Upcoming Events

**September 6**
8:50 am
First Day of School
Grades 1-8 & Preschool
Regular school hours apply for the first day of the year. Release at 3:25 pm.
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

8:50 am – 9:50 am
Decompression Coffee Hour
Meet with other parents and Principal Ost to celebrate/decompress.
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

**September 6, 7, 8**
Kindergarten Family Conferences
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

**September 8**
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Back to School Bash
Celebrate back to school with the 6th annual B2SB!
Lincoln Park NORTH END Shelter 5 & picnic tables 60-84

**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 Ost to celebrate/decompress.
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

**September 13**
PTA Meeting & Uniform Swap
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Please join us! Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

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**A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom**

Welcome back! We can’t wait to see you! Special thanks to all the staff and volunteers who put in lots of extra time to help get STEM ready.

You can read my back-to-school letter on the [STEM School Website](http://www.stem-school.org) for more information.

Back to school forms are available on the [Seattle Public Schools website](http://www.seattleschools.org). You can also pick up hard copies at the school office. Address verification is now online. We really need you to fill out and return the following forms: FERPA, Emergency Information and Student Release, Student Health information.

Other forms may be needed on an individual basis: Volunteer Background Check, 504 Identification, Title VII, Free and Reduced Lunch Applications, Advanced Learning, and many more.

Ready or not, here we go!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Ostrom

**B2SB6!**

**When:** Friday, September 8, 5:30pm – 8pm

**Where:** Lincoln Park NORTH END Shelter 5 & picnic tables 60-84

Park on the street (watch out to not park in a restricted ferry line) or in the NORTH END parking lot. Walk in to the wading pool / playground.

Please bring a potluck food to share, plates, and utensils for just your family.

STEM PTA will be providing hotdogs, veggie dogs, buns & condiments, water & lemonade.

Feel free to bring playthings to share (footballs, chalk, soccer balls, bubbles, jump ropes).

Volunteers would be much appreciated for BBQ, set up and clean up.

[www.signupgenius.com/](http://www.signupgenius.com/)

More info? [robingraham26@gmail.com](mailto:robingraham26@gmail.com)

Rain or shine – thunderstorms cancel!
Open Library Begins Monday!

STEM LIBRARY is very excited to start OPEN LIBRARY again before school. It will begin the first full week of school from 8:35am – 8:50am. Students will need to get a pass from the office.

Also beginning Monday, there will be OPEN LIBRARY on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at lunch recess for Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th grades) from 12:00pm – 12:20pm and intermediate (4th and 5th grades) from 12:20pm – 12:40pm. Students will need to get a pass from the cafeteria or their classroom teacher.

PTA Meeting & Uniform Swap – September 13

**When:** Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm – 8pm

**Where:** STEM Library

Join us for the first PTA meeting of the 2017-18 school year! Complimentary childcare is provided by the PTA. We will also have a Uniform Swap. Bring gently-used uniform clothes that don’t fit anymore, and exchange them for ones that do!

School Supplies

A reminder that STEM K-8 does not distribute school supplies lists. In lieu of an extensive list of supplies, we ask K–5 students bring only a backpack (and lunch box if they don’t eat school lunch) and a check for $45.

Middle school students should bring a backpack (and lunch box if they don’t eat school lunch) and check for $85. Middle school fees help cover additional technology and science supplies used at the middle school level.

The check should be written out to “STEM K-8” and the check can be left with teachers or the school office the first week of school. Payment can be spread out over multiple months if needed.

The supply payment is not required and all students will receive the same supplies ordered by their teachers in each classroom. Please do contribute at the level and in the way that best works for your family.

Also - teachers may have additional requests like snacks, water bottles, or other classroom / grade level specific needs.