A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

We made a few changes to the survey on our school uniform policy mentioned in last week’s Owl Post. It will come out via email on Monday. We will also collect responses from staff and 3rd-8th grade students over the next couple of weeks with similar surveys.

During the first week of June STEM staff will be making tentative class placements for next year. We don’t announce next fall’s class placements this year because we often need to make adjustments in August. Creating classes that are balanced by gender, academic skills, and social needs is complicated. Therefore, STEM K-8 does not accept teacher requests. We share families’ interests in making the best possible class placement for their child. If you have things that you want us to know about your child to help make the best placement possible (other than teacher request), you are welcome to submit it in writing or email to Cindy or me in the office.

Join us Friday from 5:30-7:30pm for our annual GGLOW Owl Dance Party and Celebration! Food and dessert trucks will take care of supper needs while you chill in the sun with friends and promote LGBTQ+ inclusivity at STEM K-8.

This week’s Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) update: On Tuesday 5th and 8th grades will be taking the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Wednesday will be used for make ups. On Thursday and Friday, 4th and 5th graders will be taking the Math 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 the SBA only 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. It’s an opportunity for students to demonstrate test-taking skills and show some of what they know relative to national standards.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
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 dnblechert@seattleschools.org or (206) 252-8509.

Volunteer(s) STILL 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
THIS FRIDAY!! | GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party | May 31st 5:30-7:30pm

This Friday, 5/31, is your chance to wear your PRIDE Spirit Wear to school and bring your family-no kid drop offs, to THE GGLOW OWLS FAMILY DANCE PARTY. This is our annual party to kick off Pride month and celebrate our LGBTQ+ students, families and staff. We'll have food trucks & dancing plus booths from Lambert House and Gender Family Alliance. If food trucks aren't your thing, feel free to bring a family picnic or your own take out. Bring your own cups/water bottles to fill for your thirsty kids!

Our event also raises money for new LGBTQ+ books for our classrooms and libraries. Cash, check or book donations are welcome. Use this link to check our wish list, https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/ls/ref=mw_dp_wl_v?&lid=1586A2Z0MZG2A&ty=wishlist

In need of some cool GGLOW OWLS gear? Now it's available year round through Cafe Press, https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear

And if you'd like to help out at the event, please contact PTA GGLOW OWLS Chair, Minnow's Mom, Shawna at southernstreetkids@yahoo.com
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 though 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](mailto:amollerensha@seattleschools.org)
Check out the event page [HERE](#)!
Congratulations to STEM’s Girls on the Run Team!

STEM’s first ever Girls on the Run (GOTR) team trained hard for ten weeks to prepare for a 5K race last Sunday. We are so proud of our girls for their dedication, perseverance, hard work and humor. In addition to running, they discussed important topics like peer pressure, positive self-talk and body image. Special shout-out to the student's running buddies who accompanied them during the 5K and community coaches for making this team happen! See y’all next year!
Celebrate the end of Bike Month! | June 6th | 3:40pm

To celebrate the end of bike month, STEM parents Doug Ollerenshaw and Joe Laubach will be leading an after-school ride to Dragonfly Pavilion Park (4111 26th Ave SW) on Thursday, June 6. The ride will leave from STEM 15 minutes after the end of school at 3:40 PM and will finish with ice cream and activities at the park.

Summer Programs Article

Please click HERE for a Seattle Times article that offers some helpful educational resources to help prevent the “Summer Slide”.
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 RECESSION
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

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Saturday, June 1

Varsity Boys Soccer – Playoffs on June 8th
Games start at 8am
Location: Memorial Stadium

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
Playoffs on June 8th

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!