Upcoming Events

September 10
First Day of Kindergarten
Welcome new Owlets!
STEM K-8

Decompression Coffee Hour
For K Parents/Guardians
8:50am – 9:50am
Meet with other kindergarten parents and Principal Ostrom to celebrate/decompress.
School Entrance

September 13
PTA Meeting & Uniform Swap
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Please join us! Complimentary YMCA childcare provided by the PTA
STEM Library

September 14
Enrichment Sign-Up Begins
6:00pm
Register at 6crickets

September 15
Painting Party
9:30am
Have fun painting and meeting new STEM friends while creating a four square court, a small track, and a few goals for soccer! Coffee & muffins provided.
Sign up here.
Meet at North Side of Cafeteria

September 27
MOD Pizza Fundraiser
All Day
Bring a copy of the flyer with you and MOD will donate 20% of food & beverage sales to our school. Only valid at West Seattle location. Phone, Dine-in, or take-out orders. Not valid on online orders. Flyers available at school or download and print.
MOD Pizza
4755 Fauntleroy Way SW

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

School has started and we are going to be running at full speed for a while!

I want to express a special thank you to our community and PTA who helped support vital staff trainings over the summer. Thanks to your support we sent teachers to Eureka math trainings, Next Gen Science trainings at NatureBridge on the Olympic Peninsula, and held a Project Based Learning workshop for our entire teaching staff. Project Based Learning (PBL) is one of the cornerstones of our vision and growing our PBL practices is an important priority given the number of staff we have added over the last few years.

A few key reminders as we start the year:
Supervision starts in the morning at 8:35am. There is no supervision available for students before 8:35am.

Please communicate any emergency changes to your child’s dismissal routine to the office before 2:00pm. With 560 scholars it’s impossible to guarantee that last-minute plan changes can be communicated to your students. With the various delays in bussing that plague the first couple of weeks each year I know many families choose to start the year transporting their children. Contact the school office when that changes. Dismissal is at 3:25pm.

The rest of the Wednesdays this year are Early Release Days and school ends at 2:10pm.

Back to school forms are available on the Seattle Public Schools website. You can also pick up hard copies at the school office, or ask your child to pick up one to bring home.

Forms needed from all families: FERPA, Emergency Information and Student Release

Other forms may be needed on an individual basis and are available on the Seattle Public Schools website: Free and Reduced Lunch Applications (these have to be turned in every year), Volunteer Background Check, Student Health Information for any students with special health needs, Housing Questionnaire, 504 Identification, Title VII, Advanced Learning applications, and many more. Hard copies are also available in the school office.

Don’t forget to join us at the first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday, September 13, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the STEM Library.

We’re glad you’re a part of the STEM community! Thanks for working with us to create powerful learning experiences for your children!

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Don’t Miss the Owl Post!

Delivered to your email inbox every Monday when school is in session! The Owl Post includes a weekly letter from Principal Ostrom, a calendar of school events, plus lots of STEM K-8 news!
Look for PTA packets included with “kid mail” sent home on Monday and Tuesday! Questions about content? Please feel free to contact PTA President Melinda Luke-White directly - president@stemk8pta.org.

PTA Meeting & Uniform Swap – September 13

*When:* Thursday, September 13, 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
*Where:* STEM Library

Join us for the first PTA meeting of the 2018-19 school year!

Complimentary YMCA childcare is provided by the PTA.

We will also have a Uniform Swap. Bring gently-used uniform clothes that don’t fit anymore, and exchange them for ones that do!

Painting Party – September 15

*When:* Saturday, September 15, 9:30am  
*Where:* Meet at the North side of the cafeteria

With the help of the PTA, 1st grade will be painting lines for four square and other games. We would love additional volunteers to come out and help with our weekend project.

Contact Adrienne Ollerenshaw with questions: amollerenshaw@seattleschools.org

Sign up [here](#)

Library Volunteers Needed

Welcome back to a wonderful, new school year. The library would love to have Parent Volunteer Shelvers to assist in getting our thousands of checked out books back on the shelves each month.

Times that we could use assistance are 8:35am – 3:25pm M, T, T, Fri and Weds 8:35am - 2:00pm.

If you can help out once a week or once a month, we would really love this invaluable support.

Please contact Mary Bannister at mebannister@seattleschools.org.

Thanks!
Dear STEM families, we hope you enjoyed your summer and are excited about the upcoming fall enrichment session which will begin on **October 1, 2018**. We have some new and exciting classes on the schedule!

**If you used 6crickets to register last session**, you can do the following to register for fall once registration opens on **September 14, 2018 @ 6:00pm**:

1. Navigate to [https://www.6crickets.com/schoolportals](https://www.6crickets.com/schoolportals) and click on Louisa Boren STEM K-8.
2. Sign in with your existing username and password.

**If you are new to 6crickets, please take some time to create an account following the directions below.** Once your account is set up and registration opens, enrolling your student(s) will be quick and simple! You will be able to add multiple classes to your cart for all your children and register and pay for them all at once!

1. Navigate to [https://www.6crickets.com/](https://www.6crickets.com/).
2. Click on ‘Sign Up’ in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Add your student(s) to your account when prompted.
4. Edit each student’s profile under account settings by clicking on “fill”.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**
- Registration will open **September 14, 2018 @ 6:00pm** online at [www.6crickets.com](http://www.6crickets.com) or **if needed, you may pick up a paper registration form from the office** and return it to the PTA Enrichment Program mailbox with your check (payable to STEM K-8 PTA) or cash payment.
- Registration will close Friday, **September 21 @ 6:00pm**.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**
- One adult volunteer is **required** for each class. Volunteers will supervise students before afternoon classes, sign students in and out of class, as well as help instructors throughout class as needed/requested by the instructor. **Volunteers will receive 100% reduced tuition for one child as well as priority enrollment.** Classes without an adult volunteer will be at risk of cancellation. Please contact me ASAP if you’d like to volunteer for a class.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ON FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH**
- Our intent is that all students have the ability to participate in our enrichment program. **Full scholarships** are available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch or have extenuating circumstances (one class per student). Please e-mail [enrichment@stemk8pta.org](mailto:enrichment@stemk8pta.org) for more information.

**BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT**
- Students in enrichment will be held to the same behavior standards as they are during the school day. In the event that a behavior cannot be satisfactorily resolved by working in cooperation with instructors, a parent may be required to attend the class with their child or withdraw them from the program without a refund. Please discuss this with your child before classes begin. Thank you!
KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

- Welcome to STEM! We are so happy to have you! We have many enrichment classes that are open to kindergarteners but please keep in mind that starting school is a big, and sometimes tough transition for kids. If your kiddo is struggling to get ready for school in the morning or comes home EXHAUSTED at the end of the school day (many kindergarteners do!), they may not be ready for before and after school programs. Many kids who aren’t ready in the fall do great in our winter session! We want these classes to be fun and enriching for students, and we want your student to feel successful in them!

CLASS CANCELLATIONS

- All programs have a minimum and a maximum enrollment number so please register early to ensure the program can run and that your child has a spot in the class! If class minimums have not been met by the end of registration on Sept 21, the class will be cancelled, and refunds will be issued.

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FALL 2018 ENRICHMENT @ STEM. OCT 1-NOV 30

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Ashlee Lyman, Enrichment Coordinator,
enrichment@stemk8pta.org

Please e-mail me with any questions!
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!

Don't have the Chinook Book App yet? Tap the link below from your phone to activate a 7-day FREE TRIAL of the Chinook Book app. If you like it, you can purchase an annual app subscription for $15 and enjoy a whole year of savings at local, sustainable places you love like Caffé Ladro, Cupcake Royale, Seattle Children's Museum, Elliot Bay Brewery & Curious Kids Stuff. Plus! Your subscription will continue to benefit our fundraiser year after year as long as we continue to fundraise with Chinook Book.

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Don't have email on your phone? Don't worry! Just go to chinookbookmobile.com to download the app. Go to the "Purchase Full Access” screen on the "More” menu to pay for your subscription and enter the Partner ID “k8stemelementaryschool” to have your purchase benefit our fundraiser.

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 at the 1st PTA meeting (September 13), 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!
MOD Pizza Fundraiser!

Don’t make lunch or dinner on 9/27 – MOD Pizza is donating to STEM K-8! This fundraiser will support the annual 5th grade trip to Islandwood & other field trip scholarships. Gluten free, salads, beer, wine – PIZZA & friends! Thank you MOD Pizza for supporting public education and our community! Bring a copy of the flyer with you and MOD will donate 20% of food & beverage sales to our school! Only valid at West Seattle location on 9/27. Phone, Dine-in, or take-out orders. Not valid on online orders. Flyers available at school or [download and print].

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Thursday, September 27th • All Day

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Volunteer at STEM K-8!

Welcome to another school year! Our school depends a lot on volunteers for help around the school. If you are interested in volunteering at Louisa Boren STEM K-8, please follow the link to the online volunteer application. If you are volunteering to chaperone, you need to do the general application as well as the chaperone application.

Applications need to be submitted each school year. If you have never watched the Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention video, you will need to do that first so you can upload your confirmation. You will need to have an ID, and another photo ready to upload as well.

http://www.seattleschools.org/families_communities/volunteer/volunteerapplication/

Christa Howsmon
STEM K-8 Office Assistant
cjhowson@seattleschools.org

Bashed Out!

Thanks for a fun night! Special thanks to the grillers, setter & cleaner uppers. See you next year for LBSK8B2SB8!