Upcoming Events

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 – Join the STEM Bike Train!
8:00am – 8:15am (meet up time)
Bike to school together (K-4 students must have parent or other adult accompanying them).
Greg Davis Park
2600 SW Brandon St.

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

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
Adults only. Coffee & snacks provided.
STEM Library

May 17
Multicultural Family Night
5:30pm – 7:30pm
STEM K-8

May 18
Middle School Dance
Time TBA
STEM K-8

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

It's teacher & staff appreciation week! Thanks to everyone who is contributing to the daily breakfast or the Wednesday dessert bar. STEM teachers demonstrate their commitment to our children by showing up for the most important and challenging job on the planet every day. They also spend enormous amounts of extra time planning and facilitating the extra opportunities our STEM option school provides. Parents and families work hard to support our vision too. Thanks for showing the extra love and appreciation. There is also a PTA meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday.

Smarter Balanced Assessments start for 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th graders this week. 7th and 8th grade will be taking language arts 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 are rested, ready to do their best—we start testing first thing in the morning. Help your child understand that although the SBA is a significant assessment, it represents one small part of their overall performance. It’s used along with many other indicators to evaluate progress. SBA results do not determine whether or not a student is ready for the next grade! The SBA should be viewed as a worthy challenge rather than a worrisome barrier. Students have an opportunity to practice important test-taking skills and show some of what they know relative to national standards.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please join us in celebrating our teachers & staff this week!

It’s not too late to help out. Sign up here to bring breakfast items 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.

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

May 24
Spring PBL/Science Fair Night
More info. to come.
STEM K-8

May 25
Spirit Wear Day
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

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.

Join the STEM Bike Train on May 9!

This Wednesday, May 9, is Bike to School Day. Louisa Boren STEM K-8 students, parents, and staff are invited to join a BIKE TRAIN. It’s free and fun! Meet at Greg Davis Park (2600 SW Brandon St) between 8:00am and 8:15am and we’ll bike to school together. Bring a helmet, a bike lock, and your big smiles for this event. While supplies last, students biking to school on May 9 will receive a fun prize! We’ll also have some snacks to keep us fueled for the ride!

- You can bike to Greg Davis Park or drive and park. Everyone is welcome!
- Grade K-4 students – please have a parent or other adult join in the bike train with your child.
- Grade 5-8 students – parents are welcome but not required. (Please consider student’s biking ability and maturity level.)

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.
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.

For a wonderful event for families and kids of all ages, please join Multicultural Night, Wednesday, May 16th to celebrate the amazing and beautiful diversity in our community.

Facilitator: Jason Ferlot | Monday May 14th 6:30-8:30

STEM K-8 Library
SAVE THE DATE!

STEM MULTICULTURAL FAMILY NIGHT

May 17, 2018
5:30-7:30

Please join us as we celebrate the diversity of our community. The evening will include: food, artistic performances, a world market and activities.

Families, please bring a dish to share.

Have an expertise in a culture and want to host an activity table? Please contact Nicole Albertson at nmalbertson@seattleschools.org or 206.252.8522
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-8 Playground
Papa Bois & Full Tilt Food Trucks. DJ Plaid Dad.

If you would like to bring a book donation for our library to the dance party, here is a link to the wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ZKG52TKHUZRI
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, May 12

K-8 Varsity Boys
TOPS vs STEM
2:00pm Rainier Beach

Middle School Volleyball Schedule

Saturday, May 12

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

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

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