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 8th 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 20th 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. 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 6th and 7th 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!
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. Visit www.stemk8pta.org for more event details.

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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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The Center School Open House This Week

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