



December 11, 2017



# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**December 11**  
**Enrichment Registration Opens**  
12:00pm  
[6crickets.com](http://6crickets.com)

**December 11**  
**STEM Winter Band Concert**  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Performers arrive at 6:00pm  
Chief Sealth HS Auditorium

**December 13**  
**PTA Meeting**  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Complimentary childcare provided  
by the PTA  
STEM Library

**December 15**  
**Spirit Wear Day!**  
STEM K-8

**December 15**  
**Middle School Math Pathway**  
**Discussion**  
8:15am – 8:45am  
STEM K-8

**December 15**  
**1 hr early dismissal**  
2:25pm  
STEM K-8

**December 18 – January 1**  
**No School**  
Winter Break

**January 2**  
**Back to School!**  
STEM K-8

**January 10**  
**PTA Meeting**  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
STEM Library

**January 16**  
**Advocacy Meeting**  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Uptown Espresso & Game  
Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

It was a full week at STEM K-8! This week demonstrated some of the benefits and possibilities starting to grow from the hard work of creating a K-8 STEM program.

Thursday night and Friday afternoon marked the STEM premiere of Peter Pan. Ms. Nelson and a huge contingent of Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> graders put on an astonishing display of acting, singing, dancing, and choreography. They were lifted and almost outshone by the set, lighting, and technical production provided by our middle school tech theatre class. Thanks to the parents and many volunteers who helped make it possible!

Also on Thursday a team of middle school girls participating in Amelia's Aerospace Club took first place in the Lindbergh Electric Aircraft Flight STEM challenge against high school competition! The competition involves designing, building, and flying electric planes that carry cargo. Go girls!

On Friday morning from 8:15-8:45 am in the cafeteria I have scheduled time to meet with families interested in discussing our middle school math pathway to Algebra. I provided more details in the 11-27 Owl Post. In short, to complete Algebra 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, starting in 2018 students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will follow the "Accelerated Traditional Pathway for the Common Core State Mathematics Standards" laid out in the Common Core Mathematics Standards. It compacts three years' worth of standards into two years. A compacted math pathway entails a fast pace and a high level of academic rigor. It will require a strong commitment from students and families. Choosing STEM K-8 as an option school is also making a significant math commitment. Parents interested in discussing our middle school math pathway are invited to talk about the middle school math pathway before school on Friday, December 15 from 8:15-8:45.

*Ben Ostrom*  
*Principal*  
*Louisa Boren STEM K-8*



Please join the PTA in supporting our STEM families who need a little extra during this season of love and light.

The office is accepting gift cards in any amount for the school counselor to distribute to families at STEM. Our goal would be to have \$500 in gift cards - anything and everything goes directly to a family and student at STEM. This gives a gift, some groceries, a little something special to the

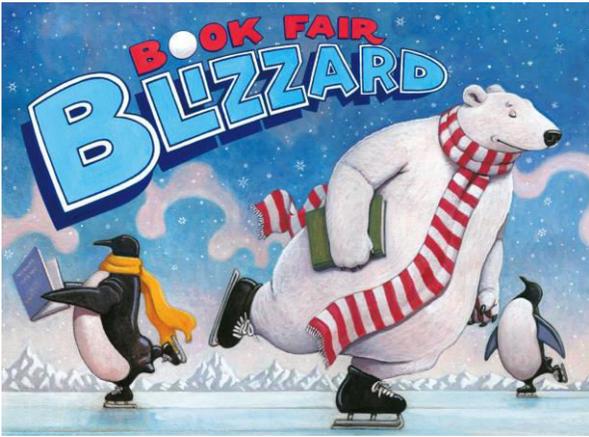
student who sits next to your student in class.

Suggestions: Value Village; Target; Barnes & Noble; Old Navy; Goodwill; Walmart; Safeway; QFC and other local stores / mall.

Families will then be able to shop for their student and get what is wanted and needed most. Gift cards are **DUE December 12th**. You can grab a tag off the chain at school - or just send it in with your student / drop it off in the office.

Thank you for always supporting our community.

## Book Fair Blizzard Raises \$2613 for Classroom Libraries!



We hope you enjoyed our 5th annual Book Fair Blizzard. We sold \$6222 worth of books, hand-pointers, bookmarks and more. Which earned us \$2613 Scholastic Dollars.

Every teacher at the school (Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, SpEd, Access, Resource, and OT/PT) was given a \$50 Scholastic gift certificate to help build their classroom libraries.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Book Fair volunteers! Including the middle schoolers who were excellent Ms. Frizzles and Geronimo Stiltons.

Helen Green  
Book Fair Chairperson

## Peter Pan Soars!



Thanks to all who helped make our enrichment program production of Peter Pan a big hit. The cast, chorus and middle school theatre tech crew all shined in the performances Thursday evening and Friday for our school audience.

Special thanks to Harmony Rutter, Paula Clement, Heidi Kimsey, Sue Wilkie, Colleen Peterson, the PTA and a very special round of applause to our director and Performing Arts teacher, Marie Nelson.

## Peter Pan Bake Sale a Yummy Success

We earned just over \$500 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Islandwood class trip in April!

Thanks so very much for the set up crew, the bakers/donations, the sellers, the dedicated popcorn poppers, and those who stayed late to sell the last of the treats, clean up and triple-count the money. You guys and gals are amazing! And, special shout-out to the 5th grade boys who helped out: Lukas, Cedar, Sebastian, Wyatt, Dominic, and Amir. You boys rock!

Have a great last week of school,

L'Nayim and Jim Austin

## Kindergarten Pet Food Drive – Last Day!

Kindergarteners have been hard at work learning about Pacific Northwest animals. Part of their Project Based Learning is doing a pet food drive. Please support their learning by bringing in pet food and stay tuned for PBL night where their habitats will be on display!

## T-Shirt Design Re-launched!



### Back by popular demand!

There's still time to buy one of our student-designed t-shirts or hoodies.

Deadline: 12/27.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

\*If you already ordered some spirit wear, it's on its way. This is a second campaign.



## Enrichment Program Winter 2018

[Facebook Event Page](#)

**Registration: December 11, 2017 - January 16, 2018.**

We are excited to announce our new partnership with @6Crickets, an online system that we hope will make the registration process much more streamline for everyone.

If you plan on registering your student for the winter session, and have internet access, please take some time to create an account following the directions below. Once your account is set up and registration opens, enrolling your student(s) will be quick and simple! You will be able to add multiple classes to your cart for all your children and register and pay for them all at once!

1. Navigate to <https://www.6crickets.com/>.
2. Click on 'Sign Up' in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Add your student(s) to your account when prompted.
4. Edit each student's profile under account settings by clicking on "fill."
5. Choose "Louisa Boren STEM K-8" in the School field.

Volunteers: One adult volunteer will be required for each class. Volunteers will help signing students in and out of class, as well as help instructors throughout class as needed/requested. Volunteers will receive 100% reduced tuition for one child as well as priority enrollment. Classes without an adult volunteer will be at risk of cancellation.

[enrichment@stemk8pta.org](mailto:enrichment@stemk8pta.org) if you have any questions!

## 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](#)



## Holiday Shopping? Earn Cash for our School!

If you're doing some shopping online don't forget that many of your purchases can benefit our school. Here's a reminder of all the ways to earn money for STEM K-8 when doing your holiday shopping and all year round.



Use this link to shop at Amazon, and 7% of your purchase amount will be donated to our school. Support STEM and shop in your pajamas from home - what could be better? You can always find our Amazon

link on the front page of the STEM PTA website. Important Note: Shopping via this link earns our school much more money than using Amazon Smile.



Make cards, calendars, photo books and more at Shutterfly, Tiny Prints or MyPublisher. Click on our STEM School Storefront and 13% of your purchases will be donated to our school!

