



May 6, 2019



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

Upcoming Events

May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6, 7, 9

Talent Show Auditions

More details in Owl Post

May 8

Bike to School Day

More details in Owl Post

May 9

PTA Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm

STEM Library

May 10

BSU Bake Sale

3:20-3:40pm

Bus doors and outside main entrance

May 27

Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

May 31

Spirit Wear Day

Pride Gear OK to wear!

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

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Ramadan occurs May 5—June 4 this year. For families wishing to learn more about Ramadan, there is linked information at [ING-Educating for Cultural Literacy and Respect and many other sites](#). Students fasting at STEM during Ramadan may go Ms. Schmick's or Ms. Paulson's rooms during lunch.

5th Graders head out to Nature Bridge in Olympic National Park this week. They will return on Wednesday around 4:00pm.

Good news on the WA State's budget for next year: Full time librarians and .5 additional FTE staff were restored at K-8's! Our staff will be discussing how to utilize the resources that were freed up for next year.

I'm resharing information about the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). The week of May 13th STEM's 3rd 4th and 5th graders will begin taking the English/Language Arts SBA. Important reasons to consider the Smarter Balance Assessment a worthy challenge for students: A) SBA results help staff become aware of the strengths and needs of each child, and learn as a school where we have done well and areas that need more work. B) SBA results can help parents see where their child is on the pathway to proficiency for graduation and higher education. C) Seattle Public Schools is legally required to give the SBA and faces consequences if participation drops below 95%, and STEM K-8 also deals with state accountability measures for lower student scores that including opt outs.

Although the Smarter Balanced Assessment is important, it represents a small part of students' overall performance. SBA results do not determine whether or not students are ready for the next grade. Students should view the SBA as a worthy challenge rather than a worrisome barrier. It's an opportunity to develop test taking skills and show some of what students know relative to national standards.

Ben Ostrom

Principal

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

June 12
Talent Show (5pm) &
Juneteenth Celebration

June 13
PTA Meeting & Volunteer
Appreciation Night
6:00pm-8:00pm
STEM Library

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
8th Grade Graduation
6:00-7:00pm
STEM Gym

June 27
Last Day of School!
2:25pm 1-hour early
dismissal

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

Join the STEM Bike Train for Bike to School Day on
Wednesday, May 8th!!



BIKE & WALK To School

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 students, parents, and staff are invited to join a BIKE TRAIN this Wednesday. It's free and fun! Meet at Greg Davis Park (2600 SW Brandon St) between 8:00-8:15am and we'll bike to school together along a neighborhood greenway and the Longfellow Creek path. Bring a helmet, a bike lock, and your big smiles for this event.

While supplies last, students biking to school on May 8 will receive a fun prize! We'll also have some snacks to keep us fueled for the ride!

- You can bike to Greg Davis Park or drive and park. Everyone is welcome.
- Grade K-2 students – please have a parent or other adult join in the bike train with student.
- If parent or adult is not available but student wants to participate, please contact Marlo Laubach poppymuffin72@gmail.com and we can likely find another adult to pair student with.
- Grade 3-8 students – parents are welcome but not required if student is confident on a bike.
- Please note the bike train is only in the morning. Families should make their own plans for afternoon transportation.
- If there is more than a light drizzle on Wednesday, May 8, the RAIN DATE is Friday, May 10.
- Every student who bikes or walks to school on May 8 will be eligible for the prize. Students can join the bike train event or bike on their own with parental permission/supervision.
- This event is funded in part by a Mini Grant award from the City of Seattle, Seattle Department of Transportation.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-10

Please join us **this week** in celebrating our teachers & staff for teacher appreciation week!

There are a few more openings for volunteers. Sign up at the link below if you are able to help. The PTA will supply all paper products, utensils, coffee, drinks & juices.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA8AB29AA8-teacher2>

The PTA will gift all staff & teachers with a gift card, and anytime during the week is a great time to bring in a homemade card telling your teacher how much you appreciate them - from you and from the kids! Give your teacher a hug, tell your teacher a joke, or bring in an apple, flowers, or just a smile and your thanks! If you want to help or have questions contact Robin at: robingraham26@gmail.com.



Bake Sale brought to you by the BSU



The STEM BSU is happy to accept donated baked goods for our bake sale on Friday May 10. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to support a talent show and Juneteenth celebration. Baked goods can be dropped off in the office anytime Thursday or Friday morning. Please include an ingredient list. No NUTS.



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

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 LBGTQ+ Library!

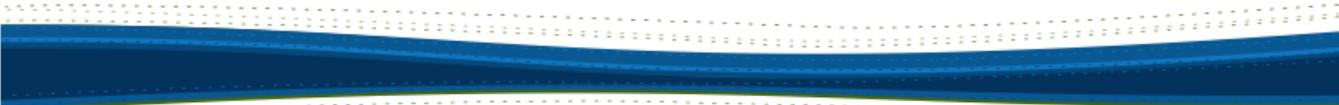
Must accompany your owls. No drop offs.

Brought to you by the PTA Advocacy Committee

Our Louisa Boren STEM K-8 GGLOW OWLS Name & pronoun t-shirt campaign ends May 9th! A big shout out to those of you who have already ordered. We need to sell about 20 more to make our print minimum. Don't miss out. Order yours today!

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/gglowowlsstemk82019>





SAVE THE DATE!
PTA MEETING
&
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
JUNE 13 6:00-8PM
(NOTE EARLIER TIME)
STEM LIBRARY
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Talent Show & Juneteenth Celebration | June 12th

A talent show and Juneteenth Celebration will take place on June 12th. The talent show portion will start at 5:00pm. Auditions will be held at the following times in Mr. Holland's room. Students may sign-up for auditions on the sheet located at Mr. Holland's door.

May 6, 7 & 9

Recess

Middle School: 12:00 – 12:20

4th grade: 12:20 – 12:40

May 9

Recess

5th grade: 12:20 - 12:40

May 9

Before School

K – 2: 8:30 - 8:50am

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, May 11

Varsity Boys Soccer
12:30pm TOPS v. STEM
Location: Eagle Staff

JV Boys Soccer
2:00pm STEM v. JAMS 2
Location: Jane Addams #2

Varsity Girls Volleyball
9:30am Hazel Wolf v. STEM
Location: STEM

JV Girls Volleyball
12:30pm Salmon Bay 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!

