A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Those who were able to make it on Wednesday, 6/13 experienced a fabulous Juneteenth celebration, complete with talent show, basketball tournament, and Buffalo Soldiers (including horses)! Thanks also to parents who braved sore muscles to play middle school athletes in volleyball, soccer, and frisbee on Tuesday, 6/12. And Thursday, 6/13 we celebrated some amazing volunteers at the final PTA meeting of the year!

Our Spring PBL Open House is this Thursday, June 20th from 6:00-7:30pm. We will use an open house format with the schedule below:

6:00-7:00pm K-3 classrooms open for visitors
6:30-7:30pm 4th -8th grade classrooms open for visitors

Families are invited to visit classrooms at all grades. We use overlapping time slots for K-3 and 4th -8th to allow staff to observe Project Based Learning (PBL) work in other grades, and also to for staff whose children attend STEM to visit their children’s classrooms.

One goal of our PBL Open House is to share information with families about the process and characteristics of PBL. You may see student projects in various stages of development across the grade levels you visit. Look for signs of our PBL definition and characteristics:

What is PBL  Project Based learning is a methodology of teaching and learning in which students respond to real-world challenges, problems, controversies, scenarios, and simulations through a process of focused, student-influenced inquiry with the goal of:
1. Genuine student engagement
2. Mastery of academic learning outcomes
3. Development of 21st century competencies
4. Production of tangible outcomes

Good PBL has the following:
1. Academic Learning Outcomes
2. 21st Century Competencies
3. Tangible Outcomes: Products, performances, presentations and/or services
4. Focused Inquiry
5. Focusing Question(s)
6. Engaging Context
7. Student Voice and Choice
8. Drafting and Critique
9. Adult World Connections

Don’t forget to add these events to your calendars:
6/25 9:00am-1:00pm Lincoln Park All-School Field Trip
6/25 6:00-7:00pm 8th Grade Graduation
6/26 Field Day
6/27 2:25pm 1-hour early dismissal--Last day of school

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
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)

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**Wednesday, June 19th 6:30-7:30pm SPED @ STEM Meeting**

*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) and/or Shawna Murphy (southernstreetkids@yahoo.com).
DON'T MISS IT! | 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 Ollershaw: amollerensha@seattleschools.org Check out the event page HERE!
Thank you to everyone who joined the end of Bike Month ride last week!

After dismissal on Thursday, June 13th, STEM students pedaled from school to Dragonfly Pavilion in the Youngstown neighborhood. Several parents (and a teacher!) joined in the adventurous ride along the 26th Ave SW greenway and the Longfellow creek trail. The owl bikers were rewarded with ice cream at the completion of the ride. Thank you to all the students, staff, teachers, and parents who made STEM’s bike program so successful this spring!
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. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Melinda at president@stemk8pta.org

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-TREASUER – 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
Please see flyer below for information on Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge is for students who are transitioning from 8th to 9th grade and serves as a career exploration program and an opportunity to develop academic goals. The program focuses on low-income students who will be the first generation in their family to attend college, especially girls. We have run this program during the month of July for several years now and have found success in introducing our participants to STEM careers and college in general. This program runs every weekday from July 1-26, from 10am-3pm, and it’s completely free! We also provide breakfast, lunch, and bus passes for students.

8th graders and their families who might benefit from Summer Bridge can find the online application here: https://forms.gle/7S6fnt9mrJvYMUKA7 and a program video is here: https://youtu.be/0v4rjnAJlGg.
Attention Readers! Library Books are now OVERDUE!

Please return them as soon as possible! If they are truly lost or damaged, please pay the replacement cost. Thank you!

Please talk with Mrs. B if you have any questions. Thanks! mebannister@seattleschools.org | 206-252-8476
Amelia’s Aero Club
Rocketry Workshop

Participants will spend three days with us at The Museum of Flight learning all about rockets, what makes them work, and then building and launching their own. This is a great introduction to model rocketry, skill wise. No prior experience is needed. Open to girls who will be in 6th or 7th grade in fall 2019.

Day 1
Introduction
The Museum of Flight
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Day 2
Build
The Museum of Flight
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Day 3
Launch
The Museum of Flight
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Launch
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.*

*We will provide transportation from the Museum to our launch site and families will be able to pick their scholars up at the launch site by 4:30pm or at the Museum of Flight at 5pm.

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Spots will fill up quickly! Reserve your spot today at bit.ly/AmeliasRocketryWorkshop

AMELIA’S AERO CLUB
THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT Boeing Academy for STEM Learning
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 access 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
Summer Reading Suggestions
List Compiled by the Northeast Seattle Public School Librarians, 2019

Going into 3rd Grade
- Lola Levine* by Monica Brown
- Calpurnia Tate: Girl Vet* by Jacqueline Kelly
- Jedi Academy* by Jeffrey Brown & Jarrett Krosoczka
- Zoey and Sassafras* by Asia Citro
- King and Kayla* by Dori Butler
- Lucy and Andy Neanderthal* by Jeffrey Brown
- Isadora Moon* by Harriet Muncaster
- The Hen Who Sailed Around the World: A True Story by Guirec Soudee
- Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon
- Book of Bones: 10 Record Breaking Animals by Gabrielle Balkan
- Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol* by Andres Miedoso
- Animal Planet Adventures* by various authors
- I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies* by Lauren Tarshis
- National Geographic Kids Chapters: Dog Finds Lost Dolphins and More True Stories* by Elizabeth Carney

Going into 4th Grade
- Unicorn Rescue Society* by Adam Gidwitz
- Can I Touch Your Hair? by Irene Latham
- Two Truths and One Lie * by Ammi-Joan Paquette
- A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel by Madeleine L'Engle
- National Geographic Why? Over 1,111 Answers to Everything by Crispin Boyer
- My Weird School* by Dan Gutman
- Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech
- This is not a Werewolf Story by Sandra Evans
- Smile, Sisters, and Drama (graphic novels) by Raina Telgemeier
- You Choose Interactive History* from Capstone
- Upside Down Magic* by Sarah Mlynowski
- Power Forward* by Hena Khan

*Denotes a series
### Going into 5th Grade
- The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
- The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
- Top Secret Dares and Don'ts by Trudi Trueit
- Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- Shark Wars* by EJ Altsbacker
- The Summer of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon
- The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
- Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- Track* by Jason Reynolds
- The Creativity Project edited by Colby Sharp
- The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
- Endling by Katherine Applegate
- The Summer of a Thousand Pies by Margaret Dilloway
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- The Truth as Told by Mason Byrd by Leslie Connor
- Dragonwatch* by Brandon Mull
- 13 Story Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths
- The Tapper Twins* by Geoff Rodkey
- A Tale Dark and Grimm (trilogy) by Adam Gidwitz
- The Notebook of Doom* by Troy Cummings
- Who Would Win?* by Jerry Pallotta
- The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

### 2020 Young Reader's Choice Award Nominees
#### 4th – 6th grades
- The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Restart by Gordon Korman
- The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya
- The Pants Project by Cat Clarke
- The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell
- The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek by Linda Bailey
- Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

### 2020 Sasquatch Award Nominees
#### 4th – 6th grades
- Tumble & Blue by Cassie Beasly
- Bailey's Story by W. Bruce Cameron
- Forever or a Long, Long Time by Caela Carter
- Many Reflections of Miss Jane Deming by J. Anderson Coates
- The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Read Friends by Shannon Hale
- The Song From Somewhere Else by A. F. Harrold
- The Mighty Odds by Amy Ignatow
- Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls by Beth McMullan
- Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh
- The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

### 2020 OTTER Award Nominees
#### All Grades
- Two's a Crowd (Pug Pals #1) by Flora Ahn
- Mac Undercover (Mac B., Kid Spy #1) by Mac Barnett
- Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters (The Questioneers, book #1) by Andrea Beady
- Meet Yasmina by Saadia Faruqi
- Rabbit's Bad Habits (Rabbit & Bear, book 1) by Julian Gough
- Mr. Wolf's Class (Mr. Wolf's Class #1) by Aron Nels Steinke
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
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
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
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

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!

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.