



November 7, 2016



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

November 9

School Picture Retakes

This Wednesday. Return photos with your student.

November 11

No School

November 16

2:05

2-hour early dismissal

November 18

7:00 PM

STEM K-8 Family Movie Night

STEM K-8 Cafe

November 10

7 PM

Advocacy Committee Meeting

Join the Advocacy Committee to help influence School Board decision making on bell times next school year. Contact Shawna Murphy for more info southernstreetkids@yahoo.com
Uptown Espresso on Delridge

November 21-25

No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

December 7

6:30 PM

STEM K-8 PTA Meeting
STEM K-8 Library

December 8

6:30 PM

STEM K-8 PTA Winter PBL Night
STEM K-8 Library

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



It's November and as the Direct Give ends TODAY. I thought I'd highlight a few of the Project Based Learning (PBL) activities happening around STEM with support from the PTA:

Grades 3-5 are partnering with the Delridge Neighborhood Association on a wetlands restoration just a block from our school! Each grade band took a walking field trip to the site this month. 4th helped with mapping native plants on the site,

5th mulched exposed soil and learned about how matter cycles through ecosystems, and 3rd did an art project connected to life cycles. Upcoming activities will include engineering with native plants to slow the water's movement. Other local partnerships include the Delridge P-Patch, Denny middle school, Delridge public library, and Seattle Public Utilities.

Kindergarten is starting a unit on how animals survive. Students will be exploring the forest habitat at Camp Long, bats with their whole class, and then creating their own habitats for an animal of their choice. In December there will be a kinder zoo to learn about the needs of animals.

5th grade is researching American Colonization and learning about ecosystems. Mr. Daniels' 5th grade class just returned from three days studying ecosystems at Mt St Helens.

7th Grade is kicking off a project about the impact of ancient civilizations on our lives. Students are researching a topic important to them including: government, food, fashion, sports, etc. and will present their findings in various ways. Look out for a travel blog and some green screen magic!

Additionally, by the end of this week all K-5th grade teams will have completed a day of PBL planning supported by guest teachers and Sara Waldron that were financed by the PTA. And this week a set of teacher iPads purchased collaboratively with school district and PTA funds will be distributed to teachers to support their planning and instruction. Thanks, STEM families for all your support!

Ben Ostrom

Principal, STEM K-8

Direct Give Ends Today

\$4,295 till we reach our Direct Give Fundraising Goal of \$35,000! TODAY is the LAST DAY to donate! Please consider a donation in ANY amount to support ALL STEM K-8 students and families. **To Donate:** You can submit a payment online at: <http://stemk8pta.org>

There is an option for recurring payments. Checks can be made out to: Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Return the donation form to the STEM K-8 PTA mailbox at STEM. **Thank you for supporting Louisa Boren STEM K-8.**

Give. Grow. Fly.

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](#).

2016-2017 Bell Time Change Survey

Have you had a chance to fill out our PTA survey about possible bell time changes for next year? If not click [here to learn more and complete the survey](#). Survey closes 11/9.

After we gather community input, we will begin our advocacy campaign with the school board to make sure our voices are heard during their decision-making process. Would you like to join the Advocacy Committee in our efforts? Come to our meeting this week on Thursday, November 10th, from 7-8 pm at Uptown Espresso on Delridge, 3845 Delridge Wy SW. Contact Shawna Murphy for more info at southernstreetkids@yahoo.com.

Picture Re-Takes this Wednesday

Picture Retakes is Wednesday, Nov 9th! If your student is retaking their picture, please return your set of original pictures. Yuen Lui will deliver the same order with the new photo. If your student missed Picture Day, you can either send in their order form with them or [place an order online](#).

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

The Global Reading Challenge is a Battle of the Books program for 4th and 5th graders enrolled in Seattle Public Schools. The program encourages children to have fun and enjoy reading. After reading 10 books, children take part in a "Quiz Bowl" game to determine the winner for the city of Seattle. 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? [Learn more](#).

Title	Author
<i>BAMBOO SWORD, The</i>	Margi Preus
<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i>	Pam Muñoz Ryan
<i>Cleo Edison Oliver Playground Millionaire</i>	Sundee Frasier
<i>DASH</i>	Kirby Larson
<i>Home of the Brave</i>	Katherine Applegate
<i>The Porcupine Year</i>	Louise Erdrich
<i>Secret Coders</i>	Gene Luen Yang
<i>Turtle of Oman</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye
<i>OUT OF MY MIND</i>	Sharon Draper
<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis



Family Movie Night, November 18

Join us for a family movie night Friday, November 18 at Cafe Boren (otherwise known as the STEM cafeteria). 7-9pm. Bring your blankets and get ready for a fun, family friendly movie to enjoy together. Concessions, popcorn and special treats. All funds raised will support 5th grade field trips and enrichment activities this year and help to pay for Islandwood for next year's 5th graders. Hosted by our 4th and 5th grade families.

Shop and Earn Funds for STEM K-8

STEM K-8 is registered with many different programs that generously give back to schools. Once you've registered, many local and national organizations will give back a percentage of your purchase to our school. A full list and links are [online](#). Please note that since we were K-5 STEM some places have yet to updated their records with our new name, STEM K-8.

Amazon

<http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/>

Use the link through our school website to go into Amazon. They send us a check based on the amount you purchase. The page doesn't look ANY different – but it's free money if you use the search bar via the stem webpage at <http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/>

Bartell Drugs 'B' Caring Card

Up to 4% of your purchase amount is contributed to our school. There are three ways to register your 'B' Caring Card:

- Fill out an in-store registration form
- Register [online](#) (you can also track your purchases here, by signing up with eScrip)
- Call 1-800-931-6258 Once registered; just have the cashier swipe your 'B' Caring Card at the checkout or type in your 10-digit phone number.

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school simply by clipping [Box Tops for Education](#) coupons from hundreds of [participating products](#). Drop off your coupons in the Box Tops box inside the school office. **Smartphone owners can now [download and use the Box Tops app](#) to earn even more money for STEM K-8.**

eScrip

With the eScrip program you can earn money for our school every time you use the [Benefit Mobile](#) from eScrip, available for iPhone and Android (more information below.) **Our group ID is 500043528.**

[Need to Register?](#) [Already registered?](#)

PCC Natural Markets

Order a PCC scrip card (or key tag) through STEM K-8 PTA, and our school receives 5% of the purchase price of everything you buy! Fill out the form online at <http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/pcc-2/> and you will be redirected to PayPal for payment. The PTA will be in touch with instructions on picking up your card.

Shutterfly.com

Earn 13% for STEM at Shutterfly and Tiny Prints!

If you will be shopping at Shutterfly or Tiny Prints, please use our [STEM School Storefront](http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com). <http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com> Go ahead and make those cards, order gifts, make some calendars, etc... and 13% of your purchases will be donated to our school! Applies to all 6 of the Shutterfly brands (Shutterfly, Tiny Prints, Treat, Wedding Paper Divas, ThisLife and Borrowlenses)

West Seattle Thriftway

We are collecting West Seattle Thriftway receipts. Please drop them off in the donation box in the school office. 1% of the purchase price of every item you buy is returned to our school.