



May 20, 2019

Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

May 27

Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

May 31

Spirit Wear Day

Pride Gear OK!

STEM K-8

May 31

GGLOW Owls Family Dance Party

5:30pm-7:30pm

STEM Playground

More information in this Owl Post

June 6

Spring Band/Choir Concert

6:00pm-8:00pm

Chief Sealth Auditorium

June 7

Enrichment Performance

Details TBD

June 12

Talent Show (5pm) & Juneteenth Celebration

June 13

PTA Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Night

6:00pm-6:30pm Volunteer Appreciation

6:30-8:00pm PTA Meeting
STEM Library

June 15

Playground Painting & Clean-Up Day

9:30AM-1:30PM

STEM Blacktop

More information in this Owl Post

June 20

Buddy Bench Community Celebration

5:00PM-5:45PM

STEM Play Area

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A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

This week STEM K-8 will send out a survey on the school uniform policy. Adding middle school grades has created a wider divergence in opinions about uniform expectations. STEM K-8 staff are committed to recognizing individual needs and creating a welcoming environment for all students. Students and adults are raising questions around the implications of uniforms for young adults wrestling with body image, identity, gender issues, race, culture, self-expression, and equitable implementation. After presentations by middle school students to the Building Leadership Team and PTA, we are gathering responses from the larger STEM family community. Look for an email via school messenger this week and please take a few minutes to fill out the survey.

Please take extra care and travel slowly when driving by the afternoon pick up line. Although we require all students to have an adult with them when crossing the parking lot, there are lots of children in that area!

This week's Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) update: Monday and Tuesday 3rd grade will take the Math SBA, and 6th grade will tackle the Language Arts SBA. Wednesdays are used for make-ups. On Thursday and Friday 7th and 8th grade will take the Language Arts SBA.

Please make sure your children arrive at school on time and rested, ready to do their best—we start assessments first thing in the morning. Remind your child that although the SBA is a significant assessment, it represents one small part of their overall performance. It's used along with many other indicators to evaluate progress and does not determine whether or not a student passes to the next grade! The SBA should be viewed as a worthy challenge. Students have an opportunity to practice test-taking skills and show some of what they know relative to national standards.

*Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8*

June 20

Spring PBL Night
6:00-7:00pm K-5
6:30-7:30pm Middle School
STEM Library

June 20

Spirit Wear Day
STEM K-8

June 25

All school field trip to Lincoln
Park

June 25

8th Grade Graduation
6:00-7:00pm (Students arrive
by 5:45pm)
STEM Gym

June 26

Field Day
STEM

June 27

Last Day of School!
2:25pm 1-hour early
dismissal

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

PBIS @ STEM – Call for Parent Involvement!

Hello STEM Community! The **PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports)- Community Committee** at STEM is looking for parents/guardians to join our team. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 4pm in Mr. Des's room. We cover a variety of topics including: how we use Hoot Outs at school, what our All in 4 STEM expectations are and how we teach them, implementing RULER, how we make the playground feel safer, and other topics that address school safety, inclusion, etc. We would really love and need parent/guardian input!

If you are interested in learning more or would like to join, please contact our school counselor

Danielle Blechert at
dblechert@seattleschools.org or
(206) 252-8509.



Volunteer(s) Needed for STEM Weekend Food Backpack Program 2019/2020!

Lead Volunteer would keep track of the Sign-Up Genius and make sure the slots are filling in a timely manner.

Each Friday we send as many as 45 bags of food (donated by the West Seattle Food Bank) home with students who rely on school breakfast and lunch during the week. There are TWO different types of sign ups below: 1 slot each Wednesday to pick up the food and deliver it to STEM. And 1 slot each week for assembling the food into bags for the weekend.

If you are able to take the lead on this, please contact Christa Howsmon at cjhowsmon@seattleschools.org

There are a few slots for pick up and assembly in June 2019, if you are able to help, use the Sign-Up Genius here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49a4a62ba6f94-weekend>



Louisa Boren Playground Painting and Clean-Up Day | June 15th

9:30AM-1:30PM

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Blacktop

We need your help! Because of a Small Sparks grant that was funded through City of Seattle, our school and community will be installing a buddy bench and cleaning up the school blacktop. Please join us for a blacktop painting and clean-up party on June 15th, from 9:30AM-1:30PM.

If you can't donate time but would still like to help, we are also in need of these supplies:

Painters' tape

Paint Brushes

Paint rags

Rollers

Roller covers

Roller extenders

Paint Trays

Snacks and drinks for volunteers

Please RSVP [HERE](#) if you can help!

Check out the event page [HERE](#)!

Buddy Bench Community Celebration |

June 20th

5:00PM-5:45PM

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Play Area

Our school was awarded a Small Sparks grant through the City of Seattle for the installation of a buddy bench and for painting the blacktop. Come by, sit on our buddy bench, and celebrate with community members the improvements of our outdoor space. There will be crafts, some summer treats, and new friends to be made. If you would like to help with organizing the community celebration, or setup, please contact Adrienne Ollerenshaw: amollerensha@seattleschools.org
Check out the event page [HERE](#)!





Read and Return! Read and Return! Read and Return!
Let's be responsible library users and return our ALL books this year!



Library Book Policies Reminder and End of Year Due Dates

STEM students are great readers! Let's get all library materials returned on time so that other students may enjoy them. If your family is doing some Spring cleaning, it is a great opportunity to look for overdue library books. Students may return library books these ways:

1. in the tubs on carts at their classroom on the day of their library visit each week,
2. any time the school is open in the green tub inside the library door.

Library Due Dates:

All library materials are officially due for students in two weeks. However, generally students return their books weekly on the day of their class visit. If students need books for research for a longer period of time, they just need to put a post it on the returned book that says renew and inform Mrs. B by putting it in the RENEW crate on their library cart so that the materials may be renewed.

READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! and then RETURN!

Library Fines: Thank you for being responsible library patrons returning items on time. Students and staff are not charged for late books. However, **patrons with overdue materials may not check out any additional items until the overdue materials are returned.**

Significantly overdue books will be converted to fines at which time the family may either pay the fine or replace the book with the exact title and binding. Unfortunately, there is no process for refunds of fines due to district financial policies which do not enable us to maintain a petty cash fund. READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! and RETURN!

End of Year Library Due Dates: All library materials must be returned by **9:00 am Friday, June 7th**. Then students may check out one book at a time until a final due date of Friday, June 14th. At that time, any outstanding books are converted to **fines which should be paid prior to end of the year activities** or as stated above the student may replace the book with the exact title and binding.

On **Tuesday, June 25th**, those students that haven't returned their materials or paid their fines will have a meeting at the start of their field day to come up with a plan for how to resolve their outstanding materials/fines.

READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! and then RETURN! READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! and RETURN!

Please talk with Mrs. B if you have any questions.

THANKS! mebannister@seattleschools.org 206 252-8476

GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party | May 31st 5:30-7:30pm

Thanks to those who purchased the new 2019 GGLOW OWLS t-shirt. The campaign has ended and shirts will be shipped soon. Two GGLOW OWLS designs are available on our school's Cafe Press account. GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party is also an opportunity to raise money for the purchase of more LGBTQIA books for our library and classrooms. If you purchased a t-shirt during our campaign, that was one way to contribute to our book fund! Other ways include bringing cash or checks the night of the party or choosing a book or two off this list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1586A2Z0MZG2A?ref_=lol_ov_le

If you'd like to find out more about volunteering at our party on 5/31, please email Shawna Murphy, GGLOW OWLS PTA Chair at southernstreetkids@yahoo.com

DANCE EAT PLAY



Friday – May 31st – 5:30-7:30

Fancy dance party attire, pride gear, or come as you are!

Allies, family...everyone welcome!!

Admission is free but bring cash for treats by Phorale & Full Tilt.



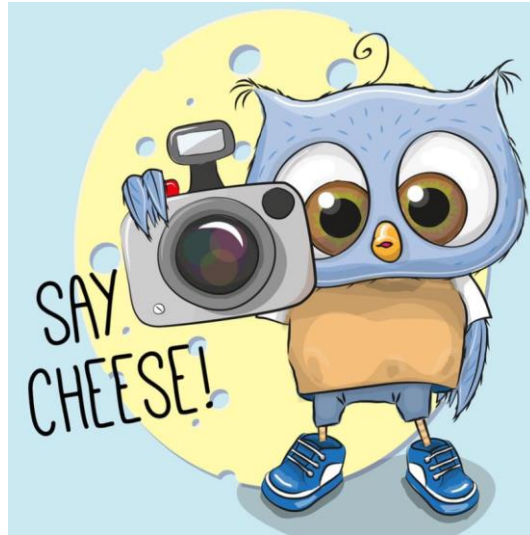
Accepting donations to help build STEM's GGLOW Owl LGBTQ+ Library!

Must accompany your owls. No drop offs.

Brought to you by the PTA Advocacy Committee

Volunteers Needed! | 8th Grade Graduation | June 25th

Looking for a volunteer photographer for 8th grade graduation ceremony June 25th 6-8pm-ish. Can you donate your talent? Only digital upload would be needed that we would then send to families. Thanks for considering! Please email Robin at robingraham26@gmail.com. In addition, if you are able to help on graduation day, please go here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8ab29aa8-8thgrade1>



LOUISA BOREN STEM K-8
CLASS OF 2019 CELEBRATION

CEREMONY & DESSERT RECEPTION



June 25, 2019

Students please arrive by 5:45pm

Ceremony 6:15pm

Dessert reception after ceremony

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](#)



Saturday, June 1

Varsity Boys Soccer – Playoffs on June 8th
Details TBD

JV Boys Soccer
Bye week

Varsity Girls Volleyball
9:30am Orca v. STEM
Location: STEM

JV Girls Volleyball
8:00am McClure 2 v. STEM
Location: STEM



Incoming K families can join the Facebook Group "Kindergarten Class - Incoming Fall 2019!"

A space to ask questions, set up play dates, meet new friends, and get ready for this next new adventure! Click [HERE](#) to join!

