



September 11, 2017



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

September 11

8:50 am

First Day of Kindergarten

Welcome new Owlets!

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

8:50 am – 9:50 am

Kindergarten Decompression Coffee Hour

Meet with other kindergarten parents and Principal Ostrom to celebrate/decompress.

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

September 12 & 14

Peter Pan Auditions

During recess and after school

Sign up to audition for a part in the main cast.

Ms. Nelson's PFA Room

September 13

PTA Meeting & Uniform Swap

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Please join us! Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

STEM Library

September 18

Enrichment Registration Opens

12:00 pm

stemk8pta.org

PTA Website

September 19

PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All are welcome!

Uptown Espresso & Game

Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

September 28

Curriculum Night & Open House (PreK – 5th Grade)

Time TBD

October 5

Curriculum Night & Open House (Middle School)

Time TBD

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



We're off and running! Our sympathies and concerns are spread wide, as storms wreak havoc over parts of our country. A big STEM thanks to staff and volunteers for all the extra hours to get the school year started. In our third straight expansion year we continue to welcome new students, staff, and programs, so the collective effort was vital. STEM K-8 is now as big as our name—welcome 8th graders! It's going to take time to normalize key routines and expectations; new materials still continue to arrive daily.

A few key reminders from the office:

Supervision starts in the morning at **8:35 am**. **There is not supervision available for students before 8:35 am.**

Please communicate any emergency changes to your child's dismissal routine to the office before **2:00 pm**. With 560 scholars it's impossible to guarantee that last minute plan changes can be communicated to your students.

Dismissal is at 3:25 pm.

Wednesdays are Early Release Days and school ends at 2:10 pm.

Back to school forms are available on the [Seattle Public Schools website](http://SeattlePublicSchools.org). You can also pick up hard copies at the school office, or ask your child to pick up one to bring home.

The forms below are needed from all families:

FERPA

Emergency Information and Student Release

Others forms may be needed on an individual basis and are also available on the SPS website (including Volunteer Background Check, 504 Identification, Title VII, Free and Reduced Lunch Applications, Advanced Learning, and many more).

Don't forget to join us at the 1st General PTA meeting of the year (& Uniform Swap) on Wednesday, September 13, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. At the PTA meeting and in upcoming newsletters I will communicate about STEM's 2017 priorities, including the SPS Literacy Adoption and Center for Collaborative Classroom (CCC), Eureka Math and best practices in math instruction, and implementation of Ruler, a social and emotional learning curriculum that helps teach emotional intelligence into daily life.

Thanks for partnering with STEM K-8 staff to create powerful learning experiences for your children!

Ben Ostrom

STEM K-8 Principal

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](#)



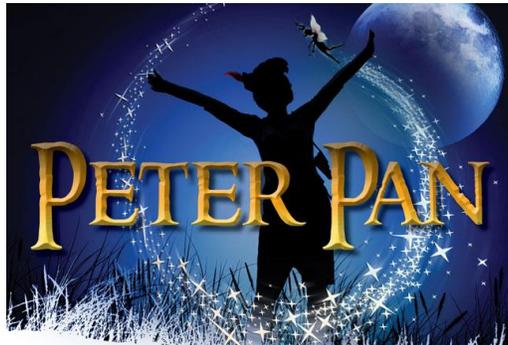
[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



Peter Pan Auditions



Peter Pan is coming to STEM. It will be offered for a musical theatre experience. If you have a good pirate voice, love to sing, fairy skills, or enjoy being lost (lost boys) then this enrichment is for you! This year students have two options:

(1) Thursday (3:45 pm – 5:00 pm) is a non-auditioned participation for students who want to sing and dance in multiple scenes. This is a great option for primary students who are looking to learn how to be in a show. Thursday is more of a music rehearsal. The more the merrier! Cost for Thursday alone is \$125.

(2) Tuesday (3:45 pm – 5:00 pm) & Thursdays (3:45 pm - 5:00 pm) rehearsals are for those who audition and are selected to be a main character member where they will need to sing and act.

ALL GRADES WELCOME. If you are selected you will need to be enrolled in both Tuesday and Thursdays. Tuesdays is more of an acting rehearsal. Cost for Tuesday and Thursday (main cast) is \$200. On Thursdays the lead characters will either receive small group private voice instruction for development or will join the group for choreography.

AUDITIONS FOR LEAD ROLES will be Sept. 12 and 14 in Ms. Nelson's room during intermediate recess and after school. Ms. Nelson will keep students informed about auditions and tell them how to sign up for a slot.

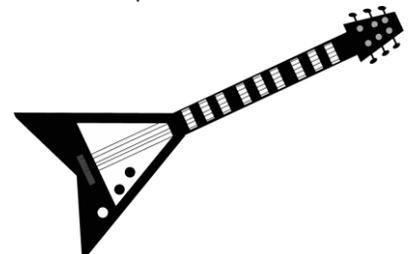
Enrichment Registration Opens – Sept. 18

Fall Enrichment will run from September 25 to the week of December 5.

Look for registration packets in your student's backpack this week. Registration opens ONLINE (stemk8pta.org) at 12:00 pm on Monday, September 18.

There are a lot of fun classes offered, including: watercolor painting, drumming, tennis, Lego Laws of Motion, chess, robotic arts/circuit-bending, Guitar Building, human body prototyping, fashion illustration and sewing, Advanced VEX IQ Robotics, Trendy Crafts, and Python game development. Peter Pan – The Musical too (see above).

Chess4Life
Teaching life skills through chess



Volunteers Needed!



The PTA has an immediate volunteer need to support the Backpack Food program. We need a volunteer to pick up the food from West Seattle Food Bank and bring it to STEM every Thursday. And either the same person or another volunteer to sort/pack the food on Thursday or Friday. The food gets sent home with the students on Friday, and needs to be ready before end of the school day.

Please contact STEM PTA President Alison Li president@stemk8pta.org if you are interested.

PTA Secretary Position Open



The position of PTA Secretary is currently open. The Secretary maintains PTA membership records and takes the attendance roster and minutes at PTA meetings. This position is part of the PTA executive team and attends their monthly meetings.

Please contact STEM PTA President Alison Li president@stemk8pta.org if you are interested.

First PTA Advocacy Meeting of the Year

We will be working on our LGBTQIA book gifting for classrooms and planning our projects for the school year. Our committee has open membership. **All are welcome!**

For more information please contact Advocacy Chair, Shawna Murphy, southernstreetkids@yahoo.com

When: Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Where: Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW.

Donate Your Eclipse Glasses!



Hopefully, YOU didn't look straight at the sun during the solar eclipse but, instead, had some eclipse glasses (or a homemade pinhole viewer).

The PTA is collecting eclipse glasses to donate to the [Astronomers Without Borders](#) Eclipse Glasses Donation Program. The glasses will be sent to schools in South America and Asia when eclipses cross those continents in 2019. Each pair is examined to make sure they aren't damaged, and to verify that they are certified safe and not counterfeit.

The donation box will be in the school office until October 1.