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Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

February 28

7 PM

PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting

Please join the Advocacy Committee to discuss the latest in state education funding legislative news and strategize for our next campaign. All are welcome.

Uptown Espresso on Delridge

March 1

6:30 PM

STEM K-8 PTA Meeting

Join staff and families for an overview of STEM K-8 staffing and budget for next school year.

STEM K-8 Library

March 3

Middle School Spring Sports Registration Closes

Spring season registration for middle school sports, including girls' volleyball and boys' soccer closes on Friday, March 3. Interested students, please check in with Mr. Des (boys' soccer) or Ms. Paulson (girls' volleyball)

March 4

Middle School Basketball

JV Boys. 1:00 PM at Franklin

Varsity Boys. 11:30 AM at Franklin

Varsity Girls. 11:30 AM at Franklin

February 13-March 1

100th Day of School Food Drive

To celebrate our 100th day of school, the STEM community is collecting non-perishable food donations for the West Seattle Food Bank. Donation bins are located by the front office and the PTA will also collect donations at the March 1st PTA meeting.

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Hope midwinter break provided opportunities to recharge and connect with friends and family. For STEM staff, it was a chance to breath after a flurry of events (alas I've been too busy even to tweet the photos accruing on my phone). In the lead-up to break STEM students experienced in a smorgasbord of learning activities: a play marking the 75th anniversary of the Japanese Internment, a visit from the

Seattle Opera performing a modern rework of Cinderella in Spanish, a menu of cultural activities for our Black History Month Festival, and even snowshoeing trip for Kindergarteners!

STEM K-8 PTA Meeting Wednesday, March 1

Please join us for the General PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 1 from 6:30-8:00 PM for an overview STEM's budget and staffing for next year. Our 2017-18 budget-staffing allocation arrives Tuesday at 5:00, so it will be an early chance to understand and provide feedback on next year's budget challenges.

STEM Spirit Day, Thursday March 2

This Thursday, March 2nd is an off-schedule STEM Spirit Day. Our Student Council determined that February's spirit day theme, Pajama Day, aligned well with the national Read Across America or Dr. Seuss Day. So, February's Spirit Day is actually happening on March 2nd, and it's a Pajama Day. Hopefully everyone got some practice reading books in PJ's over break.

I've had a few questions on how to address questions or concerns regarding your child or an experience they've had in school. As a general practice, communicate questions directly to your child's teacher. If you're unsure how to approach a teacher regarding an issue, Ms. Noble or I can help you. If your child's teacher is unable to resolve the situation, then the teacher and Ms. Noble or I will work with you together. School success is built on collaboration and communication with families. Thanks for your involvement in STEM K-8!

Ben Ostrom

Principal, Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Tickets Now Available for the STEM K-8 2017 STEAMPUNKED Auction

Tickets for the annual Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Auction are now available! On April 1 at the Hall at Fauntleroy, gather with families and staff to celebrate and support STEM learning at Louisa Boren. The funds raised at the auction provide the extras needed to ensure the differentiated project-based education that we value..

Read [full auction details on the STEM K-8 website](#).

Ready to attend? [Buy Tickets Here](#)

Teachers & Staff – be our guest! RSVP for *STEM Teacher / Staff \$0.00" ticket*

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](#)

Volunteer

Are you looking for a way to get involved? All current opportunities are listed on STEM K-8 [Sign Up Genius Page](#).

Library Volunteers

Looking for helpers to shelve, label and check books in and out. [See full details on Sign Up Genius](#)

Garden Work Party

For the Spring season we're gathering support and volunteers to help beautify our gardens. [Get more details and sign-up to volunteer here.](#)

Calling STEM Middle School Athletes: Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer Starts in March

As part of our growing Middle School Athletics Program STEM K-8 will offer Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer this spring season. Both volleyball and soccer begin week of March 6. There is a \$35 registration fee which supports the athletic program. Registration packets and \$35 fee are due on Friday, March 3, 2017.

Girls Volleyball Begins Tuesday, March 7, 2017. 4:20PM-5:40PM

Pick up and return registration packets in the main office or in room 126, Ms. Paulson's classroom. Questions? Contact Ms. Paulson at hlpaulson@seattleschools.org or Mrs. Noble at kfnoble@seattleschools.org

Boys Soccer Begins Thursday, March 9, 2017 . 4:20PM-5:40 PM

Pick up and return soccer registration packets in the main office or in room 109, Mr. Des' classroom. Questions? Contact Mr. "Des" DesAutels at twdesautels@seattleschools.org or Mrs.Noble at kfnoble@seattleschools.org

You are invited to Advocacy 101

Shawna Murphy, STEM parent and PTA advocacy chair, invites you to join a roundtable discussion about how we can advocate for our rights at the local and state level. This event will have a general focus on public education, but the strategies provided will be applicable to immigration, reproductive rights, and other civic issues you may be concerned about. Our panelists include: a labor attorney, school board member, area PTA leadership, and local activists. There will be how-tos, general discussion, and time for questions and answers, in Spanish and English. Spanish interpretation provided.

When: 4:00-5:30 PM, Sunday March 5, 2017

Where: South Park Neighborhood Center 8201 10th Ave S 98108 4:00-5:30

Panel Members: Lauren Berkowitz, Burien City Council Lisa Herbold, Seattle City Council Liza Rankin, SCPTSA/SFT Leslie Harris, SPS School Board Summer Stinson, Washington's Paramount Duty SebRena Burr, SCPTSA Carolyn Leith, Education Blogger Eden Mack, SCPTSA Luis Herrera-Perales WA CAN

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GLOBAL READING CHALLENGE WINNERS!

Congratulations to the 5th Grade **Book Bandits**, the winners of the STEM In-School Global Reading Challenge. They will move on to represent us March 9th at 10:30 am at Seattle Public Library Downtown Branch. We congratulate all four of our participating teams as well as all the fourth and fifth graders that have been reading these excellent titles the past few months. Speaking of Reading Challenges, the newest book challenge is brought to us by:

GENE LUEN YANG
NATIONAL AMBASSADOR for YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE



The Reading Without Walls Challenge

- 1 Read a book about a **character** who doesn't look like you or live like you
- 2 Read a book about a **topic** you don't know much about
- 3 Read a book in a **format** that you don't normally read For Fun (a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, etc)

Anyone can participate and is encouraged to do so! Look for a display in the case outside the library. There will be bookmarks coming home with students soon as well.

100th Day of School Celebration and Food Drive

To celebrate the 100th day of school on February 28th the STEM community will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the West Seattle Food Bank. Donation bins are located by the front office and the PTA will also collect donations at the March 1st PTA meeting. The West Seattle Food Bank especially needs canned low-sodium protein, beans, fruits & vegetables, rice, soups, cereal, pasta & sauce, peanut butter, baby formula, ensure, toiletries, healthy snacks, juice, shelf-stable milk, soy, or almond milk, baby food, and diapers.



Bring in donations anytime from February 13th-March 1st and support our West Seattle community. Our goal is 100X10=1,000 donated items! For more information and to donate online visit the West Seattle Food Bank website at: www.westseattlefoodbank.org

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Basketball Schedule 2017

Date	Team	Time	Visitor	Home	Site
Sat. Mar. 4	JV Boys	1:00pm	Southshore	Boren	Franklin
	Varsity Boys	11:30am	Southshore	Boren	Franklin
	Varsity Girls	11:30am	Southshore	Boren	Franklin
Sat. Mar. 11	JV Boys	1:00pm	Salmon Bay	Boren	Jane Addams
	Varsity Boys	10:00am	Salmon Bay	Boren	Ingram HS
	Varsity Girls	10:00am	Salmon Bay	Boren	Ingram HS