



October 1, 2018

# Owl Post

The official weekly newsletter  
of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

## Upcoming Events

**October 2**

**School Picture Day**

Pre-order [here](#).

Uniform attire please!

STEM K-8

**October 4**

**Middle School Curriculum Night**

6:00pm – 7:30pm

STEM K-8

**October 9**

**Support for and by  
People of Color**

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Event recommended by  
STEM K-8 Advocacy Committee.

Safe place for parents of color to  
come together to discuss

education. Potluck, bring a dish!

*Antares Wellness Center*

939 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

RSVP [JCHHIM85@gmail.com](mailto:JCHHIM85@gmail.com)

**October 10**

**Superintendent Juneau's  
Listening & Learning Tour**

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Town hall community meeting with  
SPS Superintendent.

*Youngstown Cultural Arts Center*

4408 Delridge Way SW

**October 11**

**PTA Meeting**

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Please join us! Complimentary  
YMCA childcare provided by the  
PTA

*STEM Library*

**October 12**

**State in Service Day**

No School

**I climbed the tree to see the world.**



## Direct Give

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

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.**

**Donate Now**

## 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](#).



## 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

## 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.

Class Name(s)	Teacher	Room Number
Maker's Space and Media Lab	Schmick	147
Physical Education	Avery and Schiavo	Gym
Senior and Junior Band	Okun	Band Room
Choir and Songwriting	Holland	Choir Room
Poetry	Paulson	126
Evolution and History of Western Music	Kincl	128
6th Grade Math Academy	Martin	102
Art	Des	109
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Academy	Bleeker	124
Reading Academy	Giza	122

### 6:30pm Middle School Open House for Core Classes

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade families go to Mr. Des's room, #109

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families will visit core classrooms for 15 minute rotations.

Time	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
6:30pm	Paulson (Rm. #126) Humanities or Bleeker (Rm. #124) Math	Parsley (Rm. #117) Science-CTE or Kincl (Rm. #128) US History
6:45pm	Paulson (Rm. #126) Humanities or Bleeker (Rm. #124) Math	Parsley (Rm. #117) Science-CTE or Kincl (Rm. #128) US History
7:00pm	Parsley (Rm. #117) Science-CTE	Bleeker (Rm. #124) Math or Kincl (Rm. #128) English Language Arts
7:15pm	Parsley (Rm. #117) Science-CTE	Bleeker (Rm. #124) Math or Kincl (Rm. #128) English Language Arts

## Annual Chinook Book Fundraiser!

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Thanks in advance for your support!

Robin Graham

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Fundraising Coordinator / [robingraham26@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

