



September 28, 2015

Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

October 1
Curriculum Night & Open House for:
Kindergarten
2nd Grade
4th Grade (Giza, Newton)
5th Grade
6th Grade
6:30pm-8:00pm
STEM K-8

October 2
5th Grade Meet & Greet
2:45pm-3:35pm
In Ms. Martin and Mr. Gluck's classrooms.

October 2
STEM Social at TAF (adults only)
6:30pm-9:30pm
*TAF 605 SW 108th St.
Seattle, WA 98146*
Join us for light refreshments (beer, soda, coffee & appetizers – please bring some wine to share).

October 7
Curriculum Night & Open House for:
1st Grade
6:00pm-7:00pm
STEM K-8

October 8 - 9
Overnight Field Trip for:
3rd Grade and Mr. Daniels'
3rd/4th Grade
Camp Long

October 8
PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm
Boren Library
Please join us! Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

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A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Dear Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families:

We are up and running at STEM! Last week closed with a blast as astronaut Michael Barratt and some NASA colleagues hosted an assembly and visited several classrooms to discuss the Journey to Mars and answer questions about space travel.

On our 9-23 Early Release STEM staff worked on reading assessments, phonics instruction, and Singapore Math.

If you've been looking for your big envelope of forms, please note that we are transitioning to [a digital back to school packet](#), linked here and on the PTA and school websites. Paper copies are available in the school office. Please complete and return!

Please join our STEM Curriculum Night on Thursday, 10/1 from 6:30-8:00. This is your opportunity to hear about the range of learning opportunities at STEM K-8. Classroom teachers and specialists in Performing Arts, Physical Education, Technology, and Library are excited to meet and share their curriculum with you. The evening will begin with a welcome and staff introductions in the cafeteria. Families will then proceed to classrooms for teacher sessions, which begin at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM. The same session is offered twice so families with multiple students have an opportunity to visit more than one class. Children are welcome; however, if you bring your children please note that no childcare will be offered—students need to remain with parents/guardians.

First and third grade (including Mr. Daniels' 3rd/4th multi-grade class) have their curriculum nights on different dates. First grade will have curriculum night on 10-7 from 6:00-7:00, and Third grade on 10-14 from 6:00-7:00. The teacher strike pushed our school calendar back a week, and 10/1 did not work for staff at those grade levels.

Thanks everyone who was able to make the [9/23 PTA meeting](#) and discuss the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Emerging Vision! It's an important document that will grow with us and guide our decisions and work.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Ostrom
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Principal

Upcoming Events (continued)

October 14
Curriculum Night & Open House for:
3rd Grade
Mr. Daniels' 4th Graders
6:00pm-7:00pm
STEM K-8

October 15
School Picture Day
STEM K-8
Individual pictures (class pictures are taken in spring).

October 28
2-hour early dismissal
1:40pm
STEM K-8
Pick your Owls up at 1:40pm.

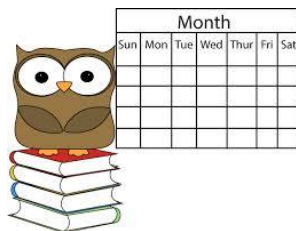
October 28
PTA Potluck
TBA
STEM Cafeteria
Harvest festival with pumpkin decorating. Costumes Welcome.

November 1
Pumpkin Chunkin'!
TBA
STEM Playfields
3rd annual chance to [smash those pumpkins](#) in creative and scientific ways!

November 5
PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm
Boren Library
Please join us! Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

November 11
No School
Veterans' Day

SPS: Tentative Revised 2015-16 School Year Calendar



Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Education Association worked together to finalize the following makeup days for a revised school calendar.

Pending approval by the Board of Directors on October 7, the following days will now be regular school days:

- Fri., Oct. 9
- Fri., Jan. 29
- Wed., Feb. 17, Thurs., Feb. 18, and Fri., Feb. 19. This is a shortened mid-winter break.
- Fri., June 24

Reporting a Student Absence or Change of End-of-Day Plans

Please email **BOTH** Cindy Baca and Patti Bunting:

chettrick@seattleschools.org, plbunting@seattleschools.org

or call the school office: **(206) 252-8450**

School Supplies

School staff ordered supplies for STEM students in bulk, so there is not a school supply list. Please bring cash or a check for \$35 per student (made out to STEM K-8) in an envelope. Write your child's name & grade on the envelope.

STEM K-8 Direct Give 2015

Each year we hold two fundraisers, in the fall it's our Direct Give. In this fall fund drive we ask that families give whatever they can to help support our school. We choose the Direct Give in lieu of selling products or getting pledges. We have found that it makes more sense to ask for the funds directly, have our workplaces, families and friends help to match our donations and put it directly to work for our school. The official start of the Direct Give is October 1 and you are welcome to give at any time. You will see more information in the coming weeks and look for donation envelopes to come home with students next week.

Thank you for all your support.

Rebecca Garcia
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA President

Upcoming Events (continued)

November 16 - 20

All for Books Campaign

Bring in your coins so all STEM students can buy a book at the Book Fair!

STEM K-8

November 23 - 25

No School

Parent / Teacher Conferences

STEM K-8

November 26 - 27

No School

Thanksgiving Break

December 2 - 4

Book Fair Blizzard Schedule TBA

STEM K-8

3rd annual blizzard of books! Look out for famous mouse reporter Geronimo Stilton.



December 18

1-hour early dismissal 2:40pm

STEM K-8

Pick your Owls up at 2:40pm.

December 21 – January 1

No School

Winter Break

Campus Beautification



Help improve our school's appearance! Join Jen Greene **every Friday throughout the fall from 2:30-3:30pm** to clean up our school's landscape beds. Please bring gloves, weeding tools, and a bucket. Steady rain cancels. For more information, email Jen at jenaisa@gmail.com.

Enrichment Update

Online registration closed 9/26. If you missed registration please contact afterschool@stemk8pta.org ASAP. Only two classes filled prior to the end of registration. Emails verifying class details will be coming out this week to those enrolled.

Linnea Seidelmann
Enrichment Coordinator

Introducing the STEM K-8 PTA 2015-16 Exec. Team



Gretchen Evans

Vice President
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Joined STEM PTA: 2013

Kids: Twin 2nd grade sons, 1st grade son.

What I like best about our school: Partly because we are an option school, I feel we have a particularly wonderful sense of community at STEM. The safety net created by so many parents willing to step up to help compliments the dedication the teachers have to our children's STEM education in a way I didn't anticipate. All of this motivates me to work harder to contribute to such a great cause. All in for STEM!



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[STEM K-8 school website](#) – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).



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