A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

With everything going on, don’t forget to register for the 2019 STEM Auction, Classic Seattle, at stemk8pta.org. This vital school event will happen at 5:00pm, March 23 at the Hall at Fauntleroy.

STEM starts off the week with our rescheduled National African American Parent Involvement Day on Monday, March 4. Events include an opening assembly, African American History Museum, storytelling, and Career Fair.

All families are invited to discuss the 2019-20 school budget at the general PTA meeting on Thursday, March 7 from 6:30-8:00. We are working on options to offset WA State and SPS budget shortfalls affecting librarians, counseling, and instrumental music.

Please note that on the north end of the Boren building that Juneau currently doesn’t have a temporary load zone. We are working with SDOT to create one to support day care pick up. However, with the current signage we are having safety concerns with tight lanes for cars. Please use the south end of the building to pick up.
National African American Parent Involvement Day

“Our ancestors dreamed us up and then bent reality to create us” —Walidah Imarisha
Middle School Dance

What better way to welcome the start of Spring than with a school dance? On March 21 from 5:30-7pm, all middle schoolers are welcome to the gym for our Spring dance! Hang out with friends, let loose, and have fun! This dance is free and open to all STEM middle schoolers.

**Please note:** If bringing guests from outside of Louisa Boren STEM, sponsoring student must fill out a guest permission form and return to school in advance. See Mr. Kincl for the form.

STEM’s Biking Program

Interested in STEM’s biking program? We’re “gearing up” for a couple fun events for our students this spring. We’re looking for a few people with ideas or a couple hours to spare to help plan and organize. No experience necessary! We’ll be having an optional planning meeting in April. Minimal time commitment and lots of fun! Please contact STEM parent Joe Laubach (josephlaubach@gmail.com) for more information or if you or if you have an idea to share. We have already won a grant that can be used to support any activities we plan. Thanks for your interest!
Safety Patrol Bake Sale

Please join the Safety Patrol on Friday, March 8 at their Bake Sale!

The bake sale will take place at the end of the school day.

PTA Communications Chair Position Vacancies

We still need 1-2 volunteers to support the remaining vacancies. Contact: president@stemk8ptaa.org to volunteer.

We need you!

Training & support is available both positions.

1. Webmaster for PTA Website
Time: Volunteer position / Varies. Approx. 3-5 hours per month.
Skills: Proficient in WordPress or willing to learn (3 hours of training).
Maintain PTA website. Keep it up-to-date. Post news posts and create pages and forms.

2. Webmaster for SPS STEM K-8 Website
Time: Volunteer position / Varies. Approx. 2-4 hours per month.
Maintain website. Keep it up-to-date. Post news posts and create pages. Volunteer needs to be approved by SPS.

PTA Advocates to Keep FT Librarian Position

The PTA is submitting a letter to the Seattle Public School Board and WSS Work Group this week to advocate for restoration of the .5 librarian position at STEM and all schools impacted in the district. The PTA Advocacy Committee hosted a table at the Afro-Indigenous Night, Wednesday, February 27 and gathered signatures in support of full-time access to our library with a full-time librarian at STEM.

In addition, there will be continued advocacy as we learn more about how our school will be impacted by the loss of the supplemental .5 FTE.
Girls on the Run!

STEM has a team! Registration is now open and the **deadline to sign up in on Tuesday, March 5!** It is open to any student who identifies as a girl in 3rd-6th grade. Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30pm-5:00pm starting this Tuesday for 10 weeks - ending with a 5K on May 17.

**Enroll your daughters in this super cool program! REGISTER HERE** (sliding scale fee).

*3-6 at STEM*

Girls on the Run is an afterschool program like no other! Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3 - 5 grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities.

The season ends with a noncompetitive 5K event.

**Why it Matters**

**IT'S FUN. IT'S EFFECTIVE.**

- Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than 40%*
- 97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions*

**Registration Opens: January 4, 2019**
**Program Starts: March 4, 2019**
**Program Location: YOUR school/organization!**
**Program Fee: Based on sliding scale**
**Financial Assistance is Available**
**Contact: Erin Gorup**
erin@girlsrn.org | 306-528-2118

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.GOTRPUGETSOUND.ORG
PI NIGHT!

PIZZA & GAMES

March 3/14 6-7:30pm
K-8 STEM

Bring a pie / cookie for the "pi" walk or a salad.
PTA will supply pizza & 36 new games for a family game night!

Suggested donation:
$5 a family
+ 6 new games to raffle off!
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.
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**

**STEM PTA Twitter**

**Principal Ostrom’s Twitter**

**Principal Ostrom’s Blog**

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### Middle School Basketball Schedule

**Saturday, March 9**

**Varsity Girls**
STEM – BYE Week

**Varsity Boys**
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**Junior Varsity Boys**
STEM C vs McClure C
11:00am Chief Sealth (Up)

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**Saturday, March 23**

5:30pm – 11:30pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy

**CLICK HERE TO BUY!**

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We are close to wrapping up Auction ticket sales, procurement, and classroom art projects!

Thank you so much for contributing in all the ways you have - with your time, your talent, with your attendance, by getting something for the baskets - this fundraiser supports 60% of the PTA budget and it truly takes the entire community to make it a success. THANK YOU!

If you still need a ticket - these are the last days!

**Tickets!**
[https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/2019auction](https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/2019auction)

**Sign up to volunteer here:**
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8ab29aa8-auction2](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8ab29aa8-auction2)

Volunteers are needed leading up to the event, day of, and during the auction.
Thank you for donating your time to the students at STEM.