Upcoming Events

June 11
Spring Sports Banquet

June 12
STEM Talent Show (5pm) & Juneteenth Celebration
More information in this Owl Post

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 14
Final day to return Library Books!
More information in this Owl Post

June 20
Buddy Bench Community Celebration
5:00PM-5:45PM
STEM Play Area
More information in this Owl Post

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

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Congrats to the STEM varsity volleyball team and coaches Heidi Paulson and Lauren Greenwood! After a great regular season they finished third in the SPS tournament over the weekend.

Jump on the June Train. We are kicking into full gear this week. On Tuesday, 6/11 from 4:00-5:30pm is the Spring Sports Celebration for Middle school families and students participating in spring sports. The Juneteenth Celebration and STEM talent show will be on Wednesday, 6/12 from 5:00-7:30pm. Finally (for this week) we are celebrating volunteers and hosting a Volunteer Appreciation (6:00-6:30) and year-end PTA meeting (6:30-8:00) from 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, 6/13. Then take some time off before Spring PBL night on Thursday 6/20 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Some other upcoming events for the last week of school:

6/25 9:00am-1:00pm Lincoln Park All-School Field Trip
6/25 6:00-7:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation
6/26 Field Day
6/27 2:25pm 1-hour early dismissal--Last day of school

We are finally done with the regularly scheduled Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) testing. This week we will be conducting make ups across all grade levels as we complete state testing for the year.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
PBIS @ STEM – Final 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49a4a62ba6f94-weekend)
**Calling all Special Education Families!** Are you a parent or guardian of a student at STEM K-8, participating in our special education services? Does your child have an IEP or 504? Do you have a child in our Distinct or Access classrooms? Does your child get pulled out of their general education classroom for services in the Resource Room? Please come to our last SPED @ STEM meeting Wednesday June 19th from 6:30-7:30 pm, in the STEM K-8 library. Principal Ostrom will attend the first half of the meeting to share proposed upcoming changes to how our special education programs are structured. After that we will open the floor to questions and discussion.

Often times our special education families can feel a lack of support find our school community. Many of us understand the unique struggles of raising a child who is differently wired and our SPED @ STEM Group offers a place for support, sharing and camaraderie.

Questions? Contact Rebecca Garcia ([rebecca_garcia@mac.com](mailto:rebecca_garcia@mac.com)) and/or Shawna Murphy ([southernstreetkids@yahoo.com](mailto:southernstreetkids@yahoo.com)).

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**Juneteenth Talent Show & Volunteers Needed! | Wednesday, June 12th @ STEM**

5-6pm Talent Show  
6-7:30pm Juneteenth Festivities  
- Buffalo Soldiers with museum, soldiers and horses  
- Mokojumbies (stilt walkers)  
- DJ  
- Detective Cookie Chess  
- Info tables  
- Vendors  
- Potluck  
6:30-7:30 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament

For the Talent Show/Juneteenth Celebration bring food to share.

If you can, please volunteer to help set-up, supervise, or clean-up on the link below:  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44AAA72EA5FE3-juneteenthtalent](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44AAA72EA5FE3-juneteenthtalent)
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 though 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](#)!
Celebrate the end of Bike Month! | Rescheduled to Thursday, June 13th @ 3:40pm

To celebrate the end of bike month, STEM parents Joe Laubach and Doug Ollerenshaw will be leading an after-school ride to Dragonfly Pavilion Park (4111 26th Ave SW) on Thursday, June 13. The ride will leave from STEM shortly after the 3:25pm bell time and will finish with ice cream and activities at the park.

✓ Please have a parent or other adult join in the bike ride with student.
✓ Please RSVP to Doug Ollerenshaw (d.ollerenshaw@gmail.com) to ensure that there's enough ice cream and snacks available (and be sure to mention any dietary restrictions.)
✓ This ride is one-way and ends at Dragonfly Pavilion Park. Students and parents should make their own return plans after the ride.
✓ This event is funded in part by a Mini Grant award from the City of Seattle, Seattle Department of Transportation.
The PTA Needs YOUR Help and Involvement for the 2019-2020 School Year!

We are in need of volunteers for the following PTA Executive Board Positions:

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

PTA Executive Team, Open Positions for 2019/2020 School Year

Duties of Officers

GENERAL

Per Washington State PTA

1. Upon assuming office, the officers shall be empowered to honor expenditures that have been provided for in the approved budget. All books, funds, and supplies belonging to the PTA/PTSA shall be relinquished to the new officers by the retiring officers immediately upon leaving office.

2. All financial matters and binding agreements shall require two (2) signatures; only elected officers shall have the authority to sign.

3. WSPTA requires two (2) signatures on every check. Use of a PTA debit card, credit card, ATM card and online banking to disburse PTA funds is not permitted.

4. In the event two (2) or more members of the same household hold offices in the same local unit or council, only one (1) shall co-sign financial matters.

5. An office shall be declared vacant if an officer is absent three (3) consecutive meetings, unless previously excused by the presiding officer.

VICE PRESIDENT- Open

2-year commitment, rolls up to President in year two.

The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve, and shall assist the president when called upon. In the case of a
vacancy in the office of president, the first vice president or vice presidents in their order shall temporarily assume the duties until the vacancy is filled.

1. Manage bank deposits and sign checks as needed
2. Serve as Chair of Enrichment Committee Chair/Program with executive oversight of program in close partnership with Enrichment Coordinator (process, calendar, update meetings)
3. Lead committees as needed, shared with President and committee chairs
4. Serve as member of newly established STEM legacy event committee - 8th grade graduation ceremony and reception (attend meetings, make recommendations in alignment with PTA budget and equity for school community; attend ceremony and assist with post-ceremony reception)
5. Play a role in at least one major fundraising initiative
6. Be onsite at school as needed for meetings and support at community events.
7. Rolls up to President after one year.
8. Is aware of required deadlines for payment of membership fees, insurance, annual corporation report, charitable solicitation act, pre-registration for workshops, applications for awards, and submittals for recommendations.
9. Communicates with Committee chairs as needed and makes sure they are given all necessary information for their positions.
10. Plans the meeting agenda with the President (as needed).
11. Attends meetings once a month with President and Principal to review calendar and upcoming events and school needs.

**Time Commitment: 3 – 10 hours per week**

**TREASURER – Rolls up from co-treasurer**

**Co-TREASURER – Open, 2-year commitment rolls up to Treasurer in year two**

The treasurer shall:

1. Serve as chair of the budget committee; present the budget to the membership; keep accurate records at all times; receive, issue receipts, and deposit promptly in an authorized account all monies and disburse same according to the approved yearly budget;
2. Present a written financial statement at each regular meeting and such other times as required by the president; provide all financial records if requested by the president or board of directors members; close the books on June 30 and submit the books and records for financial review;
3. Perform such other duties as may be provided for in the standing rules; and
4. Keep a record of membership service fees, transmitting same accompanied by membership lists bearing the names and addresses of members to the council treasurer. Units not affiliated with a council shall transmit same to the WSPTA Office. A duplicate membership list shall be provided to the local unit secretary.
5. File all taxes and tax documents
6. Co-treasurer supports this role, but has little active financial reporting. Stands in for treasurer as needed and learns the role within the exec team. Co-treasurer attends all exec team and board meetings.
Co-Treasurer time commitment – 1-2 hours per week

SECRETARY – Open – 1-year commitment

1. Keep accurate records of all meetings and send notes to the attendees of each meeting. Post PTA general meeting notes online and send meeting notes for exec and board meetings to team members.
2. Notify the president of any unfinished business from those meetings or follow up on items as noted at the meeting that required action.
3. Be responsible for correspondence as designated by the president;
4. Keep a complete roster of the membership of all standing and special committees; Report membership to the state PTA through PTA avenue
5. Maintain a complete roster of all members. Keep an email list that can be used to communicate with members about upcoming meetings and votes.
6. Secretary in 2015/16 served in communications role, can post to FB and creates Owl Post, this duty can be given to a dedicated Communications person, but secretary tends to have most of the info needed for the weekly newsletter. Takes 2-3 hours each week to compile and edit.
7. Responsible for all thank you letters/tax information sent out to donors after each fundraiser, must mail merge all donor names and send out letters in an expedient manner. Large donors should receive hand-written notes from the exec team.

Time commitment 5-8 hours per week
FREE & Cheap Summer Programs!

Seattle Times article on free summer programs/activities around the city
https://www.seattletimes.com/life/stop-the-summer-slide-here-are-the-seattle-tacoma-areas-best-free-educational-resources-for-children-this-summer/

Coyote Central
Studio
Coyote  https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CoyoteCentral#/selectSessions/2620515
Hit the Streets Application  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTS2019student

Jazz Ed
https://www.seattlejazzed.org/

YMCA- West Seattle
http://ykids.seattleymca.org/west-seattle-fauntleroy-ymca/summer-camps

Seattle Parks & Rec
https://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/camps

Skate like a Girl
https://www.skatelikeagirl.com/seattlecamp2019.html

Microsoft Free Summer Camps
https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/store/locations/events-for-students

Girls Rock Math
https://www.care.com/connect/girlsrockmath/?locations%5B%5D=45288

If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Danielle Blechert at dnblechert@seattleschools.org
Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)

The Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is extending the deadline to submit applications for the 2019-2021 session to June 17th! We are looking for exemplary students that are interested in learning more about the legislative process and are focused on finding ways to engage other students around the state.

Codified by the Washington State Legislature in 2005, the Council consists of 22 students ranging in age from 14 to 18 who serve as the official voice of Washington youth to the State Legislature. LYAC students develop a deep understanding of public policy issues and legislative strategy by personally lobbying legislators, testifying before the Legislature, organizing civic engagement events for peers throughout the state, and more. The program is fully youth-led with oversight from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Each year, 11 new students are selected for a 2 year commitment to serve on the Council, during which time they dive into the legislative process with mentors who advise them on effectively advocating for meaningful policy changes.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be from 14 to 18 years of age and be in 8th, 9th, or 10th grade. Applicants are also required to submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, mentor, or community leader.

For more information about the program, please visit the LYAC Website. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email ryan.jackson@ltgov.wa.gov or call the Lieutenant Governor’s office at (360) 786-7746.
READ & RETURN!

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
READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! and then 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.

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

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.

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!

Please talk with Mrs. B if you have any questions. Thanks!
mebannister@seattleschools.org | 206-252-8476
What is the Library Link?

Library Link is a partnership between The Seattle Public Library and Seattle Public Schools that allows students and teachers to access the Library’s online resources using their student or teacher ID numbers.

Library Link is available at all middle and high schools.

What can students to online?

- Download e-books and e-audio from Overdrive
- Stream music and videos, and read graphic novels online from Hoopla
- Access research databases, job resources, and test preparation
- Much more! Ask Us!

How can students access these resources?

With library card number students can log in to all online resources.

Student library card numbers are 990000 (four zeroes) followed by the 7-digit student ID number to create a 13-digit number. For example, if your student ID is 1234567, your Library card number is 9900001234567.

PINs are the student’s birth month and day. For example, if you were born on November 7th, your PIN is 1107.

Learn more at www.spl.org/librarylink
STEM Field Day is Coming! (June 26th)
Field Day at Lincoln Park is approaching soon and we need YOUR help! If you can attend and help that day, please sign up at the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8ab29aa8-2019

Summer Programs Article

Please click HERE for a Seattle Times article that offers some helpful educational resources to help prevent the “Summer Slide”.
Volunteers STILL Needed! | Class of 2019 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
Seattle Public Library Summer of Learning: Explore Your World!
https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/learning/summer-of-learning

**Summer of Learning for Early Learners**

![Image of children playing](image1)

Take the Summer Reading Challenge with your little ones and check out activities and tips for developing early learning skills and getting ready for kindergarten. The program runs from June 24 through Sept. 6.


**Summer of Learning for Kids**

![Image of children and mountain](image2)

We offer hundreds of free learning programs, a Summer Action Guide filled with fun games, puzzles and activities for summer, free book giveaways and more, all summer long! The program runs from June 24 through Sept. 6.


**Teen Book Bingo**

![Image of children playing](image3)

Every summer we play Teen Book Bingo! Download or pick up a Teen Book Bingo card at your local library. The program runs from June 15 through Sept. 8.

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).

Volunteer Application (this is the link to the application and all pertinent information)

STEM K-8 Facebook

STEM PTA Twitter

Principal Ostrom’s Twitter

Spring Sports

Varsity Boys Soccer
Congrats on 3rd place finish!

Varsity Girls Volleyball
Congrats on 3rd place finish!

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!