Owl Post

February 12, 2018

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

Upcoming Events

February 12
National African American Parent Involvement Day
9:00am – 11:00am
All school assembly, breakfast, classroom time.
STEM K-8

February 14
PTA Meeting
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

February 15
Last Day to Claim Lost & Found Items
STEM K-8 – Main Hallway

February 15
Auction Committee Meeting
7:00pm – 8:00pm
All are welcome!
Junction Uptown Espresso, 4301 SW Edmunds St.

February 16
SPS Open Enrollment Ends

February 19 - 23
Mid-Winter Break
No School

February 27
Advocacy Committee Meeting
7:00pm – 8:00pm
All are welcome!
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

STEM K-8 is following up Black Lives Matter Week with National African American Parent Involvement Day on February 12 and a variety of Black History Month activities. Acknowledging the impacts of racism in the United States and making a commitment to provide equitable opportunities for all students is a first step in working towards equity. Our next work is to partner with families to create a welcoming, multicultural school environment that supports each and every student to learn at the highest levels. During Wednesday’s early release staff will be working with professor Scott Winn from the University of Washington to better understand differences by comparing colorblindness, diversity, culture competency, implicit bias, and anti-oppression/equity lenses; and to strengthen our skills to identify and address individual, institutional and structural manifestations of racism.

STEM K-8’s middle school and teacher Craig Parsley earned a statewide honor when we were named a 2018 Washington STEM Lighthouse School. Lighthouse Schools are middle and high schools that provide technical assistance and advice to other schools in the initial stages of creating a learning environment focused on STEM. They serve as resources and examples of how to combine the following best practices: small, highly personalized learning communities; an interdisciplinary curriculum with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) delivered through a project-based instructional approach; and active partnerships with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom. The 2018 STEM Lighthouse School designation supports 1) the development and distribution of project-based learning lesson materials to other middle schools in WA; 2) engaging professionals in the areas of Green Technology and Earth Sciences to serve as mentors to students (specifically geologists, atmospheric scientists, and environmental or mechanical engineers); And 3) dissemination of “appropriate technology” teaching skills to advance STEM concepts by providing professional development seminars to interested teachers. Congratulations to all of our STEM staff and Craig Parsley for the leadership recognized by this designation.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
Special Valentine’s Day PTA Meeting

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Our owlets’ nests are crowded,
The PTA really needs YOU!

Please come to our special Valentine’s Evening PTA meeting! Almost as fun as roses & chocolate! The District has set K-8 class sizes higher than comparable K-5 schools and the PTA needs your help. Come learn about our Equal Class Size Campaign and join in the fun! Letter & Post Card writing! Oh my!

Black Lives Matter at School Week

A big shout out to all who were able to stop by our Black Lives Matter at school Unity Event last Monday before school. The West Seattle Blog came by too. Here’s their coverage, http://westseattleblog.com/2018/02/unity-event-louisa-boren-stem-k-8-as-black-lives-matter-at-school-week-begins/. And here’s some photos from Monday’s assembly.
The STEM K-8 Global Reading Challenge In-School Competition will take place this Friday, February 16 at 9:15am in the cafeteria. This SPS/SPL collaborative Battle of the Books program for 4th and 5th grade students is fun to watch. Parents are most welcome to attend…even if their child hasn’t extended the information.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. B in the Library!
mebannister@seattleschools.org

Lost & Found Clean Up!
The lost and found rack is filling up, and it’s time for some mid-winter clean up. If your child is missing a jacket, hat, gloves, lunchbox or water bottle, please come check out our lost and found rack located in the main hall. **Leftover items will be removed this Thursday, February 15 and donated to charity.** If you would like to help donate the items, contact Christa Howsmon cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org

Join the STEM K-8 Advocacy Committee
Things are busy busy busy for our PTA Advocacy Committee right now. Please come join our work. Our committee has an open membership and we would love to meet you. Our next meeting is Tuesday February 27 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW. Contact Advocacy Committee Chairperson Shawna Murphy with any questions, southernstreetkids@yahoo.com.

Summer Stretch & Summer Challenge for Grades 4 - 10
The University of Washington Robinson Center for Young Scholars offers two Summer Enrichment programs for students, Summer Challenge, for grades 5-6, and Summer Stretch for grades 7-10. Our classes offer deep, inquiry-based learning experiences outside the regular school curriculum. Students have the opportunity to pursue their interests while working with peers in classes taught by subject-matter experts on the UW Seattle campus.

Registration for **Summer Challenge** opens on **March 1 at 8:00 am**.

Registration for **Summer Stretch** opened on **February 1**.
Middle School Basketball Schedule

Saturday, February 17

K-8 Varsity Boys
STEM vs Blaine
11:00am Nathan Hale HS

K-8 Varsity Girls
STEM vs Blaine
11:00am Nathan Hale HS

K-8 Junior Varsity Boys
STEM vs Blaine
1:30pm Jane Addams (N)

STEM #2 vs South Shore #2
1:30pm Madison MS

Last Chance to Get Your Tickets to the Prom!

It's time to go back to your teenage years (and if you weren't a teenager in the 80's, you know you wish you were!) You have until this Friday, February 16 to buy your tickets for the STEM 80's Prom Auction. See the next page for details! It's on a Friday night this year, so you can stay up late ... it's not like you have to go into school on Saturday morning!
1980’s STEM AUCTION!
Friday, March 2nd 5:30pm-11:00pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy

TICKETS ONLINE! CLOSES FEBRUARY 16th!
louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/80s

DONATE! DUE FEBRUARY 16th!
Fill out a procurement sheet here: louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/80s/give

VOLUNTEER!
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8ab29aa8-auction1

LAST Auction Committee meeting 7-8 pm
Junction Uptown Espresso February 15th.

QUESTIONS?
Contact auction@stemk8pta.org

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” - Ferris Bueller’s Day Off

Name(s): __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Don’t want to buy Tickets online?

Ticket (single) $65: ________  
Ticket (couple) $130: _______  
STEM Teacher / Staff $0: ________  
Sponsor a STEM Teacher / Staff / Other Donation $65+: ________  
TOTAL $: ________

Checks can be made out to “STEM K-8 PTA” and left in the front office, given to your child’s teacher, or mailed to: 5950 Delridge Way Seattle, WA 98106. OR e-mail auction@stemk8pta.org to arrange credit card payment and ticketing over the phone. 

Ticket Sales Close FEBRUARY 16th

Name(s): __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________
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Phone number: _____________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________

Sit by: _____________________________________________

Vegan / Vegetarian Meal  
Requested Y/N: ____________________________________