Upcoming Events

October 24
Follow-Up SPS Facility Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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

October 26
SQUIRM Musical
6:30 pm
All are welcome!
STEM Cafeteria

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

November 9
STEM’s Got Talent
2:00 pm
Talent show and Veteran’s Day assembly.
STEM Gym

November 14
Advocacy Committee Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
All are welcome!
southerncstreetkids@yahoo.com
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

November 16
Picture Retakes
STEM K-8

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

We are serving up a full plate in the STEM K-8 cafeteria this week. Tuesday evening from 6-7 there is a West Seattle Capital Planning meeting, Wednesday evening from 6-8 is the Harvest Festival (students and families are welcome to attend in costume), and Thursday evening at 6:30 will be the Pre-K – 1st Grade musical SQUIRM.

At Tuesday evening’s planning meeting, School board member Leslie Harris and SPS Capital leaders Flip Herndon and Richard Best plan to share and solicit feedback on West Seattle capital planning and STEM K-8. My understanding of the current thoughts to be presented for discussion and feedback are below.

- Constructing a new school facility to house STEM K-8 is being considered as a potential BEX V project.
  - Central or south West Seattle locations would be studied (most likely on the old Denny site; or in conjunction with Roxhill planning if that facility is rebuilt perhaps the Hughes Building with a major addition).
- Planning and feedback would happen on a BEX V timeline (hoping for details on Tuesday night; with feedback, levy approval, collection rates, other projects, planning timelines, etc., this is a years-long process).
- There are many program and facility benefits when a new building is constructed to meet the needs of a unique school program.
- There would be no move to an interim site—STEM K-8 would stay at Boren until new construction is complete.
- There is no consideration of STEM K-8 being moved to Schmitz Park for either a temporary or permanent location.

STEM K-8 has an active and engaged family community. Your support is instrumental as we face the ongoing challenges of several years of growth and change. Your voices were clear last spring that SPS capital planners need to think carefully about plans or impacts affecting STEM K-8. I look forward to their response and follow up.

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

2017 Direct Give Update – 10 Days Left!

Goal $35,000
Money Raised so Far $15,520
Still Needed $19,480
Harvest Festival Potluck and Fundraiser Event

Join us this 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.

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

SQUIRM Musical

SQUIRM musical is this THURSDAY, October 26 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria!

Pre-K through 1st grade students have been working with Ms. Nelson in putting together a musical performance.

All are welcome!
GEMS – Awesome Opportunity for 7th and 8th Grade Girls!

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) would like to inform the students of Louisa Boren of its middle school STEM program called GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science). GEMS is a free, volunteer-run after-school science enrichment program for Seattle 7th to 8th grade girls to explore STEM fields as diverse as forensics, oceanography and neuroscience through hands-on activities, field trips and mentorship from women in science.

Meetings run once a month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm over November to May and are offered at two locations: the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in downtown Seattle and South Shore School in South Seattle. Registration is open until October 30, 2017 and the applications as well as more information on the program are offered at two locations: the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in downtown Seattle and South Shore School in South Seattle. Registration is open until October 30, 2017 and the applications as well as more information on the program are available at our website, seattleawis.org/awis-events/gems/. Please contact seattlegems@gmail.com if you have any questions about the program.

Save the Date!

STEM Winter Band Concert (4th – 8th Grade)
Monday, December 11, 6:30 pm.
Performers arrive at 6:00 pm
Chief Sealth High School Auditorium
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 administer 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
STEM Equity Committee

Purpose: The Equity Committee at STEM would like to work in partnership with families and staff, to increase our school’s commitment to finding strategies that actively work to support vulnerable families and to ensure that every student has access to the same opportunities. As part of that, we have committed to developing an analysis of systemic racism/privilege, and how it impacts families, particularly families who have been historically marginalized.

2017-18 focus: The committee has highlighted the following efforts that we will work on for this year:

- Family Engagement: finding strategies to support vulnerable families, particularly families who are not currently represented.
- Professional Development for teachers. This would focus on finding opportunities to bring trainings and more to teachers that focus on things like implicit bias, culturally responsive teaching strategies, understanding privilege, etc.

Contact: Marissa Chavez (parent) and Nicole Albertson (staff) have also agreed to be co-chairs of the equity committee, to help guide the work. We would love to have others involved though, and if you are interested in learning more please contact: Marissa at chavezmarissa@gmail.com or Nicole at nmalbertson@seattleschools.org.

Meeting Times: Second Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This Week’s Ultimate Schedule

Saturday, October 28

Eckstein 7th Black C vs STEM OWLS C
12:30 pm  Ingraham HS - North 1

STEM OWLS V A2 vs Eckstein 8th Blue A2
2:00 pm  Ingraham HS - South 2

Whitman Wildcats 6 vs STEM OWLS (6th)
3:30 pm  Ingraham HS - North 2

Mr. Parsley’s 7th Grade CTE students collaborated to build this parallel circuitSTEM KIDS sign using light emitting diodes. Collaboration and innovation are valuable 21st Century Skills. The students will be taking orders for custom signs as a fundraiser. Enterprise is a skill we encourage in our Career and Technical Education program. CLICK HERE to see it in action!