Upcoming Events

**September 14 - 28**
*Enrichment Sign-Up*
Register at [6crickets](#)

**September 18**
*First Ultimate Practice*
3:40pm – 5:15pm
For Middle Schoolers
*STEM K-8*

**September 19**
*TSA Parent Night*
6:30pm – 7:00pm
For 7th & 8th grade families
*STEM K-8, room 117*

**September 21**
*PARK(ing) Day*
Time TBA
Pop-up park and bike helmet giveaway! Organized by STEM 1st grade and West Seattle Bike Connections.
*Delridge Way, directly opposite STEM K-8*

**September 27**
*PreK-5 Curriculum Night*
6:00pm – 7:30pm
*STEM K-8*

*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

**September 28**
*Spirit Wear Day*
*STEM K-8*

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**A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom**

Hope everyone was able to catch some of the sunbreaks over the weekend. Wish we could share them with the families in Asia and the Carolinas getting displaced by extreme weather!

Saturday’s sunshine was used by Adrienne Ollerenshaw to lead a contingent of staff and family volunteers in reclaiming a section of our backyard “Portable Desert.” With rollers and paint they created additional playground play spaces. Thanks for all who joined in!

This year’s Curriculum Nights are approaching fast. To make it easier on families with multiple children, PreK-5 Curriculum Night/Open House will be on Thursday, 9/27 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. We will introduce staff in the cafeteria and then have two, 35 minute classroom sessions. Middle School Curriculum Night is Thursday, 10/4 from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

On Friday, September 21, STEM 1st grade is partnering with West Seattle Bike Connections to set up a temporary pop-up park directly across Delridge from STEM as part of Seattle’s PARK(ing) Day celebration. There’ll be games and other activities. Bell Sports has generously donated 50 youth helmets to interested children. If your child needs a new bike helmet, bring them by for a fitting. The child receiving the helmet must be present to be fit. Learn more about PARK(ing) Day at [https://goo.gl/voprNY](https://goo.gl/voprNY). Actual parking after school on Delridge may be tight that day as SPS Transportation is also sponsoring a pop-up park near by.

Several people have expressed concerns about the homeless encampment that showed up near STEM K-8. The encampment was reported to the school district, city, and police immediately. After multiple efforts it was assigned to the Seattle Navigation Team and Seattle Homeless Coordinator for referrals to support services and clean up. It was a clear reminder of the challenge our society and city have yet to meet in providing for basic human needs for everyone.

*Ben Ostrom*
*STEM K-8 Principal*

**Don’t Forget to Sign Up for Enrichment Classes!**

Enrichment enrollment is **now open** and will run until September 28. Sign up at [6crickets](#).

Email [enrichment@stemk8pta.org](mailto:enrichment@stemk8pta.org) with questions, scholarship requests, and to volunteer for a class.

*Dungeons & Dragons - Advanced* is FULL.
Room Parents Needed

If you would like to be a Room Parent, please contact Brynn Chadwick for grades 4-8 brynn@comcast.net and Colleen Peterson for PreK-3 cmgpetersen@gmail.com. Our new 4th-8th grade band teacher, Matt Okun, needs a room parent too! Contact brynn@comcast.net if you are interested!

Library Volunteers Needed

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!

Crossing Guard Needed

Hours for Louisa Boren STEM K-8
Mornings 8:10 – 9:10am
Wed. Early Release 1:40 – 2:40pm
Mon. Tue. Thur. & Fri. 2:55 – 3:55pm

Pay starts at $15/hour

Interested applicants please contact:
Yvonne Carpenter
Field Staff Lead
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Curriculum Nights

Come see what your STEM student has been learning in the first few weeks of school, and what’s in store for them for the rest of the 2018-19 school year! Students are encouraged to attend. Childcare will not be available so please keep younger siblings with you.

K-5 Curriculum Night
When: Thursday, September 27. 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Where: STEM K-8

***Mod Pizza Fundraiser is the same night - we hope you grab dinner before or after / take-out to support STEM!

Middle School Curriculum Night
When: Thursday, October 4. 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Where: STEM K-8
BEX V – Louisa Boren STEM K-8 - Advocacy

BEX V is one of the upcoming Seattle Public School Capital Levies. It's being proposed for $1,000,000,000 and will be on the Feb. 2019 Ballot. But none of that $1,000,000,000 is being allocated to the Boren building. Our building was built in 1962, and many of its systems (including water pipes and boiler) still date from the Kennedy era!

At the bottom of this Owl Post, you’ll find an information sheet put together by STEM 2nd grade parent Randy White. It’s full of details of how YOU can advocate for the Boren building to be included in the BEX V Levy!

GGLOW Owls

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is a safe place for our LGBTQ+ students, families and staff. Our PTA is committed to supporting a safe learning environment and community. Our school celebrates the beginning of Pride Month every year in the spring with our GGLOW OWLS FAMILY DANCE PARTY brought to you by the PTA. (GGLOW stands for gender non-conforming/gender queer, gay, lesbian or whatever) Last spring we raised money for new GGLOW books for our school library and a few new titles for our new primary teachers. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this year’s dance party please email the event chair Shawna Murphy southernstreetkids@yahoo.com.

2018-19 PTA Executive Team & Board

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Safety Committee Chair – Open
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.

Already have the app? First make sure you have updated to the most recent version of the app. Then tap the link below. It will redirect you to the App Store. Tap “open” and it will take you directly to the payment page with our partner ID already loaded in so your purchase will benefit our fundraiser.

Ready?
Tap here from your phone to purchase your Chinook Book mobile app subscription and benefit our fundraiser: https://chinook.co/k8stemelementaryschool

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.

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

Thursday, September 27th • All Day
Bring in this flyer and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support their great work!

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4755 Fauntleroy SW, Ste. 150
Seattle, WA 98126
(206)745-3779

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine in, take out or phone orders. Not valid for online orders. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/

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Attn. 7th & 8th Grade Families: TSA Parent Night

When: September 19, 6:30 – 7:00 PM
Where: Room 117 at 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Please Park on Juneau Street (northside of school) if possible and come in the loading dock door.

This brief meeting will inform parents of the activities associated with being a Technology Student Association (TSA) member. We will discuss Regional, State, and National competitions. Parents will also learn about extra school hours offered to TSA members on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays. Last year we had 28 participants at the State Convention and eight students attended the National Convention in Atlanta. This year we expect many more students to participate in both events. Louisa Boren STEM K-8 was the only Seattle school to send a team to Atlanta.

Middle Schoolers: Play Ultimate Frisbee!

Ultimate practices start Tuesday September 18 from 3:45pm – 5:15pm. If your middle schooler is interested in playing, please contact Mr. Des. twdesautels@seattleschools.org

Join the new STEM K-8 Ultimate Facebook group, created by STEM 8th grade parent Debbie Atkinson. It’s a good way to communicate about snacks, carpooling and anything else related to our Ultimate players.

Open Library

The Boren Library is open for browsing, check-out, and returning books before school every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:35am to 8:50am.
BEX V - Boren STEM K-8 - Advocacy

What:
* BEX V is one of the upcoming Seattle Public School Capital Levies
* It is being proposed for ~$1,000,000,000 and will be on the Feb. 2019 Ballot
* BEX I-IV have allocated $0 to the Boren building..
* There are documented, backlogged maintenance and repair (BMAR) deficiencies for the Boren building that houses STEM K-8 that add up to ~$15,000,000

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Why:
* $3,000,000,000 has been spent from the BEX and BTA school levies since 1995.
* Only $3,000,000 (.001%) has been spent on the Louisa Boren building since 1995. (BTA III, 2011-12)

* 1% of SPS students use this facility
* BEX Capital Levies only come up every six years and The Louisa Boren STEM Building has not been included in any of them
* 2014 MENG Analysis Identified 15 Seattle Public Schools with Maintenance Backlogs >$10mm, 14 of those received funding in either BEX or BTA IV
* Boren STEM did not receive any funds
* Boren STEM K-8 may be left out of the funding again.
* *Only Option 1b contains any substantial funds for the school’s upkeep*
  (if 1% of $4bln was spent on our building it would suggest our scholars and a public facility are due about $37mm in capital improvements)

Where/When:
Next Community Meetings
Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30–8 p.m.: Mercer International MS lunchroom
Monday, Sept. 24, 6:30–8 p.m.: Roosevelt High School lunchroom
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:30–8 p.m.: Meany Middle School lunchroom

Community Meeting Slides
Ingraham HS 9/12/18
Timeline for Action:

**Sept. 26, 2018:** School Board Work Session on Levies - refining project list and costs

**October 2018:** School Board weighs community feedback and staff recommendations to develop final levy proposals

**November 2018:** School Board votes final levy proposals and authorizes putting them on the February 2019 ballot

**February 2019:** Special election for the 2019 Operations Levy and the BEX V Capital Levy

Ways to get involved:
- Attend a meeting
- Write an email
- Make a call
- Share with others

Who to contact:

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Informational Links:

Planning Process

Aug. 22nd Meeting
Minutes

Slide Deck

West Seattle Blog Story 9/7/2018

Old BEX Data
https://bex.seattleschools.org/

Old BTA
https://bta.seattleschools.org/

2014 MENG Analysis
Facilities Master Plan Report

Questions or Discussion?
Randy White, PTA Member
Parent of a fabulous 2nd Grader at Louisa Boren STEM K-8
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