Dear STEM Owls & Friends,

The first fundraiser of the year is our Direct Give October 1-31. State and local funding is terribly inadequate to support the vision of our school and provide the level of services, support, and materials we need for all of our students.

The PTA serves as the roots of STEM and funds many aspects of our unique school. We've invested in technology, art, literacy, engineering, Project Based Learning, playground equipment, science fair projects, scholarships, teacher training, field trips, and our community. The PTA is a vital supporter of the tools, materials, books, instruments, equipment, supplies, software, and training that support every student, family and staff member at Louisa Boren STEM K-8.

Our goal is $37,000

We’ve raised the goal this year to reflect the increase in classes and teachers, and to support this learning community that increasingly struggles to make ends meet.

We chose Direct Give so that each and every dollar – every penny – you donate goes directly to the school. We don’t ask your student to sell anything, and we don’t pay a company any percentage to run a fundraiser. Each donation is tax deductible, and many employers will match donations, increasing your gift to our school and community.

We invite everyone in our community (including friends, neighbors, and relatives) to give what they can today. Every dollar makes a difference.

Go out on a limb for STEM.
Upcoming Events Ctd.

October 18
SPED@STEM Parent Meeting
6:30pm – 8:00pm
For all STEM SPED families.
STEM Library

October 25
Harvest Festival
Time TBD
More details to come!
STEM Cafeteria

October 26
*Spirit Wear Day*
STEM K-8

Check out the school calendar [here](#).

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**From October 2017 – October 2018 here are some of the ways you have supported STEM K-8:**

- $1 every month for a year pays for a scholarship for one student to attend a show at Seattle Children’s Theatre.
- $3 a day for a month pays for a 7th and 8th grader to wear an apron or a coverall during CTE classes.
- $6 a day for a year pays for the 4th grade Blake Island Salmon Bake and Potlatch field trip.
- $20 a day for a year pays for nine teachers to have intensive math professional development.
- $23 a day for a month pays for three teachers to attend NatureBridge, an environmental science program.
- $25 buys “George” and “Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race” for the Library.
- $60 a month for one year pays to sponsor the African American Pancake Breakfast.
- 12 payments of $12.50 buys the jump ropes, hula-hoops, and balls for recess.
- $100 buys soil, planters, and seeds for a 2nd grade life sciences project.
- $120 purchases microscope slides for a Middle School Project Based Learning science experiment.
- 12 payments of $12.50 buys one Kindergarten classroom an alphabet sounds teaching tub.
- $150 gets one 3rd grade classroom an engineering kit.
- Two payments of $100 pays for a Tiny Bug expert to come to school – ewwww!
- $225 a month for a year pays for TapRoot Theatre to come for two all-school anti-bullying shows.
- Two $500 payments pay for all-staff professional development on racial equity.
- 12 payments of $83.33 buys chapter books for grade band reading book groups.
- $2,850 pays for an all-staff full day professional development on Project Based Learning.
- $3,200 pays for every single 5th grade student to have their (sometimes first and only experience) of overnight camp at Islandwood.

**What will we do this year? Give. Grow. Fly.**

**To Donate**

You can donate online, either as a one-time donation or set up recurring payments, or you can pay by check.

- [Submit a payment online](#)
- [Set up recurring, online payments](#)
- Checks can be made out to: Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA. Return the donation form you receive in “kid mail” to the PTA mailbox in the school office or mail to: STEM K-8 PTA, 5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106

Thank you for supporting Louisa Boren STEM K-8 and all the owls in...
A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Thanks to all of you who were able to join teachers for the K-5 Curriculum Night/Open House last week. This Thursday, October 4, from 6:00pm-7:30pm is our Middle School Curriculum Night/Open House. With a number of classes for families to visit, the schedule is tight. Families head straight to classrooms without gathering in the cafeteria first. See Middle School Curriculum Night/Open House Schedule below.

We continue to report to Seattle Public Schools and the City of Seattle regarding the homeless encampment that has returned to the woods above STEM K-8. It has been assigned to the Seattle Navigation Team and Seattle Homeless Coordinator for support services and clean up. Despite repeated clean ups, it continues to reappear. It is an ongoing challenge that our city is struggling to meet in providing for basic human needs for everyone.

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

We suggest middle school families check with students to decide which Pathway classrooms to visit. Students have three or four Pathway classes, and families will have the opportunity to visit two of them.

6:00pm Middle School Open House for Pathway Classes
There will be two 10 minute sessions with a few minutes to walk between rooms.

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6:30pm Middle School Open House for Core Classes
All 6th grade families go to Mr. Des’s room, #109
7th and 8th grade families will visit core classrooms for 15 minute rotations.

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Annual Chinook Book Fundraiser!

Support our Fundraiser Right from your Phone! 40 paper copies also available!

This year we have a new easy way for you to support STEM: purchase a mobile subscription to Chinook Book using our special fundraising link!

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Thanks in advance for your support!

Robin Graham
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Fundraising Coordinator / robingraham26@gmail.com

P.S. If you would prefer to purchase a print book (25) you can! Paper copies (which all come with a 12-month app subscription) will be available in the office, or you can contact me via e-mail or fill out a paper envelope (available in the office) and leave it in the PTA mailbox & I will get you a copy. Thanks for supporting our fundraiser!
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).

Principal Ostrom’s Blog

STEM K-8 Facebook

SPED@STEM – private Facebook group for Special Education Families, available as an information and support tool to stay connected. To be added, please contact rebecca_garcia@mac.com).

STEM PTA Twitter

Principal Ostrom’s Twitter

This Week’s Ultimate Schedule

Saturday, October 6

STEM Owls B vs. South Shore B
12:00pm Franklin High School #1

STEM Owls C vs. Meany MS C Team
1:30pm Franklin High School #1

STEM Owls 6th vs. Robert Eagle Staff 6A
3:00pm Franklin High School #2

Join the new STEM K-8 Ultimate Facebook group. Sign up for snack.

K-5 Curriculum Night/Open House Pics