Upcoming Events

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

May 14
Kids and Race Workshop
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Adults only. Complimentary childcare and refreshments provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

May 18
Lost & Found Cleared Out
Donated to nonprofits.
STEM K-8

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our staff appreciation treats last week. We felt the love!

Tonight all are invited to join us for an important talk—don’t miss out on Kids and Race: Changing the Narrative. On Monday, May 14 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm there will be a workshop in the library on how to disassemble the social narratives around us and how they impact our views on race. Bring your questions and explore topics on race and children in a supportive, non-judgmental environment. Adults only please. Childcare will be provided, along with coffee and snacks.

I regret to share some disappointing news. Due to health and personal reasons, Performing Arts teacher Marie Nelson will not be able to return to finish the school year at STEM. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to her, along with appreciation for her contributions to our students and community over the last four years. Please see Ms. Nelson’s letter below.

Smarter Balanced Assessments start for 7th, 8th, 6th, and 3rd graders this week. 7th and 8th grade will be taking math assessments on Monday and Tuesday, and 3rd and 6th grade on Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your children arrive at school on time and rested, ready to do their best. I continue to emphasize that the SBA represents one small part of students’ overall performance. It’s used along with many other indicators to evaluate student and school progress. The SBA is a worthy challenge and provides students with one opportunity to show what they know relative to national standards.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

A Letter from Marie Nelson

Dear STEM Families,

Due to health and personal reasons I regret I will not be able to finish the year at STEM K-8. I’ve had a ton of fun with many of you over the years. I enjoyed the presentations and collaborations over the years. Some highlights have been the Black History Month Celebrations, Field Day, I Give A HOOT Clubs, Glee Jr. Choir, Beauty and The Beast, Squirm, Chief Seattle Play, Dia De Los Muertos Owls, Oceans of Fun, and Peter Pan. I am proud of what our students have learned and accomplished and my work with them. I’m sorry to be unable to guide them to the end of the year.

I will miss STEM’s students, and would like to extend a special thanks to the parents who have provided extra support to our Performing Arts program.

Respectfully,

Marie Nelson
Performing Arts Teacher
Changing the Narrative (Kids and Race Part 1)

Changing the Narrative teaches parents and educators how the stories we don’t know we’re telling our children have the greatest impact on their racial identity. This is an introductory workshop, appropriate for audiences with a wide range of experience in antiracism/anti-bias work. Adult content covers Narrative/Counter-Narrative, Race in Media, Racial Identity Development, Colorblindness and Racial Identity Education, Action Steps, and Q&A.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

***Please Note***

This event is for adults only. We have secured childcare for participants!!! Please do not let childcare concerns keep you away from this important event and resource!!!

https://www.talkingrace.org/

Facilitator: Jasen Frelot | Monday May 14th 6:30-8:30

STEM K-8 Library
Upcoming Events Ctd.

June 1
Rainbow Owls Spirit Wear Day!
GGLOW OWLS t's, hoodies, Pride gear or rainbow colored tops and as always, uniform bottoms.
STEM K-8

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

June 5
8th Grade Science MSP
STEM K-8

June 13
PTA Meeting
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Complimentary childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM Library

June 15
Field Day
More info. to come.
STEM K-8

June 19
8th Grade Graduation
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Ceremony & Potluck
STEM Gym

June 22
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Spirit Wear Day
1-hour early dismissal 2:25pm
STEM K-8.

September 5
Back to School!
STEM K-8

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

Check out the school calendar here.

Multicultural Night Rescheduled for Fall

Our STEM K-8 Equity Team apologizes again for an unfortunate scheduling error. As we worked to add the Multicultural Night to a full spring calendar, we accidentally scheduled it after the start of the holy month of Ramadan. One of the main goals of our Multicultural Night potluck is to bring together the STEM community to celebrate our diverse beliefs and traditions, so after discussion and feedback we decided it was important to reschedule the event. Because the end of the year calendar is overfull, we decided to target some dates for early next fall.

We are adding major religious holidays to STEM’s master calendar to avoid repeating such errors in the future. Additionally, as a part of STEM K-8’s ongoing antiracism/anti-bias work, you are highly encouraged to participate in the Kids and Race Workshop on May 14 from 6:30pm-8:30pm, in the STEM Library.

Lost & Found

Lost & Found is filling up with jackets, sweaters, water bottles, etc. Please come and claim your child’s lost item(s). Leftover items will be cleared out May 18 and donated.

SBA & MSP Testing Schedule Spring 2018

3rd Grade
May 10 – May 11 ELA
May 17 – May 18 Math

4th Grade
April 30 – May 1 ELA
May 21 – May 22 Math

5th Grade
May 2 & May 4 ELA
May 24 – May 25 Math
May 29 Science WCAS

6th Grade
May 10 – May 11 ELA
May 17 – May 18 Math

7th & 8th Grade
May 7 – May 8 ELA
May 14 – May 15 Math

8th Grade
June 5 Science WCAS

ELA=English Language Arts
WCAS=Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

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.
Bike to School Day

The first-ever Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Bike Train was a great success! May 9, 2018 was Bike to School Day and STEM students, parents, staff, and even neighbors pedaled their way to school. The turnout was better than planners expected. Over 20 students participated, in addition to many parents and two teachers. Also joining the ride was Rachel Osias, Youth Programs Manager for Cascade Bicycle Club.

The bike train route included several blocks along the 26th Ave SW Greenway and a segment of the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail. Pedaling has its rewards – in addition to some treats along the way, each participating student was awarded a card redeemable for a free dessert at Menchies.

The event was planned by STEM parents Joe and Marlo Laubach with help and support from the PTA and other parents. A huge thanks to everyone who participated in this fun and healthy event.
Students and staff are invited to wear their rainbow owl spirit wear to school on Friday June 1st. Let’s brighten the halls and celebrate our LGBTQ+ students, families and staff by wearing our GGLOW OWLS t’s, hoodies, Pride gear or rainbow colored tops and as always, uniform bottoms.

8th Grade Graduation

JUNE 19TH 2018
CEREMONY AND POTLUCK
5:30–7:30

The event is open to all in the STEM community. 8th Graders will receive a ticket packet for their family from homeroom teachers. All others, please RSVP by May 25th here.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/louisa-boren-stem-8th-grade-graduation-tickets-45836090982
Middle School Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, May 19

K-8 Varsity Girls
South Shore vs STEM
11:00am STEM

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

END of YEAR STEM LIBRARY DUE DATES

All library materials are encouraged to be returned on time with a final all school due date at 9:00am on Friday, June 1. Please be responsible library users & return your library materials in a timely fashion.

Students without overdues or fines may check out one book at a time until Thursday, June 14.

Students with overdue materials will have the items converted into a library fine for the cost of replacing the materials. We do not charge late fees. All overdue books, magazines, etc. must have their fines paid in full by Thursday, June 14 in order for students to participate fully in Field Day on Friday, June 15.

Please Note: Library Fines that are left unpaid follow the students throughout their years in Seattle Public Schools.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. B mebannister@seattleschools.org

Uniform Reminder

Just a reminder that even though the weather is warming up, students need to be in uniform every school day. CLICK HERE to view the STEM K-8 Uniform and Dress Code Policy. Don’t forget, we have a uniform closet full of many different sizes of STEM uniform wear.