A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

October marks the start of the STEM K-8 PTA’s Direct Give Campaign! Donations support exceptional learning experiences for STEM students, and are 100 percent tax deductible. The Direct Give provides hundreds of STEM books, additional technology, tools, construction materials, scientific instruments, software, professional development, and supports Project Based Learning. Funds provide staff with additional planning, training, and classroom resources. The 2019-20 Direct Give campaign starts today! Donations of any size are welcomed.

Thanks to all of you who were able to join staff for the K-5 Open House last week. This Thursday, October 3rd, from 6-7:30 is our Middle School Open House. With a number of classes for families to visit, the Middle School Open House schedule is tight. At 6:00 families head straight to Pathway classrooms without gathering in the cafeteria first. We suggest middle school families check with students to decide which Pathway classrooms to visit. Most students have three or four Pathway classes, and families will have the opportunity to visit two of them. At 6:30 families will rotate through core ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies classrooms. We will send out specific room #’s and times on Thursday via school messenger.

Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8
OCTOBER is Direct Give Month!

The first fundraiser of the year is our Direct Give October 1-31. State and local funding is terribly inadequate to support the vision of our school and provide the level of services, support, and materials we need for all of our students.

The PTA serves as the roots of STEM and funds many aspects of our unique school. We’ve invested in technology, art, literacy, engineering, Project Based Learning, playground equipment, scholarships, teacher training, field trips, and our community. The PTA is a vital supporter of the tools, materials, books, instruments, equipment, supplies, software, and training that support every student, family and staff member at Louisa Boren STEM K-8.

Our goal is $40,000. We’ve raised the goal again this year to reflect the increase in classes and teachers, and to support our community that increasingly struggles to make ends meet.

We chose Direct Give so that each and every dollar – every penny – you donate goes directly to the school. We don’t ask your student to sell anything and we don’t pay a company a percentage to run a fundraiser. Each donation is tax deductible and many employers will match donations, increasing your gift to our school and community.

We invite everyone in our community (including friends, neighbors and relatives) to give what they can today. Every dollar makes a difference. Each dollar is appreciated.

To Donate:

You can submit a payment online at: http://stemk8pta.org
There is an option for recurring payments.

Checks can be made out to: Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Return the donation form to the PTA mailbox at STEM or mail to:
STEM K-8 PTA, 5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106

Thank you for supporting Louisa Boren STEM K-8 and all the students & teachers in our community.

Your 2019-20 PTA Executive Board
From October 2018 – October 2019 here are some of the ways you have supported the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Community:

- $1 every month for a year pays for a scholarship for one student to attend “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” at Seattle Children’s Theatre.
- $3 a day for a year pays for the 4th grade Blake Island Salmon Bake and Potlatch field trip.
- $7 a day for a year pays for 7th and 8th graders to wear a safety apron / coverall during Career & Technical education classes.
- $8 a day for a year pays for Project LIT books - that increase access to culturally relevant books - like Solo, For Black Girls Like Me, and Patina.
- 12 payments of $13 buys the jump ropes, hula hoops, and balls for recess.
- $17 a month pays for pizza & supplies at Pi Night on 3.14 where we celebrate the nerd in all of us.
- $24 a month buys new books about anxiety including the graphic novel Guts for the Library.
- $100 buys soil, planters and seeds for a 2nd grade life sciences project.
- $120 purchases microscope slides for a Middle School Project Based Learning science experiment.
- $150 pays for an entire 1st grade class to work with a Lakeshore Learning Math Manipulatives Place Value Activity Kit, and $200 buys six Lakeshore Learning Building Math Skills Math & Wipe Boards for an entire class of 3rd graders.
- $200 pays for “Gender Universe” a community learning event on gender & identity.
- $750 pays for the Robotics Club to have support for the entire year.
- $88 a month for a year pays for TapRoot Theatre a K-5 & Middle School specific all-school assembly.
- $5 a day for the year pays for many of the Multi-cultural and Heritage events including the Juneteenth Celebration and Talent Show which featured the Buffalo Soldiers, Mokojumbies & DJ, and Black History Month Events which featured an opening day event, Afro-Indigenous Night with Polynesian Dancers, HELLA BLACK BOOKS & tostones demonstration and a Black Lives Matter Day of Action. Included in this line item was all-staff professional development on racial equity and an additional family donating $1000 would pay for a community event like Countering Whiteness which brought in two experts for a community learning workshop.
- $2,000 pays for scholarships for every single 5th grade student to have their (sometimes first and only experience) of overnight camp.
DIRECT GIVE CAMPAIGN
October 2019 - $40,000 Goal

Name: ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

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Email: ________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________

Donation Amount: $ ________________________________

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Return this donation form to the PTA mailbox at STEM or
mail to: 5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106. Check
with your employer about matching gifts. Thank you.

STEM K-8 PTA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.
Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. Tax ID #: 45-331340
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Presents Barnes & Noble Book Fair | Saturday, October 5\textsuperscript{th} (9AM-10PM with special events from 11AM-2PM)

Location: Barnes & Noble | 300 Andover Park W, Suite 200, Tukwila, WA

PLEASE NOTE: Our Voucher code is 12557443. When you check out at the store please indicate you are with STEM. Vouchers will be distributed at school and families can also get stickers at the store that day to show that purchases will benefit STEM. But you do not have to be there in person! The voucher code works online as well!
REMINDER: PICTURE DAY is tomorrow, October 1st!

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES - Oct 1
MAKE UP - Nov 5
CLASS PHOTOS - April 3

Pre order here (free gifts & discounts on pre orders):
https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000742706#login or classactportraits.com

Paper copies went home in kid mail. Extra paper copies in school office.

Also happening on October 1 – Vision screening & Important note from Mary about Flu Shots (Sept 24)

A few volunteers are needed to assist the school nurse with vision screening, which will take place the same day as school pictures, Tuesday, October 1. While the students wait in line for pictures, parent volunteers will check vision using a SpotScreener device and record results. Here is the link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA8AD28A2FD0-vision

STEM school flu shot day was last Tuesday, September 24. If you returned the flu shot form for your child, please check in with them to make sure they in fact got the shot. In a small number of cases, the form did not make it out of the folder/backpack, or make its way to the school nurse so the student could be included on the shot schedule. If you are not confident of their answer, I can confirm all the students who received shots at school (mcnachtigal@seattleschools.org). If they did NOT get one, there are still several after-school shot clinics at other schools, or pharmacies and clinics can provide them.

M.C. Nachtigal, RN
School Nurse
mcnachtigal@seattleschools.org
PTA & SPED MEETINGS

October 10th
SPED 6-6:30 / PTA 6:30-8
Louisa Boren Library
Childcare Provided by YMCA

AN EVENING OF LEARNING WITH SCHUYLER BAILAR & GUESTS
Meet the first transgender athlete to compete in any sport on a NCAA Division 1 men’s team

11.14.19
6:30-8:30 STEM Cafeteria
following STEM PTA meeting 6-6:30

Brought to you by STEM K-8 PTA GLOW OWLS for Trans Visibility Month

Learn more about Schuyler at: https://pinkmantaray.com
Hello, my name is Shawna Murphy and I have a fourth grade student here and a high school student who was part of our first graduating class of eighth graders. This is my fifth year serving on the PTA Board. I served 3 years as Advocacy Committee Chair. Last year I continued my GGLOW OWLS work and this year we made it official by adding a new Chair, LGBTQ+. For those new to our community, GGLOW OWLS stands for Gender non conforming/Genderqueer, Gay, Lesbian or whatever. GGLOW OWLS started as a project to get more LGBTQ+ books into our classrooms and libraries. GGLOW OWLS hosts an annual family dance party to kick off Pride Month as a way to celebrate our LGBTQ+ students, staff and families, and to promote visibility and create a safe environment here at our school. We also host a Trans Visibility Awareness event for families in November. This year we are excited to bring Schuyler Bailar on 11/14 for daytime assemblies and a family event in the evening. If you would like to get involved with these events, please email me southernstreetkids@yahoo.com I would be delighted to coach one of you to take over this chair for the 2020/21 school year and beyond. Please contact me to find out more. 🦃

Mx Shawna Murphy
She/Her/Hers
206 696 4665
A friendly reminder that ALL volunteers in any capacity must be cleared through Jody Hapgood in the office. The Volunteer Application is available online through the SPS main website listed below.

https://www.seattleschools.org/families_communities/volunteer/getting_started_as_a_school_volunteer

If you have any questions, please contact Jody at jahapgood@seattleschools.org

Our former “Uniform Closet” needs some help!

Our uniform closet is full of bags of clothing that need to be organized so clothing can be easily accessed by staff to find clothing for students who need it. Anyone out there willing to take an hour or two and go through the clothing and organize it by size?

If you can help, please contact our school nurse, Mary at:

M.C. Nachtigal, ND, MPH, ARNP, RN
Pronouns: she/her/hers
Phone: 206-252-8457
mcnachtigal@seattleschools.org
Are you interested in being a Girls on the Run (GOTR) Coach this Spring?

READY...SET...COACH!

Empower Girls
Find out more at www.girlsrun.org

Girls on the Run empowers girls to reach their full potential. Through an intentional curriculum led by volunteer coaches, our girls learn about self-esteem, healthy relationships, and contributing to their community! Coaches lead practices twice a week for ten weeks and receive a full training before the season begins. Coach applications due January 17th, 2020.

FAQ’s

When is the program and how long are practices?
The Girls on the Run season runs from March to May. The girls practice twice a week for an hour and a half at schools across King County. As a coach, this means between 5-6 hours per week, including prep time, practice time, and time for communication with families and GOTR staff.

Do coaches have to be runners?
Not a runner? Not a problem! Girls on the run is for anyone looking to inspire our girls to be healthier, more confident, and empowered! This is much more than a running program.

Find out more at: www.girlsrun.org or by emailing info@girlsrun.org
The Louisa Boren STEM K-8 fall bike ride was a success! Six students and several parents pedaled from school to a park/playground on Delridge. The kids were rewarded with snacks and treats after the adventure. Keep on biking owls – we’ll plan a couple fun activities in the spring!
Another after school opportunity: The Lindbergh Electric Aircraft (LEAF) STEM Challenge! See below for more details.

https://form.jotform.com/museumofflight/LEAFregistration2019
For more information, please contact Stacy Harbour-Van Hoy
sharbour-vanhoy@museumofflight.org
(206) 764-5864

Join Amelia’s Aero Club for a season of LEAF!

The Lindbergh Electric Aircraft (LEAF) STEM Challenge is an aviation-focused engineering design challenge. We will work in small teams to design, build and fly an electric model aircraft that is able (hopefully) to successfully carry cargo on a tethered flight. This is very much a hands-on activity!

We’ll meet on Wednesdays after school in Mr. Parsley’s room from dismissal to 4:30 p.m., starting October 9 and continuing to competition, Thursday, December 5 (no meeting 11/27). On the evening of the 5th, we’ll bring our aircraft to a competition at the Museum of Flight. We ask that participants commit to attending 6 of 8 meetings to find success in the experience.

This program is supported by Amelia’s Aero Club, an educational initiative of The Museum of Flight designed to inspire and nurture middle school girls in the exploration of STEA2M: Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation, Art & Mathematics.

To stay true to the mission, those who identify as girls and non-binary are first priority for this experience, and other interested students may participate; please contact Stacy Harbour-Van Hoy at the Museum of Flight to express that interest.

sharbour-vanhoy@museumofflight.org
(206) 764-5864
“Write YOUR Story” workshop enrolling NOW!

WHAT: Free story writing workshops for children ages 8-12

WHERE: Curious Kidstuff Toy Store, 4740 California Ave SW, in the West Seattle Junction area

WHEN: 3:15pm to 4:15pm, every Wednesday from September 25 to December 18 (no class Nov. 13)

PRICE: $0.00 free. In return for this unique opportunity, participants are expected to attend every class.

WHO: Taught for kids ages 8-12, by West Seattle residents Julia Douthwaite Viglione, PhD (“Ms. Julia”), and Greg Estes (“Mr. Greg”)

NEW THIS FALL: We will compose stories on manual typewriters from the collection of Mr. Greg Estes! Join kids from local schools as we read and rewrite a classic children’s story. In the second half, children write their own stories and a great party is had at the end!

Space limited! To enroll, contact Ms. Julia at: juliawsea@gmail.com or text (574) 400-9362.

Write YOUR Story: We Read. We Write. And we have a lot of fun.

http://jdouthwa.wixsite.com/writeyourstory1
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; you must fill this out each year to volunteer in classrooms, chaperone field trips, etc)

**STEM K-8 Facebook**

**STEM PTA Twitter**

**Principal Ostrom’s Twitter**

**Principal Ostrom’s Blog**

You can purchase LGBTQ+ & BLM STEM K-8 Spirit Wear through our Cafe Press ship, [https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear](https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear)

To join the STEM K8 PTA, please visit MemberPlanet using this link:

[https://mp.gg/lb6jk](https://mp.gg/lb6jk)

Attention First Grade Families!

We will be meeting at 6pm at HPIC’s Corner Bar on Friday, October 4th. Free admission and all ages welcome. More details to come via room parents/kid mail.