______________________________________

You can submit a payment online at:
http://stemk8pta.org
There is an option for recurring payments.
Checks can be made out to: STEM K-8 PTA.
Return this donation form to the PTA mailbox at STEM or mail to: 5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106. Check with your employer about matching gifts.

Thank you for your donation!

DIRECT GIVE CAMPAIGN – Why do we Direct Give?

Even the smallest donations make a huge difference for every student at our school. The PTA provides essential funding to our STEM K-8 community and supports all the “extras.” A direct give campaign means YOUR ENTIRE DONATION supports STEM K-8 PTA.

• $5 buys 1 polo shirt for the uniform closet for a student in need.
• $0.83 every month for 12 months pays for a scholarship for a student to attend a field trip.
• $25 buys 2 books for school library about women of color in technology.
• $4.16 every month for 12 months Buys 4 safety vests for safety team.
• $65 buys math consumables for one classroom.
• 12 payments of $8.33 buys the jump ropes, hula-hoops and balls for recess.
• $100 buys soil planters and seeds for life sciences project.
• $110 purchases microscope slides for Middle School Project Based Learning.
• 12 payments of $12.50 buys one Kindergarten classroom an alphabet sounds teaching tub.
• $150 gets one 3rd grade classroom an engineering kit.
• Two payments of $100 pays for an owl expert to bring a real owl to school.
• $500 pays for a classroom teacher to buy a specialized piece of equipment for their classroom.
• 12 payments of $83.33 buys chapter books for a grade band for reading book groups.
• $2000 pays for student learning software - Learning A-Z.


Thank you for your donation!

STEM K-8 PTA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. Tax ID#: 45-5313405
Join us at the PTA meeting Wednesday, Nov 8th at 6:30 pm

GGLOW OWLS Book Gifting
Ceremony & Presentation
Guest speaker: Lisa Love, SPS Health Education Manager
Presented by PTA Advocacy Committee

Students, friends, and family raised over $1040 for these amazing additions of diversity for our library and classrooms

Access ~ 2x Red Crayon
Kinch ~ 6x So Hard to Say
Paulson ~ 6x Steep and Thorny Way
Des ~ 6x This Song is not for you
Giza ~ Better Nate Than Ever, 567 Nate, The Other Boy
Goldenkranz ~ Better Nate Than Ever, 567 Nate, The Other Boy
Martin ~ Better Nate Than Ever, 567 Nate, The Other Boy
McGavick-Better Nate Than Ever, 567 Nate, The Other Boy
Massimino ~ Gracefully Grayson, George, Princess Princess Ever After
Castelli ~ Gracefully Grayson, George, Princess Princess Ever After
Daniels ~ Gracefully Grayson, George, Princess Princess Ever After
Colby ~ Weird Girl and What’s His Name, George, Princess Princess Ever After
Graves ~ Weird Girl and What’s His Name, George, Princess Princess Ever After
Williamson ~ Red Crayon, B in the World, Jacob’s New Dress
Soltman ~ Red Crayon, B in the World, My Princess Boy
Brodian ~ Jacob’s New Dress, Tango, I am Jazz
Oliterenshaw ~ My Princess Boy, Tango, I am Jazz
Morgan ~ Worm Loves Worm, Stella Brings the Family, Introducing Teddy Krom, Worm Loves Worm, Stella Brings the Family, Introducing Teddy
McGuire ~ The Great Big Book of Families, Red Crayon Rahim-The Great Big Book of Families, Red Crayon
Reid ~ Families, Families, Families, Worm Loves Worm
Fairweather ~ Families, Families, Families, Introducing Teddy
Osborne ~ Stella Brings The Family, Families Families, Families, A Family is a Family, Ms. Hazeltine’s Home for Shy & Fearful Cats, Worm Loves Worm, The Great Big Book of Families, Red Crayon, Love is my Favorite Thing
Bannister ~ The Sweet Revenge, So Hard to Say, The House you pass on the way to Woodson, Putting Make up on the Fat Boy

STEM K-8 is a Safe Place!

“Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!”
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

GGLOW Owls Book Gifting Ceremony

Mark your calendars for our special GGLOW OWLS Book Gifting Ceremony & Presentation at the PTA meeting on Wednesday November 8. We raised $1040 from t-shirt and hoodie sales at our GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party last June and have used the money to buy LGBTQIA books for all our classrooms, the library and the counselor. The presentation will include guest speakers Lisa Love, from the district, STEM parent Autumn Kinsman from the Gender Family Alliance and STEM middle schooler Beezus Murphy. A special Hoot Out to STEM parent, Patti Harriman for all her help with our book order.

This Week’s Ultimate Schedule

Saturday, October 21

Hazel Wolf 6th Grade vs STEM OWLS (6th)
12:30 pm  Ingraham HS - South 2

Hamilton Hawks 7/8 A2 vs STEM OWLS V A2
2:00 pm  Ingraham HS - South 2

JAMS vs STEM OWLS C
3:30 pm  Ingraham HS - North 2

Chinook Books Still Available Online

The online link for Chinook Books is still open. All sales through this link benefit STEM K-8!

https://chinook.co/k8stemelementaryschool

Please cut and paste into your browser. Link does not work directly from this document.

Pass along this link to friends and family. They can buy a Chinook book for any area (not just Seattle).