Upcoming Events

**May 29 - 31**
8th Grade Great Ice Age Floods Tour  
*Camp Delany Environmental Learning Center*

**May 29**
5th Grade Science WCAS  
STEM K-8

**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

**June 5**
8th Grade Science WCAS  
STEM K-8

**June 7**
SPS Annual Middle School Science & Engineering Fair  
Time TBA (evening)  
*Museum of Flight*

**June 8**
Safety Patrol Field Trip  
4th & 5th grade safety patrol members.  
Jefferson Park

**June 12**
Spring Band Concert  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
4th grade arrive at 6:00pm  
*Chief Sealth High School Auditorium*

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

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A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Hope everyone took in some sun over the long weekend! Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for STEM's PBL-Science Exhibition last Thursday. In classroom and grade levels across the school, students’ opportunities to explore significant science, engineering, and social studies content through extended inquiry, choices, collaboration, and revision were on display. Whether it looked like studying birds, erosion, variables affecting plant growth, the Search for Delicious, NW Coast indigenous culture, biopolymers, or questions explored in individual science and engineering projects, there was amazing work from students and teachers everywhere! Thanks staff and families for supporting PBL and Next Generation Science learning!

Because that wasn’t enough, many of our 8th Graders will be departing on the Great Ice Age Floods Tour to Camp Delany Environmental Learning Center with Mr. Parsley this week.

By the second week of June STEM staff will be making tentative class placements for next year. We don’t announce next fall’s class placements because we often need to make adjustments in August. Creating classes that are balanced by gender, academic skills, and social needs is complicated. Therefore STEM K-8 does not accept teacher requests. We share families’ interests in making the best possible class placement for their child. If you have things that you want us to know about your child to help make the best placement possible (other than teacher request), you are welcome to submit it in writing or email to Cindy or me in the office.

Also, please take 30 seconds to respond to the Survey Monkey on enrollment plans that will be going out on school messenger soon to let us know about your child’s enrollment for next year. It will help us make more effective class placement decisions and also support the large number of families that are on waitlists hoping to find out about spaces. Alternatively you can let Cindy know in the office if your child will not be attending STEM K-8 next year.

We are nearing the end of the road for this year’s Smarter Balanced Assessment. 5th graders will be taking the state science Measure of Student Progress (MSP) on Thursday, and 2nd graders will be taking the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP). So please make sure your children arrive at school on time and rested, ready to do their best. We start testing first thing in the morning. As noted previously, standardized tests are important; however, for any particular child it represents one small part of their overall performance. They are used along with many other indicators to evaluate progress. They do not determine whether or not a student is ready for the next grade. Students have a chance to show some of what they know regarding national standards and build test-taking skills.

Ben Ostrom  
Principal  
STEM K-8
GGLOW Owls Family Dance Party!

THIS FRIDAY it’s our big GGLOW OWLS FAMILY DANCE PARTY. For those new to the event, this is an event for the whole family, no kid drops offs. We have music and food trucks out on our playground to celebrate the beginning of Pride Month and all of our wonderful LGBTQ+ students, staff and families. All are welcome.

Students and staff are invited to participate in a Rainbow Owls Spirit Wear Day Friday June 1. Examples include, Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is a Safe Place t-shirts, Pride gear, rainbow colored tops paired with uniform bottoms. Don’t have a Pride top? Make your own with an old polo and colorful markers.

We are also collecting LGBTQ+ book donations. If you’d like to bring a book gift to the dance, here is the list, https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ZKG52TKHUZRI

If you have questions or would like to help with the event, please contact outgoing PTA Advocacy Chair, Shawna Murphy southernstreetkids@yahoo.com

Owl Family Donation Pick-Up

If your family is in need of free household goods, paper products, clothing or food. Please stop by to check out our selection of donated items this Friday at our GGLOW OWLS FAMILY Dance Party. Items will be available in the hall between Performing Arts and the Gym from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Please take what you need.
Remaining Tests

5th Grade
May 29 Science WCAS

8th Grade
June 5 Science WCAS

WCAS = Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

Come Party with our Friends at Sanislo!

Help our neighbors Sanislo Elementary raise money for their PTA so they can offer their students field trips, after-school enrichment scholarships and other programs!

All Around the World Auction

Saturday, June 2. 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Alki Masonic Center, 4736 40th Ave SW

BUY TICKETS HERE

Silent Auction – Dinner & two drink tickets included

Special Performance by Seattle Kokon Taiko Japanese Drummers, DJ, dancing & more!

Donations to the auction make a significant impact on the education of Sanislo kids. With over 70% of Sanislo families living in poverty, the school community simply cannot raise these essential funds alone.

DONATE

Spring Band Concert

WHEN: Tuesday, June 12.
6:30pm – 8:00pm

(4th graders please arrive at 6:00pm to get set up!)

WHERE: Chief Sealth High School Auditorium
8th Grade Graduation

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

8th Graders will receive a ticket packet for their family from homeroom teachers.

Relax & READ, Relax & READ, Relax & READ!

The STEM Library Collection has great e-books for a variety of ages. Here’s the direct link to the catalog that works inside and outside of the district https://spscatalog.seattleschools.org/common/welcome.jsp?site=606
Username: **studentsps**  Password: **access**

Also, there’s the “Destiny Discover” application for mobile devices.

And don’t forget to use TumbleBooks for our youngest students available FREE on the SPS Online Resources page:
Username: **studentsps**  Password: **access**

Mrs. B. will be passing out **STEM Summer Reading Bingo** forms in mid-June during library lessons.
Middle School Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, June 2

K-8 Varsity Girls
Salmon Bay vs STEM
2:00pm STEM

K-8 Junior Varsity Girls
Salmon Bay vs STEM
3:30pm 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
ADVANCED LEARNING - Testing Opportunity

You may want to refer your child if you have noticed these characteristics:

Verbal skills:
- Has an advanced vocabulary for his/her age
- Seem to continuously talk and ask questions

Thinking skills:
- Is imaginative; has lots of ideas
- Can come up with many interesting solutions to problems

Learning behaviors:
- Understands information quickly; remembers what has been learned
- Wants to work on more difficult things; may not finish regular assignments because wants to spend time doing projects he/she thinks are more interesting

Motivation:
- Is very interested in certain topics/projects and wants to work on them all the time
- Does not want or need a lot of direction for completing a task; likes to figure it out on his/her own

Social-emotional Development:
- Is sensitive to the feelings of others and is concerned with fairness
- May be a perfectionist and/or become frustrated with mistakes
- May prefer to interact with students who are older and/or adults

Reading:
- Is a very strong reader, reading above grade level and/or reading at an early age

Math skills:
- Is very interested in math, works above grade level in math and/or shows an interest in numbers at an early age

If most of these characteristics apply, you may want to consider referring your child for Advanced Learning opportunities.

Eligibility criteria and instructions are available beginning May 15, 2018 at www.seattleschools.org/advlearning

All Referrals for testing are due by September 24, 2018 to determine eligibility for school year 2019-2020.