Upcoming Events

June 7
6:30 PM
STEM K-8 PTA Meeting
Agenda to focus on the future of the STEM K-8 math program.
STEM K-8 Library

June 8
6:30 PM
Beauty and the Beast Performance
STEM K-8 presents Beauty and the Best. STEM families are welcome to attend.
STEM K-8 Cafeteria

June 10
10:30 AM
Middle School Volleyball Playoffs
Varsity ended up being ranked 6th out of 9 teams for the regular season. We are playing Blaine for 5th place in the league on Saturday.
Denny Middle School

June 13
3:30 PM
Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Join STEM K-8’s corps of volunteers to celebrate a job well done.
STEM K-8

June 13
6:30 pm
Spring Band Concert
All band students, grades 4-7th, will be performing!
Chief Sealth Auditorium

June 21
7 PM
End of Year PTA Social
Celebrate Summer and Rebecca Garcia, our outgoing PTA president.
Mission, 2325 California Ave. SW

June 26
3:05 PM
Last Day of School and 1 Hour Early Dismissal
Last day school, don’t forget 1 hour early dismissal.

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Our spring sprint continues! STEM K-8’s first ever Pride event—Friday night’s GGLOW OWLS Dance Party celebrating our LGBTQIA families, staff and students, kicks off a month of Seattle Pride activities. Standing in solidarity for identity safety, supported by friends, food, fun, and sun on the playground started a tradition to continue!

The Junior Band returned on Sunday from a long weekend at the Silverwood Music festival in Idaho with our first-ever band trophy! You can hear their year-end band concert at 6:00 PM on June 13th in the Sealth Auditorium. STEM’s Beauty and the Beast will be performed this Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 pm on the STEM stage in the cafeteria. Continue the discussion on STEM’s math goals and vision this Wednesday, on June 7 at 6:30 pm at our final PTA meeting of the year.

Last Thursday night’s community meeting definitely gave Capitol leadership a clear directive on how to think about Louisa Boren STEM K-8 in BEX V planning. Our community left no doubt that STEM K-8 is in a permanent home! It was clear in follow up conversations with Flip Herndon and Richard Best that we were heard. Possibilities for building STEM K-8 a new permanent home have not been ruled out of BEX V planning at this very early point in the planning process. However, to be considered such plans would a) require tremendous dialogue with our community b) have to pass high levels of equity and planning scrutiny, and c) take into consideration that the Louisa Boren building is STEM K-8’s permanent home. Thanks for showing up and making yourselves heard! I work hard to represent our community’s voices in district decision-making processes. But sometimes a little amplification goes a long way! As soon as any concrete information on the next steps for BEX V planning comes out I will share it.

Please let Cindy or I know in the office if your child will not be attending STEM K-8 next year. It will help us make more effective class placement decisions and also support the large number of families that are on waitlists hoping to find out about spaces.

End of Year Library Due Dates

All library materials were encouraged to be returned on time with a final all school due date at 9:30 am on Thursday, June 1st. Please be responsible library users & return your library materials in a timely fashion.

Students without overdues or fines may check out one book at a time until Friday, June 16th.

Students with overdue materials will have the items converted into a library fine for the cost of replacing the materials. All overdue books, magazines, etc… must have their fines paid in full by Tuesday, June 20th in order for students to participate fully in Field Day on Wednesday, June 21st.

Please Note: Library Fines that are left unpaid follow the students throughout their years in Seattle Public Schools.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. B at mebannister@seattleschools.org
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

How to Share Your Opinion on the Future of STEM K-8 Building Location

A call to action from the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Site Committee
STEM Friends & Community,

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the June 1 Meeting with Seattle Public Schools Staff. If you missed it, the West Seattle Blog did a great recap of the meeting (with a full video!).

The PTA is forming an open committee to continue to address the issues surrounding the potential move. If you are interested in participating, the first meeting will be after PTA meeting June 7th at Boren. If you are interested in being on the committee and can’t make it contact: robingraham26@gmail.com.

Over the Summer and through next Fall we will be working on supplying board testimony, communicating with the board and staff about options, and encouraging our community to speak out. Your participation is wanted and appreciated – come when and if you can.

The next step for our community is to communicate to the board and SPS Senior Staff what you want. Our job is to make the best case for why STEM should stay at Boren and/or why options should be explored that address the equity and stability of our community. Listed is the Seattle Public School Board members and senior staff e-mail. You are welcome to write them and ask for what you, your students, your family and your community think are best for STEM. We’ve are proud of our record of being respectful and encourage you to tell your story and think about the best interest of all students. E-mail: schoolboard@seattleschools.org

It’s a marathon, not a sprint. Writing is step one, your time and opinion matter. Stay tuned to Facebook and the website for more info.

STEM K-8 PTA Seeking Vice President for 2017-18 School Year

Are you passionate about Louisa Boren STEM K-8? Do you want to have real impact on yours, mine and all kids at Louisa Boren STEM K-8? Join the PTA Board!!! We are a passionate, highly motivated and super fun group!

We still need a Vice President for 2017-18 that will then roll up to serve as the PTA president the following year. If interested please contact Rebecca at president@stemk8pta.org or Alison at vp@stemk8pta.org
Seattle City Council Bell Time Vote on Wednesday

The Seattle City Council is voting on Wednesday of this week whether to approve a one-time monetary appropriation to Seattle Public Schools to create a two tiered, rather than three-tiered bell times system. Please read the following for more info and advocacy steps.

http://sharonpeaslee.com/2017/06/two-start-times/

Thank you from the GGLOW OWLS!

Thank you so much for coming out to our first annual GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party and making it a huge success! Delicious food from Papa Bois and Full Tilt, great music, button making and the best sticker photo booth ever made this event one to look forward to next year. Thanks to all of our terrific volunteers for making this happen! If you haven't had a chance to order one of our terrific, Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is a Safe Place rainbow owls hoodie or t-shirts, it's not too late, https://www.booster.com/gglow-owls