A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

It turns out eventually even an infinitely endless school year winds down. Zeno’s paradoxes eventually succumb to experiential subjectivity! Families who were able to attend the Spring PBL Open House last Thursday had a chance to see interesting questions, research, writing, engineering, design, real world connections, revisions, and student choice across all of our grade levels. On display were force and motion experiments, animal adaptations, biomimicry designs, wetlands research, robotics, environmental engineering, boat design and much, much more.

For several weeks STEM K-8 staff and community have been examining the school uniform policy. Staff and families were surveyed, and we’ll get feedback from 3rd-8th grade students this week. Uniforms were discussed by the Building Leadership Team and at staff meetings. As noted previously, growing our middle school created more divergence of opinions about uniforms. Students and adults raised questions about the implications of uniforms for teenagers wrestling with equity issues, body image, identity, gender issues, race, culture, self-expression, and sometimes sensory needs. Benefits associated with the STEM’s adoption of uniforms—supporting an academic learning environment, equity, shared identity, and safety—are less clear across a broader grade range. The effects of uniform enforcement on student-staff relationships, creating a welcoming environment for all students, and supporting equitable outcomes are not always positive. Although family surveys supported our uniform policy, when discussed at the 6/13/19 general PTA meeting, evidence of negative outcomes and equity concerns changed the opinions of many attendees.

At the same time, the school board has also been reviewing SPS’ dress code policy. An Action Report introduced on 6/24/19 (yesterday) states “School dress codes have a long history in our society and are often over-reaching and biased against the female gender. With this policy, it was the hope to eliminate unnecessary notions regarding such things as clothing length and subjective views of appropriate school attire.” Under the new SPS dress code scheduled for an adoption vote July 10, the proposed Superintendent’s procedure (implementation guidelines) exempts schools with a uniform policy adopted with student and family feedback and a 2/3 staff vote. After much discussion, family input, and considering student feedback, STEM K-8 staff will vote on the school uniform policy this week. If a 2/3 majority are not in favor of continuing school uniforms, uniforms will be discontinued at STEM K-8. I will communicate the outcome of the vote to STEM K-8 families by June 28 so families can prepare for student attire for the coming school year.

We still have some end of year experiences to pack in:

6/25 9:00am-1:00pm Lincoln Park All-School Field Trip
6/25 6:00-7:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation
6/26 9:00-1:50 Field Day
6/27 2:25pm 1-hour early dismissal--Last day of school

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
It's almost time for the 8th graders to fly out of the STEM Owls’ nest and we are excited for this last week!

There are still a lot of open spots to help (especially with set up Tuesday, desserts & clean up). Please consider helping if you are available Tuesday during the day or evening and make this event special and easy for the 8th grade families.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8ab29aa8-8thgrade1

8th grade families, Monday morning there is an all 8th grader breakfast at 9:25am, and it’s open to families who are unable to attend the ceremony on Tuesday evening.

Tuesday evening the ceremony begins promptly at 6:15pm and students need to arrive by 5:45pm. Please come into school using the band room doors (your student will head to the gym/cafeteria hallway). Remember your camera. We expect the ceremony to last about an hour. We hope you stay for the dessert reception for and take some photos with friends at the Photo Booth. We want to take this opportunity to thank Live Oak Audio Visual who are donating equipment for the ceremony. Their support is VERY appreciated!

LOUISA BOREN STEM K-8
CLASS OF 2019 CELEBRATION

8TH GRADE BREAKFAST
&
STUDENT CEREMONY

Only for those unable to attend the evening ceremony, please join us for a casual breakfast & celebration with the 8th graders.

Please RSVP to: robingraham26@gmail.com

Monday, June 24 @9:25am
Wednesday, June 26th | STEM Field Day

Field Day at STEM is this week 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”.
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

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Ever wished you could march in the PRIDE parade? Well you can!!

Seattle Public Schools will be marching again and we would love to have you join us! **Sunday, June 30th, parade starts at 11am.** Find our big ol’ school bus in the staging area downtown along 4th Avenue between Seneca and University. Students, Staff, Families...all are welcome! It is pretty amazing to be able to march down the street and have thousands of people cheer for you just for being you. #seattleschoolspride #ourkidsneedustoshowup #yeswelcomestraightalliestoo #ourschoolboardandsuperintendentwillbethere #rockthatbus
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.

SUMMER 2019
MAKING CONNECTIONS

Have you ever wanted to fly a plane, learn the basics of coding, or go behind the scenes at companies like Google and Facebook? If you are a rising high school freshman, now is your chance! Come join our 2019 Summer Bridge Program for a summer of learning and fun!

Date: July 1st - 26th, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, M-F
Location: UW Seattle Campus, Women’s Center
Age: Rising HS Freshman
Breakfast, snacks and lunch provided!
Cost: Free!

To sign up and for more info, visit bit.ly/UW_SB
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

find your destination!  
museumofflight.org/aac
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
Going into 1st Grade
Yasmin* by Saadia Faruqi
Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins
Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny* by John Himmelman
Unlimited Squirrels by Mo Willems
Don't Throw it to Mo* by David Adler
Charlie and Mouse* by Laurel Snyder
Snail and Worm* by Tina Kugler
What We Wear: Dressing Up Around the World by Maya Ajmera, Elise Hofer Derstine, and Cynthia Po
Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan Higgins
Elephant and Piggy Like Reading: Harold and Hog
Pretend for Real by Dan Santat
A House That Once Was by Julie Fogliano
Islandborn by Junot Diaz
Do Not Lick This Book by Idan Ben-Barak & Julian Frost
The Pigeon Has to Go to School by Mo Willems

Going into 2nd Grade
Space Taxi* by Wendy Mass
Craftily Ever After* by Martha Maker
The Questioneers* by Andrea Beaty
Jasmine Toguchi* by Debbi Michiko Florence
Katie Woo* by Fran Manushkin
Inspector Flytrap* by Tom Angleberger
The Critter Club* by Callie Barkley
The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner
Dragon Masters* by Tracey West
The Yeti Files* by Kevin Sherry
Mia Mayhem* by Kara West
Eerie Elementary* by Jack Chambert
Drawn Together by Dan Santat
The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey
Fly Guy Presents* by Tedd Arnold

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 Altbacker
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 Buttle 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 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 Yasmín 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

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 Library 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
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!

And we’re already starting planning for the 2019-2020 School Year!

SAVE THE DATE!

B2SB8!
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 8!

September 6 | 5:30 pm | Lincoln Park

KEEP CALM AND JOIN THE PTA