



November 6, 2017

# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**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 Veterans Day assembly.  
STEM K-8

**November 10**

### Veterans Day

NO SCHOOL

**November 14**

### Advocacy Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Uptown Espresso - Delridge

**November 16**

### Picture Retakes

STEM K-8

**November 20 - 24**

### Thanksgiving Break

NO SCHOOL

Parent/teacher conferences

**December 6-8**

### Book Fair Blizzard

Time TBD

STEM K-8

**December 7**

### Peter Pan Performance

6:30 pm

STEM Cafeteria

**December 8**

### Peter Pan Performance

2:15 pm

STEM Cafeteria

**December 11**

### STEM Winter Band Concert

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Chief Sealth HS Auditorium

## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Thanks for supporting the STEM K-8 PTA Direct Give Campaign! The PTA provides resources that support essential STEM programs and provide powerful learning experiences for our children.

As we work to implement new math materials and practices, the PTA helps support professional learning for teachers. During this week's early release staff will be working with Dan Finkle

on "Number Talks," a strategy to help students build mathematical thinking by grappling with interesting mathematical problems and making connections between familiar and new concepts. The linked New York Times article [Jo Boaler: Mathematical Mindsets](#) by Gary Antonick describes the change we are trying to bring to mathematical learning and thinking.

Your support for STEM helps improve our work with your children!

Ben Ostrom  
STEM K-8 Principal

## 2017 Direct Give a Big Success!

**Goal \$35,000**

**Money Raised \$ 38,699.20**

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA 2017 Direct Give.

Our goal was \$35,000 and we reached **\$38,699.20** which all will support the PTA mission of supporting STEM learning and our community.

Each and every donation from \$10-2000 is appreciated. The PTA always appreciates your support and always takes any contribution you can make anytime. Your time, your financial support, your emotional support, your support of your student - it's ALL appreciated.

Many employers match contributions to non-profits. Check with your employer and contact [president@stemk8pta.org](mailto:president@stemk8pta.org) for help.

The next major fundraiser is the PTA Auction - STEM PROM 80's style on March 2nd! Stay tuned for more information about this rad event. We can't wait to party with you dudes and dudettes.



## Global Reading Challenge Launched



We are thrilled with the list of the 10 Global Reading Challenge titles this year. We are thankful to Seattle Library Foundation for donating 10 copies of each title to STEM so all our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders can READ! READ! READ! READ! these titles.

The STEM In-School Competition will be in February of 2018.

Title	Reading Level
Alvin Ho: Allergic to camping	F & P <b>P</b> Lexile 570L
The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich	F & P <b>T</b> Lexile 970L
Cleo Edison Oliver in Persuasion by Sundee T. Frazier	F & P <b>S</b> Lexile 690L
El Deafo by CeCe Bell	F & P <b>X</b> Lexile GN 420L
Inside Out and Back Again by by Thanhha Lai	F & P <b>U</b> Lexile 800L
It Ain't So Awful, Falefel by Firoozah Dumas.	Reading Level 4.9
Pickle: The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club... by Kim Baker	F & P <b>T</b> Lexile 700L
Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez	F & P <b>Z</b> Lexile 890L
A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park	F & P <b>U</b> Lexile 920L
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper	F & P <b>V</b> Lexile 740L

## STEM Library in Desperate Need of Shelves

Even if you don't have time to help weekly, any extra help during the school day to shelve books in the library is much appreciated. With our growing school, Mrs. B. has more classes to teach and less time to shelve all the additional books that are circulating. If you can help, please e-mail Mrs. B. [mebannister@seattleschools.org](mailto:mebannister@seattleschools.org). Thanks!

## Attn: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families – Center School Open House

All are welcome on Tuesday, November 14 from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm at the Armory Loft, 305 Harrison Street on the Seattle Center campus.

The Center School is a small, arts-focused, arts-integrated public high school available to students from any neighborhood. While our class selections are not as numerous as those of larger schools, our curriculum provides depth and hands-on rigor, with a college prep track for each and every student. Our great science program includes AP Biology and AP Environmental Science. Our multi-faceted visual arts program includes AP Studio Art. We have wonderful programs in theater, creative writing/poetry, as well as film-making and photography. The Center School also has an exemplary social justice program. Our students excel in an award winning Model UN program. The Center School is a gem among Seattle Public High Schools!

We look forward to seeing you at our open house in the Armory Loft, (up the stairs from the food court), on Tuesday, November 14 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm!

Thank you,

Roxanne Duniway  
Proud parent at The Center School  
[rduniway@msn.com](mailto:rduniway@msn.com)

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

Kinci ~ 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 ~ George, Princess Princess Ever After

Graves ~ 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

Brodland ~ Jacob's New Dress, Tango, I am Jazz

Ollershaw ~ 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. Hazeltime'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 this 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.

## Volunteer Paperwork

If you intend to volunteer in a classroom or chaperone your child's field trip, a volunteer form must be turned into the school office at least one week prior to the date you would like to start volunteering or the field trip date.

The Volunteer Application Packet is on the SPS website:  
[http://www.seattleschools.org/families\\_communities/volunteer](http://www.seattleschools.org/families_communities/volunteer)

## Lost & Found

Lost & Found will be cleared out on Nov. 21 at the end of the day. Any items left will be donated to charity.

## Uniform Closet Needs

We are in need of boys and girls underwear sizes 6 and 8. We also need volunteers to put away the many donations we have received. If you have an hour to help, please contact Christa Howsmon [cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org](mailto:cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org)

## LEGO Mystery!

A tub of LEGO has gone missing from the office. Students use these when they are unable to go outside to recess. **If you have any extra at home you no longer use and would like to donate, please bring them in.**

