



October 31, 2016



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

November 2

6:30 PM

STEM K-8 PTA Meeting

The second general meeting of the year, agenda to focus on discussion of proposed bell time changes for 2017/2018 school year. See minutes from the September meeting [here](#).
STEM K-8 Library

November 3

9:30 AM

ELL Coffee Talk

The ELL Department invites you for coffee, treats and conversation. Come ask questions about your child's participation in ELL programs at STEM and get to know our staff.
Staff Lounge at STEM K-8

November 11

No School

November 16

2:05

2-hour early dismissal

November 18

6:00 PM Start

STEM K-8 Community Movie Night

STEM K-8 Library

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



It was great to have all of you who were able to join us for the Harvest Potluck last Thursday night. Good food, company, and fun games in the gym. Special thanks to new STEM K-8 Volunteer Coordinator Rachael Hetrick (paid for by the PTA) who organized the support!

If you want to get involved at STEM, Rachael is a great contact who can be reached at rahetrick@seattleschools.org or by leaving a message at the STEM office at 252-8450. STEM 7th graders filling community service hours also provided key help.

To double the fun, Friday night had the first Middle School dance of the year. A variety of interesting costumes were on hand, including windsocks, bizarro twins, bleach bottles, and more. Student organized and led, it was a great chance to see STEM students put their project leading and collaboration skills to work. Thanks, staff and parents for chaperoning, with a shout out to Josh Sutton for putting together a great haunted house.

Have a safe Halloween on Monday night and please leave the candy at home on Tuesday. I tell students they are welcome to have a piece of candy in their lunch, and that anything extra gets consumed by the staff lounge candy monster.

Everyone is invited to the general PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 pm.

Ben Ostrom

Principal, STEM K-8



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](#)

Get Involved

Are you looking for a way to get involved? All current opportunities are listed on STEM K-8 [Sign Up Genius Page](#).

Volunteers Needed This Week

[Harvest Fest Volunteers for game stations and clean-up](#)

DIRECT GIVE CAMPAIGN - EXTENDED ONE WEEK!

Even the smallest donations make a really big difference for students at our school. The PTA provides essential funding to our STEM K-8 community and it supports all the “extras.”

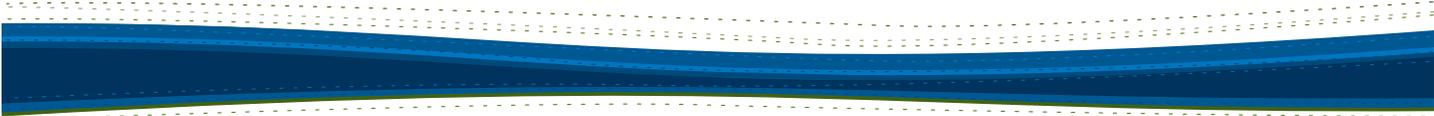
How can you help every student at STEM K-8?

-  \$5 buys 1 polo shirt for the uniform closet for a student in need.
-  \$10 pays for a scholarship for a student to attend a field trip.
-  \$20 buys art supplies for a classroom project.
-  \$25 buys 2 books for school library about women of color in technology.
-  \$50 buys 4 safety vests for safety team.
-  \$65 buys two Singapore Math textbooks.
-  \$80 pays for pumpkins used for games at the Harvest Festival and engineering supplies for the Pumpkin Chunkin.
-  10 payments of \$10 dollars buys the jump ropes, hula hoops and balls that students play with at recess.
-  \$100 pays for a scholarship for a student to participate in Sing Out Seattle through our enrichment program.
-  \$150 buys 1 emergency backpack for a classroom.
-  \$200 pays for an owl expert to bring a real owl to school for a Project Based Learning classroom project.
-  100 donations of \$50 pays for 50% of our Project Based Learning specialist who support our teachers projects and builds community connections.

Give. Grow. Fly.

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Nov. 2 STEM K-8 PTA Meeting

Please come to our PTA meeting this Wednesday, November 2, from 6:30-8:00. (Child care available.) Join us for a lively discussion on potential new district wide bell time changes for the 2017/18 school year. Your input will shape the course of our PTA advocacy on this important matter. Make your voice heard!

GLOBAL READING CHALLENGE - Attention all 4th and 5th Grade Families!

The Seattle Public Library sponsored battle of the books **Global Reading Challenge** lists will be released on November 1st. <https://www.spl.org/audiences/children/global-reading-challenge>

ALL 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to read the books! There will be posted class lists on the bulletin board display tracking how many of these books we have read this year. Mrs. B. promises to read all 10! Who else will meet this challenge?

In order for students to be on a Global Reading Challenge team, they need to have read a minimum of 3 of the Global Challenge books by mid-January.

CHALLENGE TIMELINE

- Our in-school challenge will take place on the Friday before Mid-Winter Break. **Friday, February 17th in the cafeteria at 10am.**
- Our top team will progress to the semi-finals at Seattle Public Library's main branch at the Seattle Public Library auditorium on **Thursday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m.**
- The City Final is at the Seattle Public Library auditorium on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.**

Please encourage your 4th and 5th graders to **READ! READ! READ! READ! READ!**

PTA Position: Co-Treasurer

2-year commitment rolls up to treasurer in year two.

The Co-Treasurer Role is a 2-year commitment and rolls up to treasurer in the second year of the commitment. The Co-treasurer supports the Treasurer role, who serves as the chair of the budget committee, prepares financial statements and records membership service fees as well as files taxes. The Co-Treasurer has limited financial reporting duties. However, the Co-Treasurer stands in for treasurer as needed and learns the role within the exec team. Co-treasurer attends all exec team and board meetings. Co-Treasurer time commitment – 1-2 hours per week.