Upcoming Events

January 15
Equity Team Meeting
All welcome!
3:45pm
STEM Library

Enrichment Registration Closes
6:00pm
6Crickets

Advocacy Committee Meeting
All welcome!
7:00pm
Uptown Espresso Delridge

January 21
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

January 22
Elementary School Tour
9:00am – 10:30am
STEM K-8

January 24
Elementary School Tour
9:00am – 10:30am
STEM K-8

Winter PBL Open House
6:30pm – 8:00pm
STEM K-8

January 25
Spirit Wear Day
Elementary School Tour
9:00am – 10:30am
STEM K-8

January 29
Elementary School Tour
9:00am – 10:30am
STEM K-8

Middle School Tour
10:15am – 11:45am
STEM K-8

January 30
Day Between Semesters
No School

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

We are quickly approaching our Winter PBL Open House on Thursday, January 24 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Here is the schedule below:

6:30pm-7:30pm Grades K - 3 classrooms open for visitors.
7:00pm-8:00pm Grades 4 - 8 classrooms open for visitors.

Families are invited to visit classrooms at all grades. We are using overlapping time slots for K-3 and 4-8 classrooms so staff can observe Project Based Learning (PBL) work in other grades, and also to allow staff whose children attend STEM (we have several!) to visit their children’s classrooms.

We started this year with PBL professional development for STEM staff. One goal emerging from that day was to share information with families about the process and characteristics of PBL. Thus the Winter PBL Open House will not emphasize final products or displays, but rather steps and traits of the PBL work students are engaged in. You can expect to see student projects in various stages of development across the grade levels you visit. The Winter PBL Open House is a good opportunity to look for signs of our PBL definition and characteristics:

Project Based learning is a methodology of teaching and learning in which students respond to real-world challenges, problems, controversies, scenarios, and simulations through a process of focused, student-influenced inquiry with the goal of:
1. Genuine student engagement
2. Mastery of academic learning outcomes
3. Development of 21st century competencies
4. Production of tangible outcomes

Good PBL has the following:
1. Academic Learning Outcomes
2. 21st Century Competencies
3. Tangible Outcomes: Products, performances, presentations and/or services
4. Focused Inquiry
5. Focusing Question(s)
6. Engaging Context
7. Student Voice and Choice
8. Drafting and Critique
9. Adult World Connections

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Auction Tickets on Sale NOW!

Saturday, March 23
5:30pm – 11:30pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy

CLICK HERE TO BUY!
Winter Enrichment Registration

Winter Enrichment registration continues until tomorrow (January 15) at 6pm! Email Enrichment Coordinator Ashlee Lyman if you have any questions enrichment@stemk8pta.org. We had such a huge response for Makerspace with the fabulous Ms. Schmick that she’s decided to open an after school session on Thursdays from 3:40pm-4:40pm!

REGISTER HERE on 6 Crickets

If you would prefer to pay by cash or check, please download a paper registration form.

Scholarships
Our intent is that all students have the ability to participate in our enrichment program. Scholarships are available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch or have extenuating circumstances (1 class per student).

To request a scholarship, please contact the Enrichment Coordinator at enrichment@stemk8pta.org

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Upcoming High School Tours/Open Houses

**THE CENTER SCHOOL**
January 17, Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
February 13, Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Free parking passes located outside Ms. Danielle’s office in High School folder.

**CLEVELAND STEM**
January 18, Friday, 9:00am – 11:30am  
February 2, Saturday, 9:00am – 11:30am  
February 7, Thursday, 9:00am – 11:30am

**RSVP HERE**

**NOVA**  
**Intro Meetings for 8th Graders**  
January 16, Wednesday, 8:45am – 11:45am  
January 29, Saturday, 8:45am – 11:45am  
Call Karen to register at (206) 252-3500  
Tour the school, round table discussion with students about what it's like to be a Nova student, choose a class to observe. Meet with Mark, Nova's Principal, to learn more about Nova.

**Family Tour** (no need to register)  
January 22, Tuesday, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Open House** (no need to register)  
January 24, Tuesday, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL**
January 15, Tuesday, 9:30am – 11:00am  
9:30-10:30 Theater: Learn about freshman year at WSHS and course offerings. Meet staff, including the Administration, Counselors, Academic Intervention Specialist, Athletic Director, and ASB Director, as well as our PTSA President.  
10:30-11:00 Student-led tours of the building.  
*Students must be accompanied by a parent in order to attend.

**SPS ADMISSIONS FAIR**
January 19, Saturday, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
The SPS Admissions Fair offers students and families information about option schools and other student support services.

Mercer International Middle School  
1600 S Columbian Way, Seattle, WA 98108

**SPS SCHOOL CHOICE DATES**
**February 4:** Open Enrollment Begins.  
**February 15:** Open Enrollment Ends

**LOTTERY FOR RAISBECK AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL**
The application window for the 2019-20 school year is January 1-31. If there are more applications than space at any particular grade level, Highline Public Schools will hold a lottery including all students with completed applications (the lottery will take place on March 1. Families will be notified immediately. Full results will be posted in March). Students not accepted in the lottery will be placed on a waitlist in the order they are chosen from the pool of remaining students.

*No open house/tour information available for Chief Sealth High School at this time.*
Volunteers needed to lead school tours! Email tours@stemk8pta.org. It’s a chance to show off your school!

Know any families interested in joining the STEM K-8 community? We are hosting school tours and open houses in January and February. These tours are open to any families of children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. We host separate elementary and middle school tours to address the specific questions and concerns of each group.

Current STEM K-8 Students are automatically assigned to STEM and do not need to re-enroll. This includes 5th graders (5th graders are automatically assigned to 6th grade at STEM). Enrollment is for new students. Unfortunately, STEM pre-school students are not automatically assigned to kindergarten at STEM. If you have a preschool student and you would like them to attend STEM, you need to apply for STEM through Open Enrollment.

Open Houses
No reservations are necessary to attend an Open House.

- Middle School Open House will take place on Thursday, January 31 from 6:00–7:00 pm
- Elementary Open House will take place on Thursday, February 7 from 6:00–7:00 pm

Elementary School Tours
For families of prospective elementary (K-5) students, tours are conducted from 9:00–10:30 am on the following dates:

- January 22
- January 25
- January 29
- February 1
- February 5

Reserve your spot on one of these tours.

Middle School Tours
For families of prospective middle school (6-8) students, tours are conducted from 10:15–11:45 am on the following dates:

- January 29
- February 1

Reserve your spot on one of these tours.
Why does STEM have an Auction?
The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA supports basics like classroom supplies, all school assemblies, library books, gym equipment, field trips and the “extras” like Project Based Learning supplies, scholarships for before & after school clubs, technology equipment, PTA community events like multicultural night, back to school bash, and Pi Day.

What IS the Auction?
The auction is our major fundraising event of the year. Our hope is that guests (adults 21+ only) feel inspired to donate at the event in support of the STEM community and we depend on the countless hours of volunteer time to pull the event off, and the community at large to donate thousands of dollars in items to the auction itself for us to auction off.

The auction is broken into two blocks: a silent auction; with silent auction tables, games and mingling, and live auction; with dinner and a live auction with classroom art and larger package / higher ticket items.

What will be different this year? SPRING FLING!
The live auction has classroom art pieces that volunteers, teachers, and students create to sell at the auction. This Spring we will have a second event at Boren called “Spring Fling” open to the entire school community (kids too!) where families have the option to see the pieces created and get replicas of the live art pieces. More details coming soon on this event once it takes shape.

Tickets – Paper tickets OR online!
Volunteers
We couldn’t pull this off without volunteers! Please contact Robin: auction@stemk8pta.org if you can't make it to an auction meeting and still want to volunteer!
Upcoming Auction Committee meetings are: 7-8 pm at Uptown Espresso – Delridge.
Jan 9, Jan 31, Feb 27, March 13, March 20

Dessert Dash
We need 25 donated desserts. Purchased desserts are welcome. Each dessert must serve 8-10. To donate a dessert, send an email to auction@stemk8pta.org.

Sponsorship Opportunities
Sponsorship is another great way to support the auction! Levels range from $250 to $2,500 and include a variety of great benefits. Contact auction@stemk8pta.org for information on becoming a sponsor or in-kind donor or sign up here.

Donations
Donate new items here.

Attire
Our auctions are themed! This year we are going best & worst of Seattle – coffee, mermaid, the sound, JP Patches, the gum wall, a mountain, Birkenstocks with socks, grunge, hipster, dresses or jeans – costumes welcome or “come as you are”.

After Party
Circa – post Auction. Because it will be raining after all and no one will want to go home yet anyway.

Questions?
Contact Robin: auction@stemk8pta.org

TICKETS ONLINE! RSVP DUE BY FEBRUARY 15!

Don’t want to buy Tickets online? Hard copy order forms will be sent home in kid mail or CLICK HERE to download a form.
Black Lives Matter at School Week

Black Lives Matter at School Week is coming up February 4-8. If you are interested in helping plan events for that week, there are two planning meetings you can attend: The school Equity Team is meeting January 15, 3:45pm in the STEM Library to discuss what we can do.

Some ideas are:

- Morning of the 4th (kick off) by handing out BLM stickers in the morning, banners in the front of the school
- Having a table with resources and books in the hallways
- Library book displays with relevant books
- Communicate with parents about wearing BLM t-shirts on certain days
- Classroom lesson plans

And the Advocacy Committee meeting is that night January 15, 7:00pm, at Uptown Espresso Delridge.

Running Coaches Needed!

We still need running coaches for both the girls and boys teams for the spring session of Girls on the Run (grades 3-5) and Let me Run (grades 4-6). Please e-mail enrichment@stemk8pta.org if you're interested! There are mandatory trainings for coaches coming up at the end of the month: Jan 27 (girls) and Jan 28 (boys).

Volunteering for Field Trips or in the Classroom?

If you are interested in volunteering at STEM for field trips, classroom help, etc. you MUST complete a Volunteer Application every year. You will need to have with you at the time your current driver’s license, proof of three years of residency in the State of Washington, and an email confirmation that you have watched the Adult Sexual Misconduct Video. If you have not lived in Washington for the past three years then you must order a National Background Check, which is $21.00.

Applications MUST be completed in full at a minimum of two days prior to the day of your volunteering, otherwise you will not be able to participate. If you have any questions please call me.

Thank you!

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