



January 17, 2017



# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**January 18**

**6 PM**

### Understanding School Evaluations

If you are a parent of a child with special needs, join Office of Education Ombuds staff to learn more about evaluations. See the [event flyer posted to our website](#)  
*South Shore K-8 School, 4800 South Henderson St, Seattle, WA 98118*

**January 19**

**6 PM**

### Center School Open House

The Center School invites 8<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school families to learn more about the Center School, a small, arts-focused, arts-integrated high school available to students from any neighborhood.  
*Armory Loft, 305 Harrison Street, on the Seattle Center campus*

**February 28**

**7 PM**

### PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting

To get involved in advocacy efforts please attend our next Advocacy Committee meeting. The Advocacy Committee has an open membership and all are welcome.  
*Uptown Espresso on Delridge.*

## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Many STEM families showed their commitment to children and equity by using MLK day to participate in the WA State PTA Focus Day and rally in Olympia. Thanks for taking action!

STEM K-8 decided to schedule our MLK Day assembly on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 to communicate clear support for respect, diversity of all kinds, and equity in conjunction with Inauguration day. With over 500 students, we have limited seating for families in the cafeteria.



### STEM K-8 Dress Code Reminder

The Boren building has been chilly for a while, but pipefitters have been working on it. Teachers make exceptions on cold days, but in general attire not meeting STEM dress code expectations, including sweaters not in dress code colors, without collars (unless layered over a collared shirt), hoodies, and jackets with zippers are considered outerwear and need to be stored in lockers. The STEM K-8 dress code is accessible online at [stemk8pta.org](http://stemk8pta.org). Mr. Adams would like to remind families to make sure students have shoes suitable for PE activities on gym days.

### Sick Day Communication

With all the illness moving around, many older students have been texting home when they aren't feeling well. Please remind students to communicate through the office so we know what is happening. Phones should be put away and out of action between the first and last school bells.

Ben Ostrom,  
Principal, Louisa Boren STEM K-8

## From the STEM K-8 Office

Math tutoring and homework club are available for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesdays from 4:15 – 5:15 pm in room 124. Students can show up on a drop-in basis.

Shout out to some awesome STEM volunteers for helping with our emergency backpack assembly: Joanna Gromadzki, Colleen Stephens, Kristen Griffin and Ross Howsmon. Thanks so much for your help!

## 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](#)

## Seeking STEM K-8 Auction Sponsors

Planning for the annual STEM K-8 Auction on April 1 is in full swing! Local businesses and organizations are an important part of bringing our biggest fundraiser of the year to life. If you or someone you know is interested in an event sponsorship, see packages below and contact auction organizers at [auction@stemk8pta.org](mailto:auction@stemk8pta.org). Visit [www.stemk8pta.org](http://www.stemk8pta.org) for more event details.

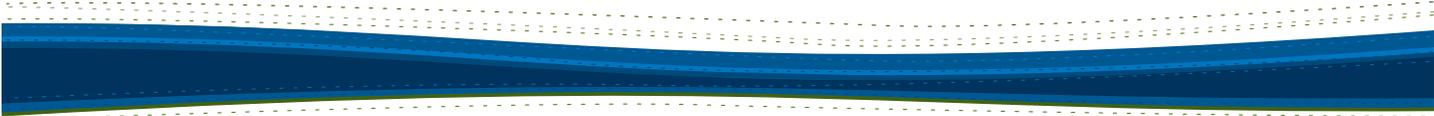
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<i>Table Sponsor</i>			X		
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## STEM K-8 PTA Caravan to Olympia

Thanks to all who were able to join us on our Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Caravan to Olympia on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. We attended a rally on the Capitol Steps with 6,500 educators, families and school staff from around the state to demand that legislators fully fund public education and lift the levy cliff. The speeches were very inspiring and invoked the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. After the rally we marched together chanting, Fund our Schools, and delivered the Student Bill of Rights to our legislators.



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