A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Thanks to everyone who was able to join our Multicultural Night and Potluck last Wednesday. It was a great way for community members to build connections, learn about different beliefs and traditions, raise awareness, and commit ourselves to the equity and anti-racism work we are undertaking. And feel inspiration! Numerous STEM and Seattle community members came together to support a wide variety of activities, including speeches, poetry, breakdancing, Vovinam (Vietnamese Martial Art), chess, origami, beading, button making, community vendors and more, including of course eating great food. A huge thank you to the staff, families, and community members who donated time, expertise, and food!

There are several opportunities to stop by school during the busy period between Thanksgiving and Winter Break. The Book Fair Blizzard is happening on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week (see this Owl Post for times and details). You can also stop by the Book Fair Blizzard online! On Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory will be performed in the cafeteria (there will be a bake sale from 6:30pm-8:30pm too, in support of the 5th grade trip to Islandwood). There is a PTA meeting on December 13 at 6:30 pm. Finally, the Winter Solstice Music Festival, featuring the STEM Band and Choir, is December 20 at 6:00 pm. Choose an event and come join us!

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

All for Books Raises $250!

Thank you to everyone who rounded up spare change! While we didn’t beat our 2015 record of $560 we still raised a great amount! The money will go towards buying books for classroom libraries. But we didn’t just raise money for STEM kids – Scholastic will match the amount we collected by donating books to charities that help children in need.

Big thanks to our All for Books volunteers for collecting donations outside school: Kiki Elbel, Alicia Every, and Yusuf Mehter. And to Helen Green, Rich Green and PTA President Melinda Luke-White who spent most of Saturday morning counting all those coins by hand because the bank’s machine was broken. Actually, if we had beaten our record, they might still be there...
The STEM K-8 Giving Garland

In support of our student community that needs extra support during the holiday season (for groceries or gifts) we are collecting gift cards "in any amount to any place". This allows our families to decide how they can best support their family's personal needs, so cards for groceries, toys, clothing - anything is appreciated. Please mark the amount on the card and leave it unwrapped. Bring it to the school office by 12/14.

Anything STEM families donate will be shared with our friends at our local title one community school Sanislo Elementary, located just up the hill from STEM. So if we bring in $500 in gift cards we will give $250 to families at Sanislo. Many families at both schools need support, so please share this message outside of the STEM community. Gift cards can be mailed to: 5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106.

Counselor’s Corner - Holiday Resource Support

Here is a fantastic list of holiday resources for families in need. It includes free holiday dinners, events and gifts. It’s too big to include in the Owl Post so please CLICK HERE to read it on the PTA website, where you can also download it. I have hard copies available at school. The first few on the list don’t cover our area, but scroll down for resources for the Seattle area and all eligible families. The free holiday activities section is worth a look for everyone!

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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!
Sing Out Seattle Enrichment Program Presents:

When: Tuesday, December 4. 7:00pm.
Where: STEM K-8 Cafeteria

Enjoy a fun family night out on Tuesday, December 4. Browse the Book Fair Blizzard, grab a treat or two from the Bake Sale, then sit down to enjoy STEM students’ performance of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.

Bake Sale

When: Tuesday, December 4. 6:30pm-8:30pm
Where: STEM K-8 Hallway to Cafeteria

Bake Sale Volunteers Needed (especially 5th Grade)

5th grade families - please consider helping support 5th grade students and chaperones with Islandwood funding! Bring an item to the PTA office day before (Dec 3) / day of (Dec 4) or to the Bake Sale night of Dec 4. Then stay to help sell goodies to families visiting the Book Fair and watching the enrichment program’s amazing performance of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory! SIGN UP HERE

Winter Solstice Music Festival

When: Thursday, December 20. 6:00pm
Where: STEM Cafeteria

We are looking forward to a wonderful night of musical performances by STEM band and choir students.

Performers should arrive no later than 5:45pm. For those students who will not have transportation back to school at that time, there will be supervision here at STEM so that they can stay at school instead of “dashing” home and “dashing” back to school.

Middle School Band Students: This is a REQUIRED performance used as assessment. If your student will require an alternative assessment, please let me know ASAP, but no later than December 6.

For Middle School Band and Choir the appropriate “concert” dress is:

white shirt/blouse and black pants/slacks/skirt *or* all-black dress (full length or to the knee)

black dress shoes (no sneakers)

Please, no colors, patterns, or stripes.

If students don’t have concert dress at home, they or their parent/guardian can contact Jody Hapgood in the school office, jahapgood@seattleschools.org, for access to the PTA’s Uniform Closet. If your student will require an alternative assessment, please let me know ASAP, but no later than December 6.

Dr. Matt Okun
Boren STEM K-8
Instrumental Music
MTSS Interventionist
Dear STEM families, I am excited to announce STEM Enrichment Minis! These will be mini enrichment classes in between the regular enrichment sessions. They will be one day only. See dates and times below.

**HOW TO REGISTER**
*Registration*: December 3-7, 2018 (Registration for the minis will **NOT** be on 6crickets).
*Payment options*: Cash or Check

Turn in this form with your selection(s) and payment to the office between December 3rd and December 7th. **Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.**
*Registration will not be accepted early. Payment is due at time of registration.*

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<td><strong>ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS</strong>: G’day, Mate! Come interact with animals from the Australian Outback including a wallaby, sugar gliders, bearded dragons, snakes and more! <strong>15 students maximum.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MODE INTRO TO MUSIC</strong>: We will sing songs, explore instruments and have fun with music! All levels are welcome, but we encourage students with little to no experience to get them comfortable in a music setting. <strong>15 students maximum.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>FRIZZLED FRIDAY FUN – MAKERSPACE</strong>: Design, create and explore with clay, trinkets, and treasures w/ Schmick! <strong>20 students maximum</strong></td>
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<td>2:30-4:30pm</td>
<td>$10</td>
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<td><strong>BASKETBALL SKILLS AND DRILLS</strong>: Learn the basics of basketball with Coach A. We’ll have baskets of fun while learning basketball fundamentals. <strong>30 students maximum</strong></td>
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**Ashlee Lyman, Enrichment Coordinator**

enrichment@stemk8pta.org

**TOTAL:** $
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: wshsco2021@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!
Middle School Basketball

From: Tim Avery, STEM K-8 Athletic Director

A few times and dates have been determined for the upcoming basketball season.

- Boys team tryouts will be held Tuesday, December 4 from 3:45pm – 5:15pm and will continue on an as needed basis.

- The girls team will practice on Wednesdays and Fridays.

- The boys team will practice after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Specific practice times will be decided on after the citywide coaches meeting on December 3.

If your child still needs a physical (just because they participated in Ultimate does not mean their physical is current), there are physical request forms in the middle school hallway on the sports table. These can be returned to Anisha Noriega. Ms. Noriega will give them to the nurse at Denny Middle School who has requested that students who need a physical come to Denny after their form has been returned to her. Everyone is more than welcome to handle their physcials independently.

Thank you again for your support!

Please join the STEM K-8 PTA in congratulating 6th Grade math teacher Lauren Martin for earning her National Board Certified Teacher certification. It is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education!