Upcoming Events

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

April 27
Safety Patrol Bake Sale
3:15pm – 3:40pm
Support our safety patrol program!
STEM K-8 – By south doors and bus doors.

April 30 (week of)
Smarter Balanced Testing for 4th & 5th Grade ELA
STEM K-8

May 1
Dine Out for STEM K-8 & Highland Park Elementary
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Li’l Woody’s/CTO/Beer Star
9807 16th Ave SW

May 7 (week of)
Teacher Appreciation Week
STEM K-8

Smarter Balanced Testing for 6-8th Grade & 3rd Grade ELA
STEM K-8

May 9
Bike to School Day
STEM K-8

PTA Meeting
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

We are entering the interesting period every spring where our school-level decisions are all about planning for next year, while at the same time we are fully grappling with the challenges of the current year. Becoming a preK-8 school with many programs is a multiple-year process! We are experiencing the predictable challenges of constant change and growth. In the midst of our load, I frequently reflect on two core values--compassion and learning. A central tenet of learning is constantly taking the next step. For students and adults, the next step means identifying current practice, and making the next move towards mastery. The end goal can be overwhelming; however immediate steps are within reach. Let's look out for each other, and also keep an eye on the small moves that move us towards larger goals!

Exciting work is happening in STEM K-8 classrooms. This week several grades will be learning about landscape engineering, native plants, and plant adaptations as they become involved in a revegetation project on SW Juneau St.

In the hiring world, STEM K-8’s positions have moved to open hire. The hiring process is happening differently this year. What that means currently is STEM will schedule hiring committees as we receive strong candidates, and that committees may be interviewing for multiple positions. The interview schedule has become more impromptu. I will send out notifications to community members who have had the hiring committee training; so make sure you tell Cindy or me if you’ve taken the training recently.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Dine Out at Proletariat & Full Tilt 4-9pm Today!

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!
May 14 (week of)
Smarter Balanced Testing for 6-8th Grade & 3rd Grade Math
STEM K-8

May 14
Kids & Race Workshop
6:30pm – 8:30pm
STEM Library

May 21 (week of)
Smarter Balanced Testing for 4th & 5th Grade Math
STEM K-8

May 31
5th Grade Science MSP
STEM K-8

June 1
GGLOW Owls
Family Dance Party
5:30pm – 7:00pm
STEM K-8 Playground

June 5
8th Grade Science MSP
STEM K-8

September 7
LBSK8B2SB7!
(Louisa Boren Stem K-8 Back to School Bash 7)
Lincoln Park

Check out the school calendar here.

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Safety Patrol Bake Sale – April 27

When: Friday, April 27. 3:15pm – 3:40pm
Where: Tables will be set up at both the bus doors and the south doors for students and parents to purchase goodies after school.

If you would like to donate baked goods to support our safety patrol program and end-of-year celebration, please bring them to the office Thursday, April 26 or Friday, April 27 in the morning.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please join us in celebrating our teachers & staff for teacher appreciation week May 7-May 11!

Sign up here to bring breakfast items Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The PTA will supply all paper products and utensils. The PTA will gift all staff & teachers with a gift card, notes from the students, and a dessert bar on Wednesday afternoon.

Anytime during the week is a great time to bring in a homemade card telling your teacher how much you appreciate them - from parents and from kids! Give your teacher a hug, tell your teacher a joke, or to bring in an apple, some flowers – or nothing but a smile and your thanks! If you want to help or have questions contact Robin at: robingraham26@gmail.com.

STEM K-8 PTA Needs YOU!

Have you ever considered getting more involved at STEM and the PTA? Now is your chance to ask questions, get more information and get involved. The PTA is a small nonprofit organization that exists to support our school, staff, students and the larger community. It’s a big job to run a nonprofit organization and everything that goes into supporting STEM, so we need a team of volunteers to make it work.

We have positions open on the executive team as well as lots of roles to be filled on the board and committees. For the 2018/2019 school year executive team we are in need of a Vice President, Co-Treasurer and Secretary.

There are several Board roles that are not voted in but equally important including roles in fundraising, communications, leading room parents and working on our website. Rebecca Garcia is leading the nominating committee, if you have any interest or questions please contact her at rebecca_garcia@mac.com.
Attn: 8th Grade Families – High School Registration

Dear 8th grade Families,

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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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.

Get Your GGLOW Owls Tees & Hoodies Here!

Less than two weeks left to grab your “Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is a Safe Place” t-shirt or hoodie. We haven’t made our print minimum yet, so if you were thinking of purchasing one, or two or three, the time is now!

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!
Dine Out!

Li’l Woody’s | Beer Star | CTO
MAY 1ST, 2018
5PM - 8PM

A portion of the evening’s proceeds will be donated to Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA and Highland Park Elementary PTA.
KIDS & RACE PART ONE: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

Our lives are constantly being shaped by narratives, whether we’re conscious of them or not. Books, TV, movies, music, news media; they all impact the way we see ourselves and other people.

In this workshop, Jasen Frelot and guest speakers will disassemble the narratives that we are swimming in and how they impact our views on race. This is a great introductory workshop for adults on how to be “color conscious” not “colorblind.” Bring your questions and get ready to explore topics around race in a supportive, nonjudgmental environment.

Please join us for an informative conversation to help support your family in navigating these important and needed conversations.

Monday, May 14th 6:30-8:30 in the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Library.

Proudly brought to you by your PTA Advocacy Committee in what we hope will be the first of a serious 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.

Understanding Islam
Sat., April 28, 1-6p – High Point Community Center
REGISTER HERE

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

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

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

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

Restorative Justice and Healing
Sat., November 3, 1-6p – Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
2nd Annual GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party

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

Friday, June 1st
5:30-7:00 pm Louisa Boren STEM K-9 Playground
Papa Bois & Full Tilt Food Trucks. DJ Plaid Dad.

Link for T-shirts and hoodies here.
Money raised will go to purchase LGBTQ+ books for our school library

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/gglowowlsstemk8
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 28

K-8 Varsity Boys
Hazel Wolf vs STEM
2:30pm Eagle Staff

K-8 Junior Varsity Boys
STEM vs Aki Kurose
11:00am Garfield

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Middle School Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, April 28

K-8 Varsity Girls
TOPS vs STEM
12:30pm STEM

K-8 Junior Varsity Girls
McClure 2 vs STEM
12:30pm Denny

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Bike Helmet Giveaway & Decorating a Big Success!

Last Thursday’s Bike Helmet Giveaway & Decorating was so popular with students, they ran out of helmets.

Organizer Joe Laubach has placed a helmet order for students who were at the event and signed up for the “second round.” The helmets should arrive next week.

Special thanks to Marlowe Dawag Laubach, Alicia Prychun Every, Alison Li and Kathy Dunn for helping out!

Don’t forget Bike to School Day – May 9!