



October 2, 2017



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

October 4

First STEM K-8 CTE Advisory Committee Meeting

6:30 pm

Room 117 (Middle School Hallway)

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Seattle Council PTSA, League of Women Voters and NAACP Seattle School Board Candidate Forum

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Centilia Cultural Center (at El Centro de la Raza), 1660 S. Roberto Maestas Festival Street, Seattle, 98144

October 5

Curriculum Night & Open House (Middle School)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Cafeteria & Classrooms

October 10

School Picture Day! (Uniform Required)

STEM K-8

October 11

PTA Meeting

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

STEM Library

October 13

**State In-Service Day
NO SCHOOL**

October 17

Advocacy Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All are welcome!

Uptown Espresso & Game

Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



It was great to see all of you who were able to juggle schedules to attend our PreK-5 Curriculum Night/Open House last Thursday. Middle School Curriculum Night/Open House is Thursday, October 5 from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm. We will start in the cafeteria. If you need to bring students please have them stay with you during the evening.

We welcomed STEM family member Jody Hapgood as a new Attendance Secretary this year. STEM's ongoing growth

generated additional office support. Jody was previously working part time at Sanislo Elementary, and has two grandkids at STEM. We are thrilled to have her here. Please introduce yourself to her when you stop by the office.

A Tip from the Office: When your child is sick or must miss school for another reason, or you need to communicate a change of transportation for the end of the day, notify the office by calling [206-252-8450](tel:206-252-8450) or by emailing Jody Hapgood jahapgood@seattleschools.org and Christa Howsmon cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org. Please include the reason your child is absent or tardy. Also, when your student has a change of transportation at the end of the day and needs a bus card include the following info: Child's name, teacher, parent name and phone number, student your child is riding home with, bus number and stop location.

Important Reminders: Morning drop-off starts at 8:35 am. There is no adult supervision until then, unless your child is registered for enrichment classes. Every Wednesday is an early dismissal at 2:10 pm. Also, if you have not turned in your first day packet forms or supplies check, please do so.

October marks the beginning of the STEM K-8 PTA Direct Give Campaign. STEM families' direct give to the PTA supports exceptional learning experiences for children. The Direct Give provides hundreds of STEM books, additional technology, tools, construction materials, scientific instruments, software, and supports vital parts of our program such as Project Based Learning. Funds are used to provide staff with additional planning, training, classroom resources, and support. **The 2017-18 Direct Give campaign starts today!** Please [donate to the STEM K-8 Direct Give](#) at whatever level you are able.

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Picture Day – October 10

Order forms should have gone home with students on Friday, or will go home today. [Order online](#) until October 11. The photographer is looking for two volunteers for the day. If you are able to help and willing to volunteer for a full day, you will receive a free "B Family package" of photos. If you can help for a half day, you will receive a free "C Value package" of photos. Please contact Christa Howsmon cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org or call 206-252-8450.

2017 Direct Give Donation

Welcome to the annual [STEM K-8 Direct Give Campaign](#), our first fundraiser of the year. During October we aim 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.

With the support of families and local businesses, STEM K-8 PTA has enriched the baseline curriculum by investing in technology, art, literacy, engineering, Project Based Learning, playground equipment, science fair projects, scholarships, emergency equipment, teacher training, field trips, and community events. It's only with your financial support that STEM K-8 PTA can continue to create opportunities for every student.

Our goal is \$35,000.

The Direct Give Campaign ensures that each dollar you donate goes directly to the school. Each donation is tax deductible, and many employers will match donations, increasing your gift to our school and community.

[The PTA invites everyone in our community \(including friends, neighbors and relatives\) to give what they can today.](#)



- ♦ **\$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.**
- ♦ **\$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.**
- ♦ **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.**

To Donate:

- [Submit a payment online](#)
- Did you want to [setup recurring payments](#)?
- Checks can be made out to: Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA. Return the donation form to the STEM K-8 PTA mailbox at STEM or mail to: STEM K-8 PTA 5950 Delridge Way Seattle, WA 98106

Thank you for supporting Louisa Boren STEM K-8.

Give. Grow. Fly.

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[STEM K-8 school website](#) – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).

[STEM K-8 Facebook](#)



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[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



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).

This Week's Ultimate Schedule

Saturday, October 7

STEM OWLS 8TH GRADE vs Whitman Wildcats 7/8 A2

9:30 am Ingraham HS - North 1

Madison Bulldogs Gold C vs STEM OWLS 7TH GRADE

9:30 am Ingraham HS - South 2

Salmon Bay 6th Grade vs STEM OWLS 6th GRADE

11:00 am Ingraham HS - South 1



Parking Lot Safety

Please do not block the entrance to the STEM parking lot. If the drop-off/pick-up line extends south past the entrance and it is not possible to turn left to get into the line, please turn right into the parking lot and loop around to get in the line.

Please remember to drive slowly and safely through the parking lot when dropping off and picking up your students. Stop for pedestrians who are using the crosswalk at the exit of the driveway. Pedestrians, please use the crosswalk instead of dodging cars through the pick-up line.

