A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Thanks for contributing to the STEM K-8 Direct Give during October! With your generosity we continue to supplement your children’s STEM learning experiences with books, additional tools and materials, Project Based Learning, and field experiences among other things.

This Thursday, November 15, we encourage families to join us for Gender Universe from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Presented by the PTA Advocacy Committee and GGLOW Owls. Join Jen Self, Director of UW’s Q Center and Gender Family Alliance (co-founders Autumn Kinsman and Jordan Thomas) for an evening of learning. More details in this Owl Post.

Hard to believe that family conferences are just around the corner! Our goal is to conference with families regarding every single student. If you aren’t signed up for a conference, please contact your child’s teacher or the office to help connect you with them. Middle School: 6th grade sign up here, 7th & 8th grade sign up here. STEM’s families are our children’s first teachers. During conferences we want to share how your child is performing, and also want to hear your thoughts, plans, and beliefs about them. Before you meet with your child’s teacher, think about what you want to communicate about your child:

- What are you most proud of about your son or daughter?
- What are their strengths?
- What is important to you about your child’s education (what do you want school to be like for them)?
- What are your hopes and dreams for your child post-high school?

Family conferences are a vital time for two-way communication; STEM K-8 staff are committed to partnering with families to understand and meet our students’ unique needs.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
STEM K-8

Volunteer for our 6th Annual Book Fair Blizzard

We need lots of volunteers to help make our Scholastic Book Fair a big success. You will receive a $5 Book Fair gift certificate for every two-hour time slot you volunteer for. Click on the SignUpGenius logo below.
Upcoming Events Ctd.

December 4
Book Fair Blizzard
3:25pm-8:30pm
STEM K-8

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory Performance
7:00pm
STEM K-8
Cafeteria

December 5
Book Fair Blizzard
8:00am-10:00am
2:10pm-7:00pm
STEM K-8

December 6
Book Fair Blizzard
8:00am-10:00am
STEM K-8

December 12
Auction Committee Meeting
7:00pm-9:00pm
Uptown Espresso Delridge

December 13
PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm
All welcome!
Complimentary YMCA childcare provided by the PTA.
STEM K-8 Library

December 21
Last Day of School
1-Hour Early Release

December 22-January 6
Winter Break
No School

SEATTLE AREA

HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

THE CENTER HIGH SCHOOL
The Center School High School is a rigorous, college-prep. academic curriculum focused on the arts and community engagement.

Open House: November 13th 6:30-8:30

GROVER CLEVELAND STEM
Cleveland STEM High School offers a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program, with a focus on project-based learning and 1:1 technology.

Open Houses: January 18th from 9:00-11:30 am
February 2nd from 9:00-11:30 am
February 7th from 9:00-11:30 am

AVIATION SCHOOL
The Raisbeck Aviation School is an aviation- and aerospace-themed STEM school and one of the Highline School District’s small schools. It is focused on preparing students for college, careers, and citizenship.

Open House: November 14 OR December 6
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL
If you are unsure what your neighborhood high school is, use the SchoolSearch tool on the Seattle Public Schools Website:
https://www.seattleschools.org/admissions/school_finder/address_lookup_tool

ADMISSIONS FAIR
The Seattle Public Schools Admissions Fair offers students and families information about option schools and other student support services.

January 19th 10am-2pm
Mercer International Middle School
1600 S Columbian Way Seattle, WA 98108

SPS SCHOOL CHOICE DATES
Feb. 4, 2019: Open Enrollment Begins:
Feb. 15, 2019: Open Enrollment Ends

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? EMAIL MS. DANIELLE
dblechert@seattleschools.org
Gender Universe

PTA Advocacy Committee and GGLOW Owls present Gender Universe
Thursday, November 15, 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the STEM cafeteria.

Join Jen Self and Gender Family Alliance (co-founders Autumn Kinsman and Jordan Thomas).

All families and ages welcome!

If you have wondered how to answer your kids’ questions, how we support gender expression and identity at STEM, why we support trans students at our school, what science says about gender / identity, and well, anything *YOU* bring to the table. This is a safe place to ask questions, learn, and talk openly.

About Jen Self
A therapist and anti-oppression educator since 1996, Jen re-invented her queer activism through scholarship, program leadership, and teaching at the University of Washington, completing an MSW and a Ph.D. in social welfare. Jen is the Director of UW’s Q Center and affiliate faculty at the UW School of Social Work and the Sexuality and Queer Studies Graduate certificate program.

About Autumn Kinsman and Jordan Thomas
Autumn and Jordan are founders of Gender Family Alliance, which they started in 2016 to support parents, families, and caregivers of transgender and non-binary children. They are both raising transgender daughters who attend STEM and Gatewood.
Monday, November 26 is the start of our week-long All for Books campaign. We’re raising money so teachers can build their classroom libraries during our Book Fair Blizzard (December 4, 5 & 6). The money we raise also helps readers beyond our school. Every year, Scholastic matches the All for Books money raised nationwide with a donation of up to one million books to the Kids in Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

Monday November 26 - Penny Day
Tuesday November 27 - Nickel Day
Wednesday November 28 - Dime Day
Thursday November 29 - Quarter Day
Friday November 30 - Dollar Day (coins or bills)
(Of course, spare change will be accepted on any of the above days!)

Students can donate every morning at the school entrance between 8:20am and 8:50am. Our goal is to beat our record of $560, raised in 2015.

Multicultural Night & Potluck

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Equity Team is happy to announce the 2nd Multicultural Night at STEM.

We will have food, live entertainment, cultural games, activities, a world market, and student performances.

We are looking for food donations from STEM families and neighborhood restaurants.

Bring a dish to share - as this will be a potluck style evening, and an artifact to share.

We are looking for families who are interested in hosting/teaching a game related to their culture.

Families can let their teachers know or email Anisha at: aknoriega@seattleschools.org.
### Global Reading Challenge List

#### 2018-2019

- This is a battle of the books trivia program open to our 4th and 5th grade students.
- It is a joint venture of Seattle Public Library and Seattle Public Schools.
- Mrs. B will have library lessons and more information for these grade levels.

*The First Rule of Punk* by Celia Perez  (F & P Level T, Reading Level 5.2, 670L)
*Fish in a Tree* by Linda Mullaly Hunt  (F & P Level X, Reading Level 4.2, 550L)
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  (F & P Level Z, Reading Level 4.6, 730L)
*How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story* by Tim Tingle – (F & P Level U, Reading Level 3.7 480L)
*Pelé: The King of Soccer* by Eddy Simon and Vincent Brascaglia – (Reading Level 4.2)
*Power Forward* by Hena Khan  (600L, Reading Level 5.4)
*The PS Brothers* by Maribeth Boelts  (F & P Level O, Reading Level 6.2, 810L)
*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  (F & P Level Y, Reading Level 5.3, 620L)
*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones  (F & P Level N, Reading Level 5.3 - 6.3, 880L)
*The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  (F & P Level Z, Reading Level 3.9 – 4.1, 580L)

### THIRD PLACE BOOKS

MEET ARTIST **KYLE BOLTON**!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2018

Pre-order a signed book from Third Place Books to have it delivered at the event!

The following teachers have signed up to take their classes to the event: (Colby, Williamson, Massimino, Graves). If your child is in one of these classes you can pre-order books and pick them up at the event. CLICK HERE to print out the order form. Each book is $13.19. Payment is by check payable to Third Place Books, or exact change.

Please return order forms and exact payment to Mrs. B in the STEM Library by: **Wednesday, November 28th 9am**
All purchases benefit Classroom Libraries and the STEM K-8 Library

Two Book Fairs in One!

Ever wondered why our annual Book Fair Blizzard has SO MANY BOOKS? It's because it's actually two book fairs – an Elementary Fair (including PreK) and a Middle School Fair. While Scholastic has a book fair option for K-8 schools, it doesn’t give middle-schoolers much choice in books – so we bring in a middle school book fair too!

It's a blizzard of books for everyone!

Tuesday, December 4th
3:25pm to 8:30pm

Wednesday, December 5th
8:00am to 10:00am & 2:10pm to 7:00pm

Thursday, December 6th
8:00am to 10:00am

Visit our online Book Fair
http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stemk8
(Open Nov. 26th through Dec. 9th)

Here you'll find an even bigger selection of books pre-school through adult. You can also send wish-lists and e-cards to family and friends.

Book Fairs App makes finding the right book a snap!
West Seattle High School

Parents Night Out

Babysitting service put on by the Sophomore Class ASB

Date: Saturday, December 8th
Time: 6pm - 10pm

Pricing: kids ages 3 (potty trained)- 11 year olds
- $25 per kid if you bring two canned goods for WS food bank
- $30 without canned food
- Price includes pizza, movie, games, and crafts

Tell your friends
And
Reserve your spot today!
Email: wshsco2821@gmail.com

Check in at the WSHS foyer-lunchroom
3000 California Ave, SW, Seattle WA, 98116
-Sitters are CPR trained

Thank you for your support!
**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**

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**Ultimate Playoffs**

Congratulations to our Varsity team STEM Owls B for advancing to the Ultimate Finals! They play South Shore B for the Championship on Saturday. Go Owls!

**Saturday, November 17**

STEM Owls C vs. TBA  
11:00am  Ingraham High School Stadium 2

STEM Owls B vs. South Shore B  
2:00pm  Ingraham High School Stadium 1

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**Lost & Found – Last Week to Claim Items!**

Lost and Found is piling up with jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts and lunch boxes. Please have your students find their lost items. It will be cleared out soon and leftover items will be donated to charity.