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 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 4th and 5th graders can READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! these titles.

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

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STEM Library in Desperate Need of Shelvers

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.

Thanks!

Attn: 8th 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
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
Kincel ~ 6x So Hard to Say
Paullecone ~ 6x Steep and Thorny Way
Des ~ 8x This Song Is Not for You
Giza ~ Better Nate Than Ever, 567 Nate, The Other Boy
Goldankranz ~ 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
Masselino ~ Gracefully Grayson, George, Princesses Princess Ever After
Castelli ~ Gracefully Grayson, George, Princesses Princess Ever After
Daniels ~ Gracefully Grayson, George, Princesses Princess Ever After
Colby ~ George, Princesses Princess Ever After
Graves ~ George, Princesses Princess Ever After
Williamson ~ Red Crayon, B in the World, Jacob's New Dress
Soloman ~ Red Crayon, B in the World, My Princess Boy
Brodland ~ Jacob's New Dress, Tango, I am Jazz
Ollerenshaw ~ 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!”
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.