Upcoming Events

February 7
Girls Running Club Registration Now Open
Registration is open to girls in 5th to 7th grade through February 17th. Register at Girls on the Run

February 9
STEM K-8 Enrollment Open House
6:00 PM – Elementary Meeting
7:30 PM – Middle School Meeting
Come meet elementary and middle school teachers and hear about plans for next year. Louisa Boren STEM K-8

February 10
11 AM
STEM K-8 School Tours
Tour the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Elementary and Middle School.
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

February 11
Middle School Basketball
JV Boys. 10:30 AM at Licton Springs
Varsity Boys. 11:30 AM at Boren
Varsity Girls. 11:30 AM at Boren

February 18
Middle School Basketball
JV Boys. 8:30 AM at Boren
Varsity Boys. 12:00 PM at Boren
Varsity Girls. 12:00 PM at Boren

February 28
7 PM
PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting
To get involved in advocacy efforts please attend our next Advocacy Committee meeting. The Advocacy Committee has an open membership and all are welcome. Uptown Espresso on Delridge

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Thanks to everyone who joined our STEM Unity Day on Friday morning! It was inspiring to feel community support for immigrant and Muslim families at STEM K-8 and in Seattle. The coming years will provide opportunities to stand up for democratic values and build real bridges between diverse groups. It’s time to build skills as allies and be aware of the complex implications of privilege. Collective responses point towards a hopeful future!

Enrollment season is in full stride with two tours/week and both Elementary and Middle School Open Houses on Thursday night. All STEM 5th graders have a default assignment and enrollment preference for 6th grade at STEM. Come meet middle school teachers and hear about plans for next year on Thursday, February 9 from 7:30-8:30 pm. Our first Middle School tour is on Friday, February 10 from 11:00am – 12:15pm.
Ben Ostrom
Principal - Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Volunteers Needed for Black History Month Assembly

A message from Rachael, Volunteer Coordinator

We have an inspiring Black History festival planned for next week, on Thursday February 16th, and we need a few volunteers. You can offer support both from home (over the next week), or at the assembly (day-of). Here is a list of those opportunities:

Volunteer from Home
- **African American Inventor's Table:** Make a simple yet, interactive display highlighting an African American inventor. We would like a mix of historical and modern inventor's, men and women. Poster-board supplied. Sign up [HERE](#)
- **Coding with Quilts:** A PBL art installation based on the Underground Railroad; we need volunteers to help prep materials. Cutting geometric shapes from tissue paper. Sign up [HERE](#)

Volunteer Day of the Event
- **Set-up:** from 1-2pm Sign-up [HERE](#)
- **Clean-up:** from 4-430pm Sign-up [HERE](#)
- **Crafting Tables:** We need parents to help children create their 'patches' and help educate them on the importance of the Underground Railroad. Coding handouts, an Underground Railroad display, and crafting supplies will be provided. This will be from 2-4pm. Sign-up [HERE](#)
- **Henna Painting:** We need 6 volunteers to do henna painting. Please contact Cassandra O'Neal at sanditana.cbo@yahoo.com if you can help.
- **Transition Team:** Assist teachers in chaperoning classes from one activity to the next. Sign-up [HERE](#)

If you are interested in helping and have more questions, please email me, Rachael Hetrick, at volunteers@stemk8pta.org for more information.

Thank you for the many ways you support STEM!
STEM K-8 Unity Event Shout Outs

Thanks to all who were able to participate in Friday’s before school unity event. It was so powerful and a lot of fun. Shout out to Louisa Boren STEM K-8 mom, Gretchen, for bringing the coffee and treats from her restaurant Circa, in West Seattle. We would love to make this an annual event. Check out the coverage from the West Seattle Blog.

Update on School Funding Levy Cliff Legislation

In legislative news, last Monday the Senate was supposed to hear testimony on SHB1059, the bill that passed the House which would keep us from losing a substantial portion of our levy authority beginning January 1, 2018. The Senate delayed testimony until very late in the day and has not chosen to bring the bill to the floor for a vote, in effect burying the bill in favor of focusing on the Republican Education Funding Bill SB5607. Yesterday at 3:30 the House Appropriations Committee held a hearing for HB 1843, the Democrats Education Funding Bill. For an extremely thorough analysis of both bills and the Governor's plan, read former OSPI candidate David Spring’s editorial.

STEM K-8 School Tours and Open House Dates

Potential K-5 parents and incoming middle-school parents, sign up for your preferred tour dates on the STEM K-8 website. Questions? Please contact the STEM K-8 front desk or tours@stemk8pta.org

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The STEM K-8’s Open House, where attendees can learn more about the elementary and middle-school programs, will be held on Thursday, Feb 9. Hours for each are as follows:

- Elementary 6:00 –7:00pm
- Middle School 7:30-8:30pm
## Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Basketball Schedule 2017

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