Upcoming Events

April 16
Spring Enrichment Begins
8 week session.
STEM K-8

April 19
Class Picture Day
Order forms go home this week, or order online
STEM K-8

April 19
Meet Author Lynn Brunelle
See book order form in this week’s Owl Post. Orders due by April 17.
STEM Library

April 19
Bike Helmet Giveaway & Decorating
3:30pm
Bring your own helmet for decorating with stickers (provided), or get a new free helmet to decorate. First come, first served.
STEM K-8: Meet at covered bike racks by main entrance.

April 23
Dine Out at Proletariat Pizza & Full Tilt
4:00pm – 9:00pm
For the Great Ice Age Floods 8th Grade Tour scholarship fund.
Dine in or take out. Must mention STEM.
Proletariat - 9622 16th Ave SW
Full Tilt - 9629 16th Ave SW

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

I hope everyone got some recharge time during Spring break. Special recovery wishes and thanks go to our STEM 5th grade teachers and chaperons who spent the week before break at Islandwood.

STEM K-8 will be interviewing for several positions this spring primarily due to class size reduction funds and internal position shifts. The good news is that next year in Kindergarten through second grade we can anticipate class sizes of 18 students! We also have an enrollment bubble that is now entering middle school. Because of SPS staffing phases we often wind up interviewing multiple times for a single position. This upcoming week includes interviews for preschool, 1st grade, 5th grade, .6 resource room, and a new Intervention position. To participate on a Seattle school hiring committee you have to complete one hiring committee training (it’s good for life)—the next one is Tuesday, April 17. Sign up by emailing date attending, full name, email address and contact phone number to SEA@WashingtonEA.org.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Principal Ostrom & STEM 8th Grader on KUOW

A fox in socks but the basis is racist. Falling out of love with Dr. Suess.

CLICK HERE to read the article and listen to the interview.
Opting Out of Testing
If you would like to opt your student out of testing you may do so by sending an email or hard copy letter to Principal Ostrom and Cindy Baca. Include the name of your student and which tests you elect to opt them out of.

Two years ago, STEM parent Heidi Alessi designed the Decision to Support the Whole Child Form – The unofficial form for opting out of high stakes testing. You can read about it on the Seattle Education blog and download the form from there.

Class Picture Day – April 19
Class Picture day is Thursday, April 19. Classes will be scheduled to have their pictures taken throughout the day. Please make sure your student is in uniform. The photographer is offering some different choices this year. Order forms will go home Monday or Tuesday and should be returned on Thursday.

Or you may order online www.greyskypro.com/Preorder404694425

Bike Helmet Giveaway and Decorating – April 19
Thursday, April 19 at 3:30pm
Meet at the covered bike racks by the main school entry doors on the south side. Bring your own helmet for decorating with reflective stickers (provided) or get a new free helmet to decorate. Sizing/fitting/adjusting will be provided on the spot.

First come, first served!

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 this Thursday, 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.
Meet Lynn Brunelle!
Thursday, April 19th in the STEM Library

_____Turn This Book Into a Beehive! PB $21.94 w/tax
_______Big Science for Little People PB $16.44 w/tax

Total number of books: __________ Total cost of books: __________

Personalize books to (please print): ______________________________

Student's Name: ____________________________________________________

Student's Teacher/School: ___________________________________________

Make Checks Payable To: Third Place Books (Unable to take cash.)
ORDER FORMS DUE TO Mrs. B. in the Library BY: Tuesday, April 17th
Please join us for an informative workshop to help support your family in navigating these important and needed conversations.

**When:** Monday, May 14 6:30pm-8:30pm  
**Where:** STEM Library.

Proudly brought to you by your PTA Advocacy Committee in what we hope will be the first of a series of powerful and essential advocacy events around race and equity in our community.

**Let's Talk Race Series**

The Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association presents the Let's Talk Race Series 2018. Food and childcare are provided at all events.

1. **Understanding Islam**  
   Sat., April 28, 1-6p – High Point Community Center  
   [REGISTER HERE](#)

2. **American Housing and Economics**  
   Sat., May 12, 1-6p – Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

3. **Nurturing the Environment and Food Access**  
   Sat., June 16, 1-6p – Camp Long

4. **The American Education System**  
   Sat., July 28, 1-6p – Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

5. **13th and the U.S. Policies**  
   Sat., September 29, 1-6p – Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

6. **Restorative Justice and Healing**  
   Sat., November 3, 1-6p – Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
Get Your GGLOW Owls Tees & Hoodies Here!

LOUISA BOREN STEM K-8 is a Safe Place

Purchase a “Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is a Safe Place” hoodie or t-shirt to show your GGLOW OWL Pride and support our LGBTQ+ students, staff and families. All proceeds will go to the PTA to purchase more LGBTQ+ books for our library. CLICK HERE to buy!

CLICK HERE to check out the GGLOW Owls Book Wish List on Amazon, and don’t forget to join us at the second annual:

GGLOW OWLS FAMILY DANCE PARTY!
Friday, June 1
5:30pm – 7:00pm
STEM K-8 Playground

Kick off Pride Month and celebrate our LGBTQ+ students, staff and families. Festive Dress or Come as you are.

Food from Papa Bois Food Truck, Full Tilt Ice Cream, and music from DJ Plaid Dad!

Attn: 8th Grade Families – High School Registration

Dear 8th grade Families,

Most high schools will send students a registration packet in the mail over spring break. We have invited three of the primary high schools that students will be attending to help with registration for 9th grade.

DATES AND TIMES FOR REGISTRATION AT LOUISA BOREN STEM K-8

Tuesday, April 17  9:00am -10:00am – West Seattle High School
Friday, April 20  9:00am -10:00am – Cleveland STEM High School
Wednesday, April 25  9:00am -10:00am – Chief Sealth International High School

For students who will be attending other high schools, if you need any assistance with your registration please bring it in and we will help you. If you have questions about how your student’s high school does course selection, please visit their websites or call them directly for more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

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206-252-8509

Lunchroom/Playground Monitor Needed!

STEM K-8 is in search of a lunchroom/playground monitor for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:20am - 12:50pm for the rest of the school year. This is a great opportunity to participate in helping the school community, and get paid $15.00/hour. If you are interested, or would like to help out until we find someone, please call the office at 206-252-8450.
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

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Middle School Soccer Schedule

Saturday, April 21

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

K-8 Junior Varsity Boys
STEM vs Blaine
12:30pm Jane Addams #2

Middle School Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, April 21

K-8 Varsity Girls
Broadview vs STEM
11:00am STEM

K-8 Junior Varsity Girls
Broadview vs STEM
2:00pm Denny

Full Tilt is joining our 8th grade Dine in/Take Out benefit on April 23! So grab some delicious ice cream and hit the pinball machines after your pizza!