



March 25, 2019

Owl Post

The official weekly newsletter
of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

Upcoming Events

March 29

Spirit Wear Day

STEM K-8

April 8 - 12

Spring Break

No School

April 17

SPED@STEM Meeting

6:30pm – 7:30pm

STEM Library

April 18

Environmental Slam

More info in this Owl Post

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

April 18

PTA Meeting & Spring Art Event

6:30pm – 8:00pm

All welcome!

Complimentary YMCA childcare

provided by the PTA.

STEM Library & Cafeteria

April 26

Spirit Wear Day

STEM K-8

May 9

PTA Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm

STEM Library

May 27

Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

May 31

Spirit Wear Day

STEM K-8

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

I want to offer an enormous thank you to everyone who participated in or supported the Classic Seattle auction! Saturday night was an energizing celebration of the STEM community and school success. The resources raised make it possible to implement Project Based Learning and many other important aspects of our school vision. Special gratitude to Robin Graham for her auction leadership, Megan Thorberg for supporting so many amazing classroom art projects, and all the other volunteers who helped secure donations, produce projects, and host an astounding event. Your participation makes a difference! Thank you STEM Community for supporting our [STEM vision!](#)

Seattle Public Schools continues to move some phases of its hiring process earlier to complete with area school districts for staff. A great way to get involved in STEM is joining hiring committees! Choosing new staff are the most important decisions we make. STEM K-8 will start the annual multi-phase hiring process at the end of March. To participate on a Seattle school hiring committee you have to complete one hiring committee training (it's good for life). The next one is Tuesday, April 16 from 4-5pm at the John Stanford Center. Sign up by emailing date attending, full name, email address and contact phone number to SEA@WashingtonEA.org.

Seattle Public Schools multi-phase hiring process often means we conduct several rounds of interviews. We plan to interview for an additional middle school language arts teacher (our bubble of 5th graders is rising to increase our middle school population) on Monday, April 1st, from approximately 3:30-6:30pm. If you are interested in participating in a hiring committee let Cindy Baca or me know. In the coming weeks we will likely have additional interviews as we have some staff moving from Seattle and experiencing other life transitions.

Ben Ostrom

Principal

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

May 31

GGLOW Owls Family Dance
Party

5:30pm-7:30pm

STEM Playground

Check out the school calendar
[here](#).

The STEM Gazette – coming soon!

Exciting news! Some of our 7th/8th graders are starting a school newspaper called *The STEM Gazette*. It is brand new and they are still figuring out many of the logistics. [Danielle Blechert](#) has agreed to supervise but **she is wondering if there is another staff member interested/available to co-supervise with her? Or even be a sub when she is out? Any and all support would be appreciated.**

Additionally, do any staff or school community members have journalism experience they are willing to share? Danielle knows of a couple of folks (a parent, Kincl, connections from YES! Magazine) but more is always welcome and needed since she does not have extensive experience aside from a high school journalism class and a brief stint at YES! Magazine. Danielle's goal is to bring some folks in to act as consultants for the students.



Environmental Slam – For STEM Middle School Students

Do you know students who are passionate about an environmental issue and want to share their passion with a wider audience? The 2019 Environmental Slam might be just what they are looking for. Three individuals or teams will be awarded \$500 each to donate to the environmental cause of their choice.

The Washington Foundation for the Environment is looking for students who want to enter this year's Environmental Slam. The Slam will be held at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center in West Seattle on the evening of Thursday, April 18, 2019.

For more information, click here: <http://wffe.org/environmental-slam/>

If any students are interested in the slam contact Robin @ robingraham26@gmail.com & we will organize a team.



Design the Yearbook Cover!

Due by March 29th

Ask your teacher about the Design Competition
(they should've received an email)

- Needs to be about STEM
- Needs to be on a 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper
 - Needs to be colorful

Design a cover for the yearbook about what you think STEM
is about.

The Yearbook Committee will vote on them and we will
have the runner up in the book too.

Summer Jazz Prep Camp: [CLICK HERE](#) for camp web page



Parents & Guardians:

If you are searching for a fun summer camp opportunity (**with a FREE tuition option**) for your rising 4th-8th graders, please check out [Seattle JazzED](#), a Seattle non-profit music education organization with a commitment to cultural and economic diversity.

Learn to play an instrument this summer at Seattle JazzED!

*Summer Jazz Prep Camp - now enrolling
Thursday, June 27 - Wednesday, July 3, 2019
Open to rising 4th-8th graders
AM and PM Sessions
FREE tuition option, NEW South Seattle location*

At the Seattle JazzED Summer Jazz Prep camp **students will pick an instrument** (Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, or Upright Bass) begin reading music and learn to play songs in a beginning band. Every student will get a t-shirt and the use of a musical instrument while at camp.

- Students learn from a **professional, diverse teaching staff**.
- This camp has sliding scale tuition, with an easy FREE code that any family can elect to use, no questions asked. To apply the instant free code, **any family can enter the code WAIVER** on the registration check-out page.
- Families can **register online** or send the attached form back to us. (www.seattlejazzed.org/prep-camp)

Camp will be held at a **NEW south-end location**:

Rainier Prep School, 10211 12th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98168 ([map](#)).

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).

[STEM K-8 Facebook](#)



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[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



Middle School/K8 Soccer Schedule

Saturday, March 30

Varsity Boys

11:00am STEM v. Pathfinder
Memorial Stadium



Assistance League of Seattle Enrichment Scholarship Program

Are you interested in applying for a summer enrichment scholarship?

Applications through the [Assistance League of Seattle](#) are open now and **due on March 31st**. Last year they awarded 55 scholarships up to \$500 to middle and high school students attending Seattle Schools last year. These scholarships are used for summer enrichment programs such as overnight camps, music, science, art, and more. This year, they have \$25,000 to give out to students.

To download the application & for additional information on this organization, please [CLICK HERE](#). There will also be some printed applications in the front office by the visitor sign-in sheet.

