



September 12, 2016



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

September 14
PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm
STEM K-8 Library
Uniform Swap. Lots of opportunities to volunteer. Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.

September 19
First day of school for Developmental (Special Education) preschool.

September 28
2:05 PM.
2 hour early dismissal

September 29
Curriculum Night and Open House
STEM K-8

October 5
6:30 PM
Screenagers. Growing up in the Digital Age
A free documentary screening sponsored by STEM K-8 PTA
STEM K-8

October 14
No School

October 26
2:05
2 hour early dismissal



A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



I hope everyone who was able to make it enjoyed the 5th Annual Back to School Bash last Friday. Thanks again for the extra lift from staff and volunteers to support Louisa Boren STEM K-8's opening week last week. STEM is welcoming a large number of new students, staff, and programs, so the collective effort was essential. It is going to take a little while to get key routines and expectations in place for everyone, and to track down all of our new materials that are still arriving daily!

A few reminders from the office:

- Supervision starts in the morning at 9:15 am.
- Please communicate any changes to your child's routine to the office before 2:00 pm. With 500 + scholars it is impossible to guarantee that last minute plan changes can be communicated to your students before the end of the day.
- Back to school forms are available on the [Seattle Public Schools website](#).

You can also pick up hard copies at the school office, or ask your child to pick up one to bring home. The forms below are needed from all families:

- ✓ FERPA
- ✓ Emergency Information and Student Release
- ✓ Student Health information

Others forms may be needed on an individual basis and are available on the [Seattle Public Schools website](#):

- ✓ Volunteer Background Check
- ✓ 504 Identification
- ✓ Title VII
- ✓ Free and Reduced Lunch Applications
- ✓ Advanced Learning

Don't forget! Join us at the 1st PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 14th, from 6:30 – 8:00.

Ben Ostrom
Principal Louisa Boren 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](#)

Community Events Coming Up

Join us for our first PTA meeting this week

The STEM PTA makes a tremendous impact on our school in many ways, through our community's contributions of time, skills and donations. Everyone's contribution makes an impact and your voice at PTA meetings is an important aspect of your contribution. We will only have five general PTA meetings this year as we have decided that the other dates will be family education and engagement nights that provide opportunities for families to learn about some of the important issues of our time. Our first family education night will be in October with a screening of the film Screenagers.

Screenagers Viewing – Save the Date, October 5th at 6:30 pm

We will be offering a free screening of the film Screenagers October 5 at 6:30pm. *Screenagers, Growing up in the Digital Age*, is a documentary about the impact of screens on youth. It explores struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction and much more. Find more information at screenagersmovie.com. Common Sense Media rates it for ages 10 and older. Middle school students are encouraged to attend with an adult. Childcare will be provided. Families who have seen the film claim it provides an in-depth look at the problems and solutions to the growing reality of screens in our kids' lives. Please try to attend.



Get Involved!

Can you donate your time or skills?

We have a volunteer coordinator this year. Welcome, Rachel Hettrick. She will be reaching out to the community to identify all the ways our community can give back. If you are interested in volunteering, reach Rachel at volunteers@stemk8pta.org

Want to be a Room Parent and support your child's teacher?

We are seeking room representatives to help support our teachers and provide a link between PTA activities and the classroom. If you would like to work closely with your child's teacher and other families we need one to two room parents per teacher. Email Brynn Chadwick, our room parent coordinator with your child's teacher to find out more: volunteers@stemk8pta.org

From the Library

An update from Mrs. Bannister, STEM K-8 Librarian

Many Thanks for all the support for the STEM Library! So exciting to have all those new Middle School library books being processed and getting into students hands at the beginning of the school year.

NEW!!! OPEN LIBRARY Daily 9:15 - 9:30

We will have OPEN LIBRARY in the morning before school for students that want to read, do homework or check out books. Students need to have a pass to be in the hallways and we are working on this new procedure. Parents can feel free to write their student a pass for STEM Morning OPEN Library from 9:15 - 9:30. Students may not arrive to the library prior to 9:15.

Lunch recess OPEN LIBRARY will be starting soon.

- ✓ Monday - Thursday for Intermediate grade and middle school students.
- ✓ Friday for Primary students. Stay tuned for more updates.

Library Resources

- ✓ [STEM Library Website](#)
- ✓ [Mrs. B.'s website](#)
- ✓ [Seattle Public Schools Online Resources \(FREE!\)](#)
- ✓ [STEM Library Catalog \(Read e-books here!\)](#)

