A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

As usual STEM K-8 is a busy place! The open enrollment period is approaching for Seattle Public Schools. If you know families that are considering school choices, point them to STEMK8PTA.org for a schedule of enrollment tours and open houses. We have elementary and middle school tours happening this week, and a middle school open house on Thursday night.

On Tuesday, 1/28, STEM students K-8 will be experiencing interesting assemblies examining the origins of the Seattle Seahawks name and logo. Native storyteller Sondra Segundo will lead a program that includes stories of Thunderbird, a common character across Native American cultures. Students will learn about the transformation mask from which the Seahawks logo was inspired, and presenters will guide a scaffolded conversation surrounding appropriation of Native American culture, including the Seahawks logo. Songwriting Through Youth Literature Education (STYLE) will facilitate a large group creation of a team anthem. STYLE will also make a recording of each song creation. The program is supported through Seattle Public Schools Creative Advantage funding.

Sincerely,

Ben Ostrom, Principal

STEM K-8
Upcoming School Tours & Open Houses:

Elementary Tours:
January 28 & 31
February 7
9:00am-10:30am
Meet in Staff Lounge

Middle School Tours:
January 28 & 31
10:15-11:45am

We need help! Please email tours@stemk8pta.org if you are able to assist on any or all of the above days!

Open House – Middle School
January 30 & STEM Alumni
Q&A afterwards (more details in this Owl Post)
6:00-7:00pm – Open House
7:00-8:00pm – Alumni Q&A

Check out the school calendar here.

STEM TOURS & OPEN HOUSES are happening this month and next! (See full list of dates in side bar.)

If you are able to help and give a tour, please email tours@stemk8pta.org. If you have any questions you can also contact Chris Southam at chrisdavio@gmail.com!
Thank you!

STEM Black Lives Matter Attire can be purchased here:

https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear

After the Open House on Thursday, current middle school students & families can attend a STEM Alumni for a Q&A Session:
Volunteers needed for Art Extravaganza:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CADAD2EAAFF2-hammering
(Please sign up here if you can help with set-up and clean-up on Feb 6th).

FIRST ANNUAL HAMMERING OWL ART EXTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH | 6-8:30 PM
LOUISA BOREN STEM K8

- Every year, each STEM student contributes to a collaborative art piece in their classroom. In the past these pieces were auctioned off at the STEM auction, but this year the entire community is invited to the Hammering Owl Art Extravaganza to walk the STEM Gallery!

- Join us for this free, kid-friendly community event. Participate in art activities, enjoy refreshments, and visit the STEM art store where items based on the classroom art pieces can be purchased for nominal fees.

- All students in attendance will go home with a piece of art.

- The original classroom art pieces will be raffled off. Tickets will be available at $10 a ticket and discount bundles will be available.

- Community members can donate back tickets for other community members to raffle.

- Come in your fanciest dress, or wear your jeans - sparkle is welcome, jeans are too.

- ALL are welcome for this relaxing, lovely event celebrating our students, our community, and the arts - come enjoy the Art Extravaganza, we are turning STEM into an art gallery for one night only, so don’t miss it!

- Want to get involved? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact art@stemk8pta.org
February 10th: NAAPID Day Event at STEM:

"The BSU (Black Student Union) is asking for the participation of families of color wanting to represent their culture at the NAAPID day event at Louisa Boren STEM Monday, February 10th. We are looking for community members to do read-alouds, career speeches, share experiences, lead activities of skills they have.

Please email Ms. Paulson at hlpaulson@seattleschools.org or complete this form if you are interested.

If you are interested, please complete this form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHq1Hgb23SJ4ei3jqrS65MkSt95y0_BqFUQ05HVTA0UUhHSFM1RkdQMDM4QUlSUZFMy4u

BSU (Ururka Ardayda Madoow) waxay weydiisanayaan kaqeybgalka qoysaska midabka doonaya inay matalaan dhaqankooda munaasabada maalinta NAAPID ee Louisa Boren STEM Isniinta, 10-ka Febraayo. Waxaana raadineynaan xubnaha bulshada inay kor u qaadaan akhrinta, khudbadaha shaqada, wadaagaan khibradaha, howlaha hogaan ee xirfadaha ay leeyihiin.

Fadlan email ugu soo dir Ms. Paulson hlpaulson@seattleschools.org ama buuxi foomkan haddii aad xiiisaynayo. Haddii aad xiiisaynayo, fadlan buuxi foomk:

Thanks!
Heidi
You don’t want to miss this article written by our very own Librarian, Mrs. B!
Check it out at this link:
Seattle Special Education PTSA invites you to the following event:

Understanding Special Education presentation by Scott Raub, Special Education Parent and Community Liaison from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

**February 1st 2-4pm**  
**At the Columbia Branch Library**

*Topics will include:*  
What Is Special Education?  
How Special Education Works  
Laws and Procedures  
Parent and Student Rights (Procedural Safeguards)  
Q&As

Attendance does not require SSEPTSA membership. Childcare will not be provided but children are always welcome.

**A Note from Nurse, M.C.:**

The uniform/spare clothes closet needs your help! We need new or gently used underwear and socks of all smaller kid sizes (ages 5-9) and jeans/long pants in size 6-7. Please deliver to the front office or send with your child with a note stating what it’s for.

Thank you!  
M.C. Nachtigal, RN  
School Nurse
Dear Students and Families,

Over the past several months there have been reports of hate speech used at our school. We in the PTA Advocacy Committee are concerned and want our school to be a safe place free of hate speech. We would like to hear from students and families about their experiences with hate speech at STEM. If you or your student has heard hate speech used against them or others, or seen things written at school, please fill out this 100% anonymous survey. No information other than what you write is recorded. Paper copies will also go home with kids. Thank you so much for your time. English Version

En los últimos meses ha habido informes de discurso de odio utilizado en nuestra escuela. En el Advocacy Committee de la PTA estamos preocupados y queremos que nuestra escuela sea un lugar seguro y libre de expresiones de odio. Nos gustaría saber de estudiantes y familias sobre sus experiencias con el discurso de odio en STEM. Si usted o su estudiante han escuchado un discurso de odio usado contra ellos u otros, o han visto cosas escritas en la escuela, por favor llenen esta encuesta que es 100% anónima. Solamente lo que usted escribe sea registrada. Las copias en papel también irán a casa con los niños. Muchísimas gracias por su tiempo. Versión en español

Alicia Every, PTA Advocacy Committee Chair

STEM is selling SCRIP cards for PCC!

Order a PCC scrip card through STEM K-8 PTA, and our school receives 5% of the purchase price of everything you buy!

Fill out the form online and pay directly via PayPal, the PTA will contact you for delivery. Once you have your card you can refill it automatically.

$50

http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/pcc-2/
Saturday Morning Cartoons Auction!
In support of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Saturday, March 28th / 5:30pm-11:00pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy

Hey, Boo Boo! Why does STEM have an Auction?
The auction is one of our major fundraising events of the year and supports the PTA budget. Our hope is that guests (adults 21+ only) feel inspired to donate at the event in support of the STEM community. We depend on the countless hours of volunteer time to pull the event off and on the community at large to donate thousands of dollars in items & sponsorships to the auction itself.

What do you SCOOBY DOOBY DOO at the Auction?
Our auctions are themed! Costumes welcome or come as you are; this year come in your PJ’s ready to watch cartoons or as your favorite cartoon character.
The first half is the silent auction with hundreds of items to bid on, games, a photo booth & time to mingle. When the last silent table closes, we move to dinner, more games, and an auctioneer will run a live auction with larger packages, experiences & items.

At our past auctions we’ve used the live auction to sell classroom art. The auction made the art inaccessible to our whole community, including the students. We’ve switched things by moving the art out of the auction and adding a community event February 8th - ART Extravaganza!
The live auction this year will highlight local artists, include a trip to Mexico, larger themed baskets, and packages that include tickets to local events and opportunities for year-round experiences.

**Tickets – Paper tickets OR online!** BEEP! BEEP! RSVP by March 1!

**SPONSORSHIP / IN-KIND DONOR OPPORTUNITIES**
Sponsorship is another great way to support the auction. Levels from $250 to $2,500 and include a variety of benefits. Contact auction@k8stempta.org for information go online.

**DONATIONS**
We count on the generosity of our community for gift cards and donations of any new items for us to use at the auction. If you have something to give, you can enter it online. An auction volunteer can arrange pick up or you can drop it off at STEM K-8 during school hours.  
https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/cartoons/donate_items/new

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
We couldn’t pull this off without volunteers! Please contact Robin: auction@k8stempta.org if you can’t make it to an auction meeting and still want to volunteer!

Upcoming Auction Committee meetings are: 7-8 pm at Mod Pizza (4755 Fauntleroy Way) on: Jan 13, Jan 29, Feb 26, March 11 & March 18.

We need 23 donated desserts. Purchased desserts are welcome. Each dessert must serve 10. To donate a dessert, send an email to auction@k8stempta.org
TICKETS ONLINE! RSVP DUE BY March 1!

Don’t want to buy Tickets online? RETURN THIS FORM!

Ticket (single) $75: ______
Ticket (couple) $150: ______
Buy a Table (10 seats – choice of table guests) $700: ______
STEM Teacher / Staff $0: ______
Sponsor a STEM Teacher / Staff or a STEM Community Member $75: ______
Other Donation $: ______

TOTAL$: ______
Checks payable to K-8 STEM PTA and left in the front office, given to your child’s teacher, or mailed to:
5950 Delridge Way, Seattle, WA 98106
OR e-mail auction@stemk8pta.org to arrange credit card payment and ticketing over the phone.

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Address: _______________________________________________
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Phone number: ____________________________ E-mail:___________________________
Please try to sit me by: ________________________________
Vegan / Vegetarian Meal Requested: Y / N
Other Meal Accommodations & explanation: Y / N ____________

TH-TH-TH-TH-THAT’S ALL FOLKS!
STEM K-8 Updated Facebook Guidelines:

Purpose of FB page (or group): The purpose of our Facebook page is to provide an online community for parents and families at Louisa Boren STEM K-8.

Goal: Our goal is to share information and tips, update the community on events and programs, and showcase the achievements of students, teachers, parents, and other community members.

Community Rules

• We encourage you to ask questions and share information. We request that you keep discussions focused directly concerning our school community.

• We encourage posts that highlight our community’s accomplishments and constructively raise issues for discussion.

• When posting, please use appropriate language. Children can see our page.

• If you choose, you can post photos of your children at school events. Do not post photos of other children. If you have any questions about posting a particular photo, please check with the Facebook page administrator. If you wish to have a photo taken down, please contact the Facebook page administrator.

• Do not engage in cyberbullying of any kind, including insulting, targeting, or excluding any individuals, including but not limited to school board officials, school administrators, teachers, PTAs members, students, parents, or other individuals affiliated with or connected to the school. We may delete posts that put down or discriminate against individuals.

• Any inflammatory statements that make allegations against individuals or organizations may be deleted.

• Commenting may be turned off on posts at the discretion of the FB page administrators.

• Online threats will be taken seriously, and proper authorities will be immediately notified.

• Do not post confidential information, such as student grades, disciplinary proceedings, health conditions, personal family matters, or anything else that would generally be considered personal or private.

• Keep in mind what you post is public information.

• Any advertising for businesses without prior FB page administration approval is not allowed.

• Do not publish content as your own that has been created by others.

The PTA board and PTA Facebook administrators reserve the right to delete comments and block users who are not following the rules stated above.
Ms. Morgan and her family have arrived in Taukhel, Nepal!

Check out the link below to learn about what she has been up to in Nepal and see more pictures.

Visit this link to follow along: https://arcg.is/0m00CS
Attention 8th Graders & Families! The following few pages has information on upcoming High School Application period, Open House Events & Tours:

The Center School:

The Center School (public high school) has two more Open Houses for prospective high school students/families!

The Center School will have its next Open House for prospective students/families on **February 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm**, check-in opens 6pm. We are located in the Armory Building on the Seattle Center campus at 305 Harrison St. - Armory Loft, (3rd floor overlooking the food court). We want students and their families to know about The Center School and what it offers that sets it apart from other high schools. The Center School is a small, arts-focused, arts-integrated high school available to students from any neighborhood. If you can’t make it, contact the office at 206-252-9850 to schedule something during the school day.

Or email tlott@seattleschools.org or kawebb@seattleschools.org to request an Open House parking pass.

We look forward to meeting you!

Cleveland High School:

Attention rising 8th graders and families to come to one of Cleveland’s open houses. The Open Enrollment period for school choice is 2/3-2/14 and a school choice form will need to be turned in. Here is a link to our website for more information and to RSVP.

https://clevelandhs.seattleschools.org/about/calendar_and_news/news/open_house_and_school_tours_in_2020
High School Tours and Open House Dates that are still coming up:

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

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

**Garfield High School**
- **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:** February 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th from 8:55-1pm *Reservations Required

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

Registration for Girls on the Run (GOTR) is now open!

Girls on the Run is an after-school program for 3rd-6th grade students who identify as girls (exact grade levels TBD). Practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm March 2nd-May 13th ending in a 5K run on May 17th. The price is sliding scale - pay what you can! For more information about the program/to register go to the link below or ask your school counselor Danielle Blechert at dnblechert@seattleschools.org

[https://www.gotrpugetsound.org/program-registration](https://www.gotrpugetsound.org/program-registration)

**Program-Registration | GOTR Puget Sound**

REGISTERING YOUR GIRL. Registration for the spring season opens in January and the season begins in March! Our elementary school program (Girls on the Run) is open to all 3rd - 5th grade girls.

[www.gotrpugetsound.org](http://www.gotrpugetsound.org)

Looking forward to a great season!

Danielle Blechert *(pronouns: she, her, hers)*
dnblechert@seattleschools.org
School Counselor
206-252-8465
Please see below for opportunities from Coyote Central for weekends and upcoming holiday breaks:

Link to register: https://coyotecentral.org/register-for-classes
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**

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The first issue of the STEM GAZETTE is HERE! 
Featuring an article about Schuyler Bailar.

Visit the STEM website **HERE** to read the entire publication. Great work 7th and 8th grade students!

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**STEM Gazette**

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**How Social Media Affects Teens**

The average American spends at least 30 minutes or up to 8 hours. Some exceed this rate due to the flexibility of the parents, and some are in between it due to very strict parents or parents that have limits to how long you use a screen....

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**Schuyler Bailar**

Schuyler Bailar is an American swimmer, and the first openly transgender NCAA Division 1 swimmer. He is the first publicly documented NCAA D1 transgender man to compete as a man in any sport. He was recruited by Harvard and swam with Harvard’s Men’s Swimming and Diving team under coach Kevin Tyrrell....

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**Pros and Cons of Car Fuels**

Petrol cars have the capacity to rev incredibly high (I think 9500 rpm is the highest), but they all have one thing in common; possibly high emissions....

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

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