Upcoming Events

March 26 (week of)
Spring Enrichment Catalog Published
Sent home in “Kid Mail” and online @ stemk8pta.org

March 26 & 27
Student Council FUN Drive
Collect items for STEM families in need.
STEM K-8

March 27
STEM K-8 Advocacy Committee Meeting
All are welcome!
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

March 30
Spirit Wear Day
STEM K-8

April 2 - 5
5th Grade Islandwood Field Trip
https://islandwood.org/
Bainbridge Island

April 2
Spring Enrichment Registration Opens
@ 6crickets.com

April 9 - 13
Spring Break
No School

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Lots of things happening at STEM K-8! Last weekend we had our first ever team participate in the Technology Student Association (TSA) annual conference and competition at the Double Tree in SeaTac. Mr. Parsley is the advisor. Congrats to five students who are likely to progress to TSA National Finals in Atlanta, Georgia: Zach Hansen, Glider Endurance Flight Competition - First Place; June Pierson, Digital Photography - 3rd Place; Zeke Kyleson and Alex Mongrain, Off-the-Grid Design - 2nd Place; and Esme Jablonsky, Prepared Speech - 1st Place. Three other students, Maxine Moseley, Dominic Alessi, and Kellan Hoel also made the state finals. Congratulations to all of our TSA students who worked hard and represented STEM K-8 well at a convention of over 1,200 students from all over Washington.

Also in swing STEM K-8’s volleyball team kicked off its second season with Ms. Paulson at the helm. Mr. Des and Mr. Kincl have the boys soccer team off and running. The spring Ultimate Season has begun with Mr. Lee coaching. Finally, our 5th graders are preparing to head to Islandwood for four days of outdoor education starting April 2nd.

Hiring season is early this year! Seattle Public Schools’ multi-phase hiring process has started. STEM’s staff decided to target supplemental staff towards reducing class size in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade. Phase 1A is for current employees only and is open through March 30. Many schools just finalized staffing assignments on March 23, so there is unlikely to be much activity during Phase 1A this year. Phase 1B postings are open to current SPS staff and those with contingency contracts and start on April 2. At this point it’s highly likely that STEM K-8 won’t conduct interviews until Phase 1B. Phase 3 opens up applications to external candidates and will likely start for elementary positions on April 16. The interview committees announced last week will most likely be reconvened the first week of April and after spring break. STEM parents are welcome to participate on hiring committees after having completed a training. The next one is Tuesday, April 17, from 4-5 pm at the John Stanford Center. Sign up by emailing date attending, full name, email address and contact phone number to SEA@WashingtonEA.org. Let the school office or me know if you are interested in participating on a hiring committee.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
April 16
Spring Enrichment Begins
8 week session.
STEM K-8

April 19
Bike Helmet Giveaway
STEM K-8

April 23
Dine Out at Proletariat Pizza
4:00pm – 9:00pm
For the Great Ice Age Floods 8th Grade Tour scholarship fund.
Dine in or take out. Must mention STEM.
9622 16th Ave SW

May 9
Bike to School Day
STEM K-8

Check out the school calendar here.

FUN Drive – March 26 & 27!
The Elementary Student Council Committee is collecting new and like-new items for STEM K-8 families in need; something you would wrap yourself or your family in. The class that collects the most for each grade, will win a pizza party on Friday! Collection bags and bins will be outside and inside classrooms.

Donation Suggestions:
Umbrellas, Hats, Rain Boots, Raincoats, T-Shirts, Sweaters, Socks, Shoes, Boots, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Watches/Clocks, Flashlights, Batteries, Tents, Fiction and Non-Fiction Books, School Supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, etc.), Toys and Games.


Gift Cards are also great!

Student Council members and volunteers will be collecting, sorting, and weighing all of the contributions on March 28 & 29. Student Council members will then make the determinations about which classes at each grade level win the pizza parties. Only new or like-new items will be counted in our tallies. Other items will not count towards the win but may still be able to be donated to Mary’s Place.

Feel free to sign your family up on the clipboards on Ms. Christa’s and Ms. Jody’s desks in the office, if you are interested in any of the items.

The PTA has graciously agreed to provide funds for the class parties to celebrate our students’ successes after their service learning project, as well as the items needed for collection purposes.

Thank you so much for your support! And Good Luck!
Enrichment Survey

Don’t forget to complete the following survey about your satisfaction with the STEM K-8 enrichment program. This survey can be taken even if you don’t have a student who is taking enrichment classes, and we encourage you to do so. The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete, and we very much appreciate you helping us improve the STEM K-8 enrichment program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VC3HNR2

Advocacy Committee Meeting March 27 - All Welcome!

Things are always busy for the PTA Advocacy Committee. Our committee has an open membership and we would love to meet you. Come help us plan the next GGLOW OWLS Dance Party, among other things. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 27 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW. Contact Advocacy Committee Chairperson Shawna Murphy with any questions, southernstreetkids@yahoo.com.
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is starting a school biking program. Biking to school is not required! We are just trying to have fun and encourage our students to bike - whether it's to school or around our neighborhoods.

We'll be having a free helmet give-away on April 19 and some fun prizes for bike to school day on May 9.

If you are interested in learning more or helping out, please see our SignUpGenius.

Ancient Civilizations Pop-Up Museum

7th Grade Project Based Learning with some young
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

Middle School Soccer Schedule

Saturday, March 31

K-8 Varsity Boys
STEM vs Pathfinder
11:00am Rainier Beach HS

K-8 Junior Varsity Boys
Salmon Bay vs STEM
11:00am Jane Addams #2

Middle School Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, March 31

K-8 Varsity Girls
Orca vs STEM
9:30am STEM

K-8 Junior Varsity Girls
McClure 2 vs STEM
8:00am STEM

KEEP CALM AND JOIN THE PTA

Dine in/ Take out at Proletariat Pizza:
9622 16th Ave SW
Mention LB STEM K-8

Mon, April 23
4:9 pm

Proletariat Pizza Benefit for STEM K-8
“Great Ice Age Floods 8th Grade Tour” Scholarship Fund