Upcoming Events

September 19
PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
All are welcome!
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

September 22
Advanced Learning Parent Referrals Due
More Details

September 28
Curriculum Night & Open House (PreK – 5th Grade)
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Cafeteria & Classrooms

October 4
Seattle Council PTSA, League of Women Voters and NAACP Seattle School Board Candidate Forum
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Centilia Cultural Center (at El Centro de la Raza), 1660 S. Roberto Maestas Festival Street, Seattle, 98144

October 5
Curriculum Night & Open House (Middle School)
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Cafeteria & Classrooms

October 11
PTA Meeting
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Vote for new board members, budget decisions. Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

October 13
State In-Service Day
NO SCHOOL

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

We are getting our feet under us and picking up steam for the extended school journey. We happily welcomed Kindergartners and Preschoolers last week.

Over the next few weeks our different grade levels will begin to roll out SPS new literacy curriculum, produced by the Center for the Collaborative Classroom (CCC). I included a description of CCC program highlights in this Owl Post (see the next page).

A few reminders to help make sure your child returns home safely:
1) Please communicate any changes in pick-up routine to the office before 2:00 pm. 2) If you park and pick your child up after school, please do not collect them at the door before they are lined up in the playground. This allows us to account for all our students at dismissal.

If your child might be eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, please submit an application as soon as possible. This is important for several reasons, including school and district funding. Completed applications can be submitted to our school office, the STEM lunchroom, or mailed to Nutrition Services. Families can also now apply online on the Nutrition Services webpage.

Don’t forget every Wednesday is a 2:10 pm Early Release professional development dismissal. PreK-5 Curriculum Night is Sept. 28 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Middle School Curriculum Night is Oct. 5 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Put them on your calendar to plan ahead for a chance to meet your child’s teacher and get an overview of class curriculum and expectations.

Thanks again for supporting the STEM community!

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Enrichment Registration Now Open Online!

STEM K-8 Enrichment Programs » STEM K-8 PTA
You can register online or download a copy of the registration form and turn it into the PTA Enrichment Program mailbox in the front office with your payment.
Center for the Collaborative Classroom (CCC) Literacy Curriculum

Grades K-2 of Collaborative Literacy are comprised of three programs, or modules. *Being a Reader* is the module that helps children in kindergarten through grade 2 learn how to read. In whole-class Word Study lessons, students learn about patterns and parts in words. They sort words and discuss them with partners and with the class. Word Study lessons help students explore how words work. During the first few weeks of *Being a Reader*, students learn to work independently in reading, writing, and word work. Teaching students to work independently allows teachers to begin Small-group Reading within a few weeks of starting school. Small-group Reading is targeted reading instruction with groups of students who are working on similar reading skills. The students in each group get the individual instruction that they need, and they read books that are at their reading level.

Students K-5 will participate in *Making Meaning*. This module is designed to help students build their reading comprehension. The students hear books read aloud and discuss them with partners and the class. They learn key comprehension strategies readers use to help them understand what they read, including wondering (questioning), using text features, and determining important ideas. At upper grades they learn strategies that include questioning, analyzing text structure, determining important ideas, and summarizing. They also practice reading independently every day during Individualized Daily Reading (IDR). The first unit of Making Meaning focuses on building a reading community. The students talk about what they like to read. They listen to, read, and discuss stories. They also practice the social skill of listening carefully to others.

Students K-5 also participate in *Being a Writer*. *Being a Writer* helps students build their writing skills. The students hear and discuss examples of good writing and write original pieces in a variety of genres. During the first unit of *Being a Writer*, the students practice the social skills of working responsibly, listening respectfully to the thinking of others, sharing their own thinking, and showing interest in and appreciation for others’ writing. These skills help the students build a supportive writing community.

PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting – All Welcome

Are you interested in learning more about what our PTA Advocacy Committee has done in its first two years and what we have planned for this year? Are you interested in shaping our advocacy vision? Our committee has an open membership and generally meets one evening per month. Come find out what we are all about this **Tuesday, September 19, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** at Uptown Espresso and Game Emporium on Delridge.

Contact PTA Advocacy chair, Shawna Murphy at [southernstreetkids@yahoo.com](mailto:southernstreetkids@yahoo.com) for more info.
Open PTA Positions

5th and 2nd grade parent Christine Southam has been nominated for the role of Secretary. Membership will vote at the next PTA meeting October 11.

We are still looking for someone to fill the BLT (Building Leadership Team) position for Grades 3-5. Be an integral part of decisions that have impact on school operations. Time commitment requires someone who can attend the BLT meetings. Meetings happen every two to four weeks on Mondays after school.

Please email president@stemk8pta.org if interested.

Library Volunteers Needed!

I’m desperately in need of shelving assistance in the STEM Library every day of the week. Volunteers are welcome any time but volunteering during your student’s library class can be especially rewarding. See below for the library schedule.

Also, the Middle School Library arrived after the start of school and the books need stamping with the school stamp and labeling with two Middle School labels. If anyone is available to help in the next few weeks, I would be VERY, VERY grateful!

Please e-mail me at mebannister@seattleschools.org

Big thanks to the STEM Community for all their support!

Mary Bannister
STEM K-8 Librarian

STEM Library Schedule 2017-18

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Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student Name(s): ___________________________________________________

Student Grade(s) & Teacher(s): ________________________________________

Email or phone #: __________________________________________________

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The STEM K-8 PTA NEEDS YOU!
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 has a vibrant, active PTA that plays an integral role in our school community. The PTA is dedicated to partnering with our school to foster an engaging and innovative learning environment for our children.

“Without the vital participation of STEM families and friends, few of the things that you love at STEM would be possible. Project Based Learning, enrichment activities, materials for Next Gen Science learning, and much much more happen in conjunction with PTA support.”
-Principal Ben Ostrom

**Individual PTA Membership is $15 per year. Become a STEM K8 PTA member here.**

Members have the opportunity to vote on the STEM PTA budget, resolutions and the election of the Executive Board. Individual membership also includes membership in the Washington State PTA. All members are encouraged to attend PTA meetings, join committees, volunteer and attend events.
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

Middle School Athletics: STEM’s Sports Corner

Welcome to STEM’s Sports Corner!

It’s that time again for Middle School Athletics. Based on the results of the Athletic Survey, there was a huge interest in Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee. Because many students showed interest in Ultimate Frisbee this year, we will be able to offer at least two Ultimate teams, which means we will need additional coaching support. Parents, if you are interested in volunteering your time as an assistant coach, please contact Mr. DesAutels, Mrs. Noble or Mr. Mackenzie for more information. We are also looking for 6th graders who are interested in Ultimate Frisbee, so we can offer a 6th grade team. Practice begins Tuesday, September 19, from 3:50 pm - 5:20 pm. All practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:50 pm - 5:20 pm. Games will be on Saturdays, times and locations TBD.

Registration Information:

Registration is open for all sports. Registration fee is $15.00 per sport. Before any student can participate in a sport, he/she must complete a physical exam and return the signed documentation to the athletic office. Students who have participated in a sport last year will not need to complete a physical exam; physical exams are good for two years.

Middle School Sports Offerings:

Fall
Ultimate Frisbee (Co-ed);
Travis DesAutels-Coach  twdesautels@seattleschools.org

Winter
Girls Basketball;
Jessica Brodland-Coach  jebrodland@seattleschools.org
Boys Basketball;
Anisha Noriega-Coach  akoriega@seattleschools.org

Spring
Girls Volleyball;
Heidi Paulson-Coach  hlpaulson@seattleschools.org
Boys Soccer;
Travis DesAutels-Coach  twdesautels@seattleschools.org

Athletic Department
Mrs. Noble  kfnoble@seattleschools.org