Upcoming Events

June 5
8th Grade Science MSP 
STEM K-8

June 7
SPS Annual Middle School Science & Engineering Fair 
5:00pm – 9:00pm 
Museum of Flight

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

Jungle Book Performance 
7:00pm 
STEM K-8 Cafeteria

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 K-8 Library

June 14
STEM Talent Show & Volunteer Appreciation 
1:30pm – 3:30pm 
STEM K-8 Cafeteria

Special Education Gathering 
6:30pm 
Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

June 15
Field Day 
Schedule TBD. 
STEM K-8

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

It’s June! We are in the final weeks of another school year, tying up loose threads, helping students consolidate annual learning, and preparing for next year. There will be a lot happening the next few weeks.

Thanks for those who were able to join us for last Friday’s second annual GGLOW OWLS Dance Party celebrating our LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, and asexual or allied if you haven’t kept up with a growing acronym) families, staff and students, and helping kick off a month of Seattle Pride activities. It was a great chance to stand in solidarity for identity safety, supported by friends, food, fun, and sun on the playground. STEM has added a rainbow flag to our flagpole for the month of June as well.

On Saturday the senior band participated in the Wild Waves Music in the Parks festival, and the girls Varsity Volleyball team secured the second seed in the K-8 volleyball tournament, while the JV Volleyball team wrapped up a successful season.

A list of upcoming events to get ready for:

6/8 Safety Patrol Field Trip to Jefferson Park (4th & 5th grade) 
6/8 7:00pm Jungle Book Performance in STEM Cafeteria
6/12 6:30pm – 8:00pm Spring Band Concert at Chief Sealth HS Auditorium 
6/13 6:30pm – 8:00pm Last PTA Meeting of the Year 
6/14 1:30pm – 3:30pm STEM Talent Show & Volunteer Appreciation 
6/14 6:30pm Special Education Gathering at Uptown Espresso Delridge 
6/15 (schedule TBD) Field Day 
6/19 5:30pm – 7:30pm 8th Grade Graduation 
6/21 9:00am – 1:30pm All-School Field Trip to Lincoln Park 
6/22 Last Day of School—1 hour early dismissal @ 2:25pm

For those of you who missed it, we have some teachers who will be changing grade levels at the end of the year. Ms. Williamson will be rising from 2nd to 3rd grade. Ms. Graves will be moving from 3rd to 5th grade. Ms. Martin will be transitioning from 5th grade to teach 6th grade math, and Ms. Giza will be teaching 6th grade science.

Don’t forget to please take 30 seconds to respond to the Survey Monkey sent out by school messenger regarding your child’s enrollment plans 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.

Ben Ostrom 
Principal 
STEM K-8
June 19
8th Grade Graduation
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Ceremony & Potluck
STEM Gym

June 21
All-School Field Trip
9:00am – 1:30pm
Lincoln Park

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

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

Last PTA Meeting of the Year – June 13

We need all hands on deck for this one! We will be voting on the 2018-19 budget. If you haven't made it to the meetings this year then this is the one not to miss!

We are still looking for volunteers to join our board. Your skills and passion will be greatly appreciated! If interested please contact Rebecca Garcia at rebecca_garcia@me.com

Calling all Special Education Families

Are you a parent or guardian of a student at STEM participating in our special education services? Does your child have an IEP or 504? Do you have a child in our distinct or Access classrooms? Does your child get pulled out of their general education classroom for services in the Resource Room? We want to meet with our Special Education (SPED) families. Often times our special education families can feel a lack of support from our community. Many of us understand the unique struggles of raising a child who is differently wired and we want to offer a place for support and camaraderie.

If you have concerns, want to better support our SPED classrooms or need help dealing with an IEP process. This gathering will be hosted by PTA Board members Shawna Murphy and Rebecca Garcia for our SPED families. We realize it is the end of the school year and schedules are busy, kids are burnt out - but if you can come and spend an hour, we can discuss ways the PTA at STEM K-8 can better support our students and families. Please join us at Uptown Espresso on Delridge. 3845 Delridge Way SW. Thursday, June 14 6:30pm.

Questions? Contact Shawna Murphy (southernstreetkids@yahoo.com) and Rebecca Garcia (rebecca_garcia@mac.com).

August 20 -24
Kindergarten Jump Start
9:00am – 12:00pm
STEM K-8

September 5
Back to School!
Grades 1 - 8
STEM K-8

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

September 10
First Day of Kindergarten
Welcome new Owlets!
STEM K-8
Thank you so much to all who were able to make it out Friday night to celebrate Pride Month and all of our LGBTQ+ families, students and staff. Visibility=Safety and we had so much fun partying with you. Special thanks to Papa Bois & Full Tilt. Until next year!

And a big thank you to outgoing Advocacy Chair Shawna Murphy, who organized it all! Although Shawna is leaving the Advocacy Chair position, she will continue to organize the annual GGLOW Dance Party!
You're Invited to

Louisa Boren STEM K-8's
Talent Show
and
Volunteer Appreciation

Thursday June 14th
1:30pm

We will be saying "Thanks" to our wonderful volunteers and showing off some awesome Owl talent. Join us.

A dessert bar for STEM volunteers will be available after the show in the staff lounge.
8th Grade Great Ice Age Floods

Last week, 8th graders went on an overnight field trip to Camp Delany Environmental Learning Center in Eastern Washington for their Great Ice Age Floods Expedition.
Duwamish River Automata
Celebrate – Make – Reflect
Monday, June 18
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Be inspired by the past and present stories of people who care for this amazing river by making fun and playful cardboard mechanical toys. Makers will be able to understand simple mechanisms by building cardboard automata, exploring levers, cams, and other mechanisms, as a means to make their mechanical toy work. Presented by Makers of South Seattle.

Ages 8 and up

Delridge Branch | 5423 Delridge Way SW | 206-733-5423
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.

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

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And don’t forget to use TumbleBooks for our youngest students available FREE on the SPS Online Resources page: http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pagetypeId=15858

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Mrs. B. will be passing out STEM Summer Reading Bingo forms in mid-June during library lessons.

Relax & READ, Relax & READ, Relax & READ!
Jungle Book Performance

Friday, June 8
7:00pm – 8:00pm

STEM Cafeteria

Come see what 25 of our very talented owls have been working on in their enrichment class with Sing Out Seattle! In just eight short weeks they've prepared a fabulous performance of the Jungle Book!

END of YEAR STEM LIBRARY DUE DATES

All library materials were 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