**Upcoming Events**

**November 6**
Picture Retake Day  
STEM K-8

**Book Fair Committee Meeting**  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
All welcome!  
*Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW*

**November 7**
Flu Shots Available at School  
9:15am – 11:15am  
No insurance needed.  
Registration change, details in this Owl Post.  
STEM K-8

**November 8**
SPS LBGTQ Families Dinner  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Free! Dinner provided!  
RSVP with your party count to: *brham@seattleschools.org*  
*Meany Middle School  
301 21st Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112*

**PTA Meeting**  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Please join us!  
Complimentary YMCA childcare provided by the PTA.  
*STEM K-8 Library*

**November 12**
Veteran’s Day  
No School

**November 15**
Gender Universe  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
All families and ages welcome!  
Join Jen Self and Autumn Kinsman for a talk about gender identity, how to be an ally, keeping STEM K-8 a safe zone, and much more.  
*STEM K-8 Cafeteria*

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**Louisa Boren STEM K-8 2018**

**DIRECT GIVE**

**THANK YOU**

$40,594.94!!!!

**www.stemk8pta.org**

With matching gifts, reoccurring donations added in, and all the numbers totaled - we've hit our goal! Every time this happens I get a lump in my throat and feel a huge sigh of relief.

I feel really lucky to be at a school where families give what they can to support the learning being done and I really appreciate every single donation. The big ones because you are supporting other students besides your own, and the little ones because I know you gave what you could and it's a sacrifice you made for our students' education. Thank your neighbors, your families, your friends who gave into a community that needs the help to do big learning.

We have so many great things still to come this year. Community events, assemblies, projects, field trips - all already being planned. So many more minds to be blown! Tax letters will go out by the end of the month and then my energies will turn towards the auction coming up March 23. I hope you choose a way you can participate. And don't worry - you can ALWAYS donate to the PTA. We ALWAYS will take ANY donation. Time, treasure, or talent - it's all important.

THANK YOU!

Big love & woots,

Robin Graham - PTA Fundraising Chair

P.S. Also, let's just call it $40,595. I like nice even numbers. ;)

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**Thank you for your support!**
A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Thanks to those of you who were able to participate in the Owl Karaoke and Dance Party at Highland Park Improvement Center on Saturday night to support the 5th grade Islandwood trip next spring. Nothing like costumes and karaoke to build school community!

Conferences are approaching fast. The families of middle school students should have all received an email invitation to sign up for conference slots. Elementary families should be signed up as well. If you are not yet signed up for a parent teacher conference, please contact your teacher or the main office to make that connection.

I’m going to share a secret. If you’re like me and had too much to do the past three weeks and then suddenly realized this weekend it was November and you had intended to donate to the Direct Give, it’s not too late! The link to submit a donation online still works. Direct Give contributions support STEM learning experiences with books, additional tools and materials, Project Based Learning, staff training, and field experiences among other things. Any size donation is appreciated!

However, don’t take that same approach to voting. After Tuesday, Nov. 6 it’s too late to send your ballot in.

Every Vote Counts!

From: M.C. Nachtigal, ND, MSN, RN
mcnachtigal@seattleschools.org

We have had a last minute change of service provider for the flu shot clinic at school this Wednesday. Therefore we need to ask you to complete a different consent form.

If you already registered your child and filled out a consent form, you should have received a replacement paper copy last week through kid mail. You may complete that, or print out a new one from THIS LINK.

If you have not registered your child, but would like them to have a flu shot, please fill out the consent form at the same link and send it with your child. It would also be good to let me know in advance so I look for the consent form.

Thank you for your patience in this process. This is the first year we are offering flu shots during the school day on a widespread basis in Seattle, so we are working through the challenges together!
THANK YOU for coming in out of the rain to sing and play. Thank you volunteers, 5th grade parents, and teachers who made it out. Every kid needs the experience of camp - it's magically transformative and we know IslandWood will be for our kids too.

Thank you hostess Megan Miller Thorberg and committee owls Meg Brown, April Campbell, Cynthia Cripe Moon, Rebecca Garcia, and Robin Graham.

Not able to go but would still like to help send a kid to camp? Donate to our Direct Give Campaign - it's all the same pot. If we don't have enough funds in the IslandWood pot we go to the PTA and it's all for the kids who need it the most. $5 helps!

First Book Fair Committee Meeting – November 6

A Blizzard of Books is heading our way December 4 - 7, and we need volunteers! There are all kinds of ways to help out including planning, advertising, decorating and playing famous mouse detective Geronimo Stilton!

Please join us for the first Book Fair Committee meeting, 
When: Tuesday, November 6. 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Where: Uptown Espresso & Game Emporium,
3845 Delridge Way SW

Contact Book Fair Chairperson, Helen Green for more information westseattlegreens@gmail.com
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 later this month.

The First Rule of Punk by Celia Perez  (F &amp; P Level T, Reading Level 5.2, 670L)
Fish in a Tree by Linda Mullaly Hunt  (F &amp; P Level X, Reading Level 4.2, 550L)
Ghost by Jason Reynolds  (F &amp; P Level Z, Reading Level 4.6, 730L)
How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story by Tim Tingle – (F &amp; 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 &amp; P Level O, Reading Level 6.2, 810L)
The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney  (F &amp; P Level Y, Reading Level 5.3, 620L)
Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones  (F &amp; P Level N, Reading Level 5.3 - 6.3, 880L)
The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  (F &amp; P Level Z, Reading Level 3.9 – 4.1, 580L)

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]
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 Autumn Kinsman for a talk focusing on education and training on gender identities, how to be an ally of trans and non-binary students, and keeping STEM K-8 a safe zone.

All families and ages welcome!

If you have wondered how to answer your kids’ questions, why it’s OK to have these conversations with kids, 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 President 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
Autumn is the founder of Gender Family Alliance, which she started in 2016 to support and educate families and caregivers of transgender and non-binary children. Autumn is a parent of two children at STEM and one at Nova High School.
Attn: 8th Grade Families – Center School Open House

The Center School is having an open house on Thursday, November 15, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Armory Loft, 305 Harrison Street on the Seattle Center campus. Sign-in and refreshments begin at 6:00 pm.

The Center School is a small, arts-focused, arts-integrated public high school available to students from any neighborhood. While our class selections are not as numerous as those of larger schools, our curriculum provides depth and hands-on rigor, with a college prep track for each and every student. Our great science program includes AP Biology and AP Environmental Science. Our multi-faceted visual arts program includes AP Studio Art. We have wonderful programs in theater, creative writing/poetry, as well as film-making and photography. The Center School also has an exemplary social justice program. Our students excel in an award winning Model UN program. The Center School is a gem among Seattle Public High Schools!

We are a great choice for your graduating 8th graders who are artistically inclined and want intellectual rigor. The Center School is perfect for students who prefer a high school experience out of the mainstream that provides the structure and support needed for success. Talented students who might be uninspired by other schools really thrive here.

Being situated in the Armory, in the heart of Seattle Center, The Center School has many arts and cultural organizations as neighbors. We love to build partnerships and learning opportunities with these unique resources and our students benefit from this rich environment.

We want your students and their families to know about The Center School and what it offers that sets it apart from other high schools. Please contact us if you would like a student representative or two to speak to a student group at your school. We can also arrange for a parent to speak to a parent group. And we look forward to seeing you at our open house in the Armory Loft, (up the stairs from the food court), on Thursday, November 15 - sign-in and refreshments start at 6:00 pm, tour from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Thank you,
Roxanne Duniway
Proud parent at The Center School

Multicultural Night & Potluck

When: Wednesday, November 28. 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Where: STEM K-8

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.
Girls on the Run – Coaches Needed!

This March, Girls on the Run is coming to STEM! Girls on the Run is a 10-week enrichment program for 3rd-5th grade girls. Twice a week, girls meet for 90 minutes (30 minute lesson on leadership, confidence, etc. and 60 min of running). At the end, they complete a celebratory 5k.

We are looking for STEM parents, guardians or family members who would like to volunteer to coach (you don’t have to be a runner).

**It’s a really powerful program and so meaningful to see the girls grow in confidence and strength.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for a description of what coaching entails.

Please email PTA Enrichment Coordinator, Ashlee Lyman enrichment@stemk8pta.org if you would like to volunteer.

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Let Me Run – Coaches Needed!

Also coming to STEM this spring, Let Me Run – a wellness program for boys (grades to be determined). We are looking for STEM parents, guardians or family members who would like to volunteer to coach.

**Let Me Run is much more than a running program for boys.**

Trained coaches combine exercise with fun activities and lessons to help boys learn teamwork, build relationship skills, create friendships, grow emotionally, amplify their self-esteem, empower themselves and others, and live an active lifestyle. Let Me Run nurtures and celebrates every aspect of what it really means to be a boy, and they let them run.

After every season, family, friends, and teachers are astounded by the transformation each boy makes. Let Me Run boys leave the program with a sense of accomplishment, a deeper belief in self, and a greater appreciation for their peers.

Please email PTA Enrichment Coordinator, Ashlee Lyman enrichment@stemk8pta.org if you would like to volunteer.
In Y Preschool programs, your child will develop skills to build character values and self-esteem, and improve kindergarten readiness. We base our educational and guidance decisions for children on our knowledge of child development. Our number one goal is to provide the kind of environment and influence that encourage all children to become creative, independent and responsible students who can make positive choices for themselves.

**PROGRAM FEATURES**
- Half Day Program – 9:00am to 1:00pm
- A nurturing, safe place to learn, grow and thrive
- Experienced and professional teachers
- The Creative Curriculum® and TSG Assessment
- A focus on kindergarten readiness
- Organic snacks

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**QUESTIONS**
Call 206 252 8518 to schedule a tour or e-mail Danitra Hunter dhunter@seattlemca.org

**LOCATION**
Louis Boren STEM Preschool
5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle

WEST SEATTLE & FAUNTLEROY YMCA
4515 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126
P 206 935 6000 westseattlemca.org

Everyone is welcome. The YMCA of Greater Seattle strengthens communities in King and south Snohomish counties through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Financial assistance is available.
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 Schedule - Playoffs

The Ultimate playoff schedule is not yet posted. Coach Des will email families when it’s out. Also, look for updates on the STEM K-8 Ultimate Facebook Group.

Picture Retake Day – This Tuesday, November 6

If you received pictures of your student and you are not satisfied with them, you must return them on retake day in order to have your student’s picture retaken.

If your student was not at school on October 2 during Picture Day, then they will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on November 6.

Two Choices for Thursday Evening –

STEM PTA Meeting or SPS LGBTQ Families Dinner

PTA Meeting
When: Thursday, November 8. 6:30pm-8:00pm
Where: STEM Library
Please join us! Complimentary YMCA childcare provided by the PTA.

SPS LGBTQ Families Dinner
When: Thursday, November 8. 6:00pm-8:00pm
Where: Meany Middle School, 301 21st Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112
Cost: Free! Dinner Provided!
RSVP with your party count to: mailto:brham@seattleschools.org

Financial Review Committee – Members Needed

The STEM K-8 PTA is looking for additional members of the financial review committee. If you are interested in helping contact Margo at: treasurer@stemk8pta.org. It's a short-term time commitment that can work around your schedule.

Lost & Found

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.