A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

I hope you all found some time with the long week to relax and also have some experiences that brought you gratitude. There are many experiences for which I am grateful at STEM: Our work in education is creative and meaningful. Educators at STEM K-8 to serve their community and also to build a more equitable, sustainable future that embraces teaching as creative activism. STEM students and families are partners in learning providing support, inspiration, purpose, and challenges.

Everyone is invited to join us in a multicultural literacy night in the library, gym, and cafeteria on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be a performance by the Native Youth Theatre group Red Eagle Soaring and many other activities. There will be story times in multiple languages, the Delridge Children’s Librarian, Slam Poetry from Ms. Paulson’s students, a book swap, snacks, a bookmark station, and more. Stick your head in and see what’s happening.

Please pay attention to WA State’s updated vaccination law. On January 8, students who are not compliant with immunization requirements will be excluded from school. We want your child to be in school on January 8. The main immunization missing for students is the Tdap, required for 6th grade entry. It must be given after age 11. If it is given earlier, it must be repeated after age 11 to count for school attendance. Tdap shots can be taken care of at any pharmacy. Call your insurance first to make sure of coverage, and bring your 5th-8th graders who haven’t yet had their age-11 Tdap in for the shot! If you are missing other immunizations, you have been contacted. Make a plan for your child to get vaccinated and provide the school nurse with your updated records as soon as possible.

Your child must be fully vaccinated, in process of getting vaccinated, or have a lab report that shows your child is immune to the disease and does not need to be vaccinated. If you choose not to have your child vaccinated due to a religious, personal or medical reason, you must turn in a Certificate of Exemption form that is signed by you and a health care provider. For more information, click on student_vaccination_requirements or contact your school nurse M.C. Nachtigal, 206-252-8457, mcnachtigal@seattleschools.org.

Sincerely,

Ben Ostrom, Principal
STEM K-8
Multicultural Literacy Night
Thursday, December 5th 6-8pm

Noche de Cuentos Multiculturales
Jueves, 5 de diciembre, de 6-8 de la noche

Đêm Liên Hoạn Da Văn Hóa
thứ Năm, ngày 5 tháng 12, 6-8 giờ đêm
Multicultural Literacy Night
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Performance by Red Eagle Soaring
Actuación por Red Eagle Soaring
Biểu diễn của đội Red Eagle Soaring

Slam Poetry by STEM middle school students
Recitales de poesía por estudiantes de STEM
Học sinh trung học STEM trình bày thơ

Guests from Seattle Public Library and the Braille and Talking Book Library
Invitados de la Biblioteca Pública de Seattle y de la Biblioteca de Braille y Audiolibros
Đại diện từ Thư viện Công cộng Seattle và Thư Viện Chủ nói Braille & Sách nói

Activity stations to decorate bookmarks and draw comics
Estaciones de actividades para decorar marcadores y dibujar historietas
Bàn thủ công để trang trí vật đánh dấu trang và vẽ truyện tranh

Book Swap: bring a book, take a book
(If you can’t bring a book, you can still leave with a book!)
Intercambio de Libros: traiga un libro, tome un libro
(iSi no puedes traer un libro, todavía puedes llevarte un libro!)
Trao đổi sách: mang một cuốn sách, lấy một cuốn sách
(Nếu bạn không thể mang theo một cuốn sách, bạn vẫn có thể lấy một cuốn sách!)

Popcorn and snacks
Palomitos y aperitivos
B老鼠 và đồ ăn nhẹ

Prizes from local bookstores
Premios de librerías locales
Giải thưởng từ các cửa hàng sách địa phương
Don't miss STEM’s Trans Visibility Board in the hallway by the main office! Stop by and take a look....
Become a Committee Member for Louisa Boren’s Friends of the Playground!

Our school and community are in need of safe and accessible play spaces for children. Please consider joining the Friends of the Playground committee for our first meeting, at Ounces, as we begin to come up with solutions to this problem. We will be discussing ideas for fundraising, increasing community and school participation in the process, and learning about the timelines and requirements of adding additional play structures to our blacktop. Gretchen Dedecker, the self-help coordinator will be there to provide information about successful projects and answer questions.

Friends of the Playground Committee Meeting
**Tuesday, December 3rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm**
Ounces: 3809 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, 98106

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT from the Front Office:

Health Services and your school nurse are trying hard to get all immunization documents in place so no students have to be excluded starting January 8. The main immunization missing for many students is the Tdap shot, required for 6th grade entry. It must be given AFTER age 11. If it is given earlier, it must be repeated after age 11 to count for school attendance. It turns out it's really easy to get this one taken care of by going to any pharmacy. 5th grader Wyatt (who is also Nurse M.C.'s son) got his Tdap shot last Friday at the Care Clinic at Bartell Drugs, and it was covered by Kaiser insurance. Call your insurance first to make sure of coverage, but get your 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who haven't yet had their age-11 Tdap in for the shot! Records should be automatically uploaded to the WA state database, but if you're not sure, just send a scan of your paperwork to Nurse M.C. at mcnachtigal@seattleschools.org. If you are missing other immunizations, you have been contacted. PLEASE ask any questions and get the documents in before exclusions start.

Thanks,
Nurse M.C.
“Make It & Take It” One-day Enrichment Classes! Don’t miss out! Last day to sign up is TODAY!

Join the amazing Ms. Schmick for these one-day Make It & Take It MakerSpaces. Your engineers will craft amazing creations to bring home. Parent volunteers needed! Get priority registration and a free class for volunteering. Contact enrichment@stemk8pta.org for more information.

Register Nov 20 – Dec 2 at www.6crickets.com

Dec. 10th
7:45 - 8:45AM
MakerSpace - Animals, Ornaments, and More
Schmick will bring craft supplies and tools to make funky animals, ornaments to hang, and Do-Hickies galore! Join us this morning for a ONE HOUR workshops and see how many items you can make!
3:40 - 5:00PM
MakerSpace Gingerbread Houses
Create a Gingerbread House WITHOUT ginger or bread!! Schmick will provide a plethora of materials to design a house of your young maker's dreams!

Dec. 11th
7:45 - 8:45AM
MakerSpace - Sign Making using Vinyl and Cricuts
We’re bringing in the vinyl cutters so STEM designers will be able to make sticker, signs, and sayings! Join the FUN and make some presents!
2:30-5:30PM
Join Schmick as we combine beads, string, yarn, and weaving to our list of Gingerbread House making, ornament creating, and gift producing activities.

Dec. 12th
7:45 - 8:45AM
MakerSpace - That's a WRAP
In this ONE HOUR workshop you will make small gifts for your friends and family. Then wrap them up....NO you won’t wrap you friends and family UP! You’ll wrap your gifts up!
3:40 - 5:00PM
MakerSpace - House Hunters BEWARE
Designing, creating, building but NOT EATING your house is what this workshop is all about! In addition to many of the usual supplies, Schmick found some goofy objects to stuff, glue, and BLING out! Join the fun!!

Dec. 17th
7:45 - 8:45AM
MakerSpace - Dashing thru the Do-Hickies
Dashing thru the Do-Hickies in a One Room MakerSpace
Oh WHAT fun it is to MAKE when you select what to take!!! Good Morning Makers! Bring a song to SING and Schmick will have BLING to STRING!!!!
3:40 - 5:00PM
MakerSpace - It’s Raining, It’s Pouring MakerSpace is NEVER Boring
Bring your Making Spirit and spend 90 mins crafting and creating what's in your heart!

Dec. 18th
2:30 - 5:00PM | MakerSpace - CLOSE OUT Special
Schmick will be cleaning out the tubs and ONE corner of her office! Come join in on the FINAL Make It Take It of 2019!!
Fred Meyer Rewards is up and running! Please use code: AU705

Go to this website, search for the school and enter our code:
https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/

Dear Louisa Boren STEM PTA 6.15.183,

Congratulations on your enrollment into the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Your participants may begin enrolling upon receipt of this email.

You have been assigned a new NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number AU705. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

To Use the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program:
Simply encourage your participants to visit https://www.fredmeyer.com. Once logged into their Fred Meyer account they can search for Louisa Boren STEM PTA 6.15.183 either by name or AU705 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Fred Meyer rewards card account to link to your organization.
*If a member does not yet have a Fred Meyer rewards card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any Fred Meyer

REMEMBER: purchases will not count for your organization until after your participants register their rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Fred Meyer rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Fred Meyer rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you!
Fred Meyer Community Rewards Department
Dear Families,

Seattle Schools’ Health Education Office and local Seattle photographer Nate Gowdy are joining forces to create a beautiful photo exhibit and “coffee table book” highlighting our amazing LGBTQ+ students and their families in Seattle Public Schools.

The purpose of the “Our Students, Their Stories” Project is to showcase the strength, resilience, and unapologetic pride of our amazing LGBTQ+ young people. The photo book and exhibit will be used as educational tools for staff training, classroom education, community engagement, parent education, and to celebrate our students’ individual journeys today and will also act as a touchstone for future generations.

Join us for an informational meeting on **Wednesday, Dec 4th from 6-8 pm** to learn more about this wonderful project and how you can participate. Meeting will be held at Nate Gowdy’s photography studio at Inscape Arts and Cultural Center, 815 Seattle Blvd S. Seattle, WA 98134. Pizza dinner will be provided and your whole family is welcome!

If you would like to attend the informational meeting, please **fill out this online form to RSVP and share your contact information.** (This information is secure and confidential. This can only be viewed by Lisa Love, Manager of Health Education.) If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Lisa Love at llove@seattleschools.org

**Please share this email with other Seattle Schools families!**

Thank you!

Lisa Love (pronouns: she/her)
Seattle Public Schools
Manager, Health Education
lllove@seattleschools.org
206-252-0982
HELP WANTED: The Middle School Boys need a Basketball Coach. Requires three hours of practice a week, and games on Saturdays. Must be 18, and pass a background check. Message Heidi Paulson at hlpaulson@seattleschool.org for more information

Dine Out Event coming up to Support STEM 5th and 8th Grade Camps:

mention this fundraiser at the register & MOD will donate 20% of your purchase to Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

IN SUPPORT OF 5TH & 8TH GRADE OVERNIGHT CAMPS

JANUARY 12 • 10:30AM-10PM
4755 FAUNTLEROY SW, STE. 150

ONLINE AND PHONE ORDERS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE FUNDRAISER
Back by Popular Demand! Now Happening EVERY FRIDAY!

SING IT OUT!

FRIDAYS at 8:47 am

STEM K-8 BREEZEWAY

Join the morning greeting team!
We will be lining the breezeway right before school to greet students as they walk to class.
We will be singing & dancing to one song...
family of all ages are welcome! :)}
L O U I S A B O R E N S T E M  K-8

GIFT CARDS FOR STEM FAMILIES

Donations of gift cards in any amount to any store can be donated

Support our community who need the most support this season with gift cards for groceries over the breaks & gifts for their families

Bring cards to STEM & hand to Robin Graham, Brynn Chadwick, Alicia Every or Colleen Peterson or ask office staff to leave in Robin’s PTA box.
We are collecting them for Danielle, STEM school counselor for her to distribute to families who participate in the emergency backpack program and need this support the most.

All community are welcome to participate.
Contact robingraham26@gmail.com with questions.

PTA & SPED Meetings

December 12 SPED 6-6:30 / PTA 6:30-8
Louisa Boren Library
Childcare Provided by YMCA
Register for childcare (link in comments)
A message from the Girls Basketball Coach, Jay Massimino:

I’m excited to get basketball season underway. Tryouts and our first practice will be this Thursday (Dec 5th) at 3:40 to 5:00pm. Team placement is dependent on the number of athletes trying out. Please make sure to pick up your daughter promptly. Student Athlete Registration packets and completed sports physical forms must be turned in to Mrs. Noble prior to participating in try outs or practices. The girls will need gym gear (shorts and basketball shoes), a water bottle and a basketball (if they have one). Normal practices will begin the next week and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:40 – 5:00pm. There will be a parent meeting immediately following practice on Monday at 5:00pm in the gym. Looking forward to a great season!

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Massimino. jamassimino@seattleschools.org
Follow Ms. Morgan’s Adventure as she and her family travel around the World to learn how children in other countries tackle the huge job of climate recovery!

Note from Ms. Worotikan for context:

Hello families,
As some of you know, Wendy Morgan (kindergarten teacher), is on a world-wide adventure with her family this year. Their quest is to spread awareness about climate recovery across the world. Before she left, she came to our class for a couple visits. During those visits, she introduced the idea of climate recovery to the students and they brainstormed ways they could make a difference. Our first action was on October 3rd where we went around the school grounds and picked up trash in the area. My hope is to continue this work throughout the school year by organizing times for us to go out (either around our school or take a walking field trip) and pick up trash. If you are interested in participating and/or organizing this work please let me know.

In order to track Wendy's travels, Elaine Balseiro (Isabella’s mom) helped create a website that will be updated with pictures and information about the places Wendy visits and climate recovery projects around the world. Please follow the link and check back for updates! :)

Visit this link to follow along: https://arcg.is/0m00CS
Please see below for a message from PTA President, Charles Cutter:

We are STILL in need of a volunteer to fill the STEM PTA Vice President position. If you are interested or want to learn more about this important role, please contact Charles Cutter at president@stemk8pta.org

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Louisa Boren STEM K-8 | PTA Executive Team, Open Positions for 2019/2020 School Year

Duties of Officers

GENERAL DUTIES

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
Attention 8th Graders & Families! The following few pages has information on upcoming High School Open House Events!

WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL
PROSPECTIVE STUDENT NIGHT
Thursday, December 5th
6:30-8:00 PM

6:30-7:00: **Theater:** Learn about course offerings at WSHS and hear from current West Seattle students

7:00-8:00: **Student-led tours of the building**

7:00-8:00: **Commons:** Department Fair—meet department heads, review texts and course offerings, Q&A

West Seattle High School 3000 California Avenue, SW Seattle, WA 98116
January 23, 2020 | Open house events coming up at Nova High School
(See flyer and details below)

INFORMATION SESSION / PRESENTATION
NOVA HIGH SCHOOL | 2410  E. Cherry Street (just north of Garfield HS)
Thursday December 12th
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
(Arrival any time after 4pm works! Parking Lot entrance is off of Columbia St. – 1 block N or Cherry St.)

Please come visit us!! We would like to share more information about our Competency Based Program!
Students will be available to talk with you about their experience choosing a high school; why some students started at a Traditional High School, then realized Nova was a better fit for them! Other students want to share how they came directly to Nova from Middle School for a myriad of reasons. Teachers will also be here to answer questions and clarify more about how our program works for various student needs. We want to insure all counselors have the best information about our program to assist in leading students to success in high school (and beyond) at whatever program best fits their needs.

If you are not able to make it here on that day, we do have other options:
- Request A Nova Brochure
- Sign up for a Nova Tour (Specific Tuesdays Only, 12:30-1:30 pm)
- Attend Nova’s OPEN HOUSE -- January 23, 2020  6:00-7:30 pm (see flyer below)
- Reply to this email with any/all questions you may have

We hope you can attend! An RSVP is appreciated if possible!

Thank you!

Karen Podbela
Administrative Secretary
Nova High School
Alternative Public School
206-252-3500 p
206-252-3501 f
NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

6:00 - 7:30 pm

JANUARY 23rd, 2020

A public high school in the heart of Seattle

THE CENTER SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

For prospective 7th & 8th graders and their families

THURSDAY - THURSDAY - THURSDAY

NOV 14 • JAN 23 • FEB 13

6:00-8:30 Check-in and informal meet and greet
6:30-8:30 Tours and Information Sessions

Seattle Center Armory Building 2nd Floor
305 HARRISON ST SEATTLE 98109
centers.suattleschools.org

206-237-9850 for more information and a free parking pass for the Memorial Stadium lot
2019-2020 High School Tours and Open House Dates

Ballard High School

- **Tentative Tour Dates**: February 6th and 11th
- **Tentative 8th grade Choices Night**: January 28th

Center School

- **Open House**: January 23rd & February 13th

*Shadow opportunities available on Wednesdays, arranged through: blcasey@seattleschools.org*

Cleveland High School

- **Open houses**
  
  - Friday, January 17th at 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Saturday, February 1st at 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Friday, February 7th at 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Garfield High School

- **8th Grade Tour**: January 16th, 9:00-11:00 am (adults must accompany students)
- **Incoming 9th Grade Evening Event**: January 16th 5-8pm (dinner will be provided)
- **Welcome to GHS Event for Incoming Students and Families**: April 8th 5-7pm
- **Registration Help Session**: April 22nd and 29th 3-5pm

Nathan Hale

- **School Tour Future Family Night**: December 10th & February 10th, 6:00-8:30pm

Ingraham

- **Shadow Visits**: December 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th; January 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th & February 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th from 8:55-1pm *Reservations Required
- **Open House for Incoming Families**: January 14th @ 7pm
- **IB Info Night**: January 15th @ 7pm
- **Tour**: January 16th from 9-11am (parents must accompany students)

Lincoln High School

- **New Student Open House**: January 16th from 7-8:30pm

Roosevelt High School

- **Open House**: February 6th from 7-8pm

South Lake High School

- **Nothing listed on website**

Chief Sealth High School

- **Open House**: December 12th (check website for time)

West Seattle (see above for 8th Grade parent night info)

- **Day Tours**: January 16th from 9-11 am
Parent Guide to Photos Taken at School

What all parents should know...

1. From a legal perspective, in spaces open to the public like a school event, there will be no expectation of privacy and people/parents are free to take photos.
2. Seattle Public Schools does not have a policy that restricts parents from taking photos of students during school events or posting photos via social media.
   - This applies to parent volunteers on school sponsored field trips as well.
3. Although PTAs are linked to schools, they are ‘parent’ organizations that are not subject to District photo policies (i.e. FERPA).
4. Photos taken of students and posted in the hallways or in classrooms at school are subject to FERPA, so if a family has opted out via the FERPA form, it is not ok to post a student’s photo – school staff should be consulted before any student photos are posted at the school (PTA bulletin board, etc.).

FERPA does not apply to photos taken and maintained by parents, because FERPA only applies to personally identifiable photos maintained by the district as part of a student’s educational record (photos taken by the district/staff and maintained by the district).

What parent photographers should keep in mind...

Be thoughtful...Before taking photos and especially before you upload, post or share a photo to social media, be sensitive to the fact that other parents may have concerns about their student’s photo being taken and/or possibly released via social media. Ask yourself how other parents might feel about the photo...

If you proceed, please take the following into consideration:

Be cautious about offering information on social media

- Do not tag or identify the student(s) by name.
- Don’t post any other personally identifiable information about the student (address, birthdate, etc.).
- Avoid posting the name of the school.
  "Exceptions apply (e.g. If posting a photo to the school’s PTA website)"

Be technologically savvy

- Before posting pictures via Social Media, ensure your privacy settings are updated/secure.
- Turn off the geo-tag setting on your camera to prevent others from seeing your exact location. Most recent models of cameras have the default set to “on”.
- Avoid taking photos with other features that identify the location (landmarks, street signs, etc.).

Be sensitive to context and perception

- Don’t take or post a photo of a student when he/she misbehaves.
- Avoid pouty or angry faces.
- Avoid photos of lone children that are not your own – focus on group photos.

Photos should never be used for commercial purposes (i.e., for profit) unless appropriate releases are in place.

Published 2019 Records and Archives Department
5th and 8th grade families. Exciting news! Looking ahead and we have confirmed camp for 5th grade a possible 8th grade trip – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

5th GRADE FAMILIES: 5th grade nature camp is a wildly awesome amazing time! For many of the kids it’s the FIRST AND ONLY time they have ever been to sleep away camp and it’s a huge time for transformative learning and the capstone of their grade school experience. It’s BIG.

1. You will be getting information about when they are going, packing, separation anxiety, medications, the daily schedule, the food – all the logistics later in the year.

2. Families are offered a pay schedule: pay more than your student to support chaperones & other students, pay the actual cost (last year it was $267+/-, or pay what you can. There are options to pay over time.

In order for the PTA to support all students attending at the lowest cost possible and support chaperones not paying (since they are already donating their time and so much energy!) the 5th grade class is in charge of fundraising to support this trip.

8th GRADE FAMILIES

Last year camping reservation snafus made us have to think of a quick graduation 8th grade day trip instead of a full camping experience. This year – we need 8th grade families to support the 8th grade trip. Both with organizing and with fundraising.

8th grade families need to have a committee to figure out where (some teachers are already working on this) and the how (fundraising).

- Last year we threw a karaoke night at Highland Park Improvement Club that was loud and awesome - We had one bake sale - You could throw a movie night,
  a dine out - Fill in your idea here....

We will support you with lessons learned and plans, but we need | volunteers from to say “I AM IN” to get those projects – or other ideas going and executed. Most tasks can be short, simple, and done on your time.

If YOU are that owl – email me. We will help you figure out a plan and help support you through making this easy with awesome community events.

Robin – STEM Fundraising Chair
robingraham26@gmail.com
**STEM Art Extravaganza - Volunteers Needed!!**

Every year STEM students work hard on an art project. In the past, these projects have been put up for sale at the auction. In effort to give more families an opportunity to own these amazing art projects, they have been moved to a separate event: the **Art Extravaganza**!

The **Art Extravaganza will take place on February 6, 2020** at Louisa Boren STEM.

This is art focused event is free to attend!

Instead of auctioning the art, every person attending will be given a raffle ticket that can be used towards an art piece of their choosing. If someone would like to increase their odds, more raffle tickets will be available for purchase. There will be a drawing for each piece.

In addition to the mock art gallery, there will also be other art focused activities, food, and art prints for sale.

*We need your talent! Help with event logistics, art gallery layout, or facilitate interactive art activities at the event!*

Art Extravaganza planning meetings are on the following upcoming dates:

Meetings @ 7pm (for location details please contact **art@stemk8pta.org**)

Jan 22\(^{nd}\), other dates TBD

Please contact **art@stemk8pta.org** for more information or if you would like to volunteer!
Introduce a Girl: Renewable Energy

Event Details
WHAT: An afternoon of interactive, hands-on demos provided by student organizations
WHEN: 1-4PM February 22nd, 2020
WHERE: Mary Gates Hall (University of Washington)
WHO: This event is targeted towards girls in grades 2-5. However, all ages and genders are welcome. Girls scouts receive a patch for attending!

Registration
This event is totally free! However, the capacity of this event is limited. Reserve your spot using the QR code or visit this link.

Featured Demos
• Build your own solar panel
• A submarine powered by human motion
• Solar spinners
• A racecar powered entirely by electricity
• Virtual reality exploration of renewable energy
• Toy cars powered by solar energy
• And many more!
Are you interested in being a Girls on the Run (GOTR) Coach this Spring? If so, please contact Danielle, our school counselor at:

Danielle Blechert (pronouns: she, her, hers)
dnblechert@seattleschools.org
School Counselor
206-252-8465

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 until 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](http://www.girlsrun.org) or by emailing info@girlsrun.org
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

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

https://mp.gg/lb6jk

LOUISA BOREN STEM K-8

GIFT CARDS FOR STEM FAMILIES

Donations of gift cards in any amount to any store can be donated

Support our community who need the most support this season with gift cards for groceries over the breaks & gifts for their families

Bring cards to STEM & hand to Robin Graham, Brynn Chadwick, Alicia Every or Colleen Peterson or ask office staff to leave in Robin’s PTA box.

We are collecting them for Danielle, STEM school counselor for her to distribute to families who participate in the emergency backpack program and need this support the most.

All community are welcome to participate.

Contact robingraham26@gmail.com with questions.