The official weekly newsletter of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA

January 6, 2020

Upcoming Events

January 9
SPED & PTA Meeting!
6:00-6:30pm – SPED Meeting
6:30-8:00pm – PTA Meeting
(with a special presentation by Angela (PTA Secretary) about recycling in Seattle!) 
STEM Library
Please RSVP HERE if you plan on using free YMCA childcare

PTA Meetings will be streamed LIVE on Facebook HERE
(Search @stemptalive)

January 12
Dine Out - MOD Fundraiser
10:30am-10pm
4755 Fauntleroy SW, Ste 150
More details in this Owl Post

January 14
Friends of the New Playground Committee Meeting
7:00-8:00PM
Ounces
More details in this Owl Post

January 16
Winter PBL Exhibition
6:00-7:30PM
STEM

February 6
ART Extravaganza!
More details in this Owl Post!

February 27
SAVE THE DATE: Parents Night Out @ STEM
Details coming in future Owl Post

March 28
STEM Auction
Details coming in future Owl Post

Check out the school calendar here.

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Welcome to 2020! As we launch a new decade (incredible to believe) I celebrate the source of STEM K-8’s vitality: positive partnerships with families and community. When staff and families work together on shared goals, amazing things are possible for students. STEM K-8 has a powerful vision and some of Seattle’s hardest working teachers. Let’s continue to grow together!

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. STEM families and students interested in participating in this exciting project should contact Lisa Love at 252-0982 or llove@seattleschools.org.

Families are at the final deadline for compliance with Washington State Immunization laws RCW 28.210. Students with incomplete or out-of-compliance immunization documentation face exclusion from school beginning on Wednesday January 8, 2020. If your child is not in compliance you will have received multiple notices. The goal is to safe and healthy school learning environments with 95% immunization rates at all 104 Seattle Public Schools sites. It important for SPS to have updated immunization information for multiple reasons:

- Rapid and efficient responses to an outbreak of a serious communicable disease such as measles requires accurate and current data.
- Minimizing lost instruction time in the event of a measles outbreak (which can result in up to 30 days out of school time).
- Safe schools.

For more information go to https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/health_services/immunizations

Don’t forget to put STEM K-8’s Winter PBL Exhibition on your calendar. It’s Thursday, January 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Come and see a wide variety of PBL projects at various stages of development across all of our grade levels!

Sincerely,

Ben Ostrom, Principal

STEM K-8
Introducing the first annual Hammering Owl Art Extravaganza – a Student Art Show & Fundraiser!

This February your STEM student will have an art piece created by their classroom on display at STEM. In the past we auctioned off these pieces at the STEM auction, but this year the entire community is invited to ART EXTRAVAGANZA to walk the STEM Student Art Gallery!

Next meeting: January 22, 2020 @ 7pm | Location: Margo’s House. See next page for more details on this event!

For details & address of location, please contact: art@stemk8pta.org

Upcoming School Tours & Open Houses:

Elementary Tours:
January 16 & 24
January 28 & 31
9:00am-10:30am

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

Open House – Elementary
January 23
6:00-7:30pm

Open House – Middle School
January 30
6:00-7:00pm

Check out the school calendar here.
First Annual
Hammering Owl
Art Extravaganza
Student Art Show and Raffle Fundraiser
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
Registration for Winter Enrichment opens on January 7th!

Classes include watercolor, crafting, carpentry, coding, LEGO, makerspace, acoustic rock band, gaming, theater (back stage & on stage) and more! You can preview classes and get more detailed information online at www.6crickets.com.

Classes that don’t meet their minimum registrations could be cancelled, so please register as soon as you are able to ensure we get an accurate count of who is interested. Scholarships are also available. Email enrichment@stemk8pta.org for more information.

An adult volunteer is required for every class. Volunteers get a FREE class for their child and get PRIORITY registration. Email enrichment@stemk8pta.org if you are interested in volunteering. Classes without a volunteer may be at risk of cancellation.
Friends of a New Playground Committee Meeting

January 14th, 7:00PM-8:00PM
Ounces: 3809 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106

Join Friends of a New Playground Committee for the second meeting, where we will decide on the scope of our school’s playground expansion project. Tuesday, January 14th, at Ounces, from 7:00-8:00. Please pass on information to interested neighbors or businesses. If you can’t join our committee but can help at a different level, please take a minute to fill out the linked survey. This information will help the committee in writing grants to help fund our project.

https://forms.gle/fJdtTqp4g7dH5qYF6

Additional questions? Contact Adrienne Ollerenshaw: amollerensha@seattleschools.org
Upcoming Special Event: Documentary Screening of **Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety** | January 9, 2020 | 6:30-8:30pm

Join teachers, families and experts for a screening of the documentary, “**Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety**”. On January 9, 6:30-8:30pm at Greenwood Elementary 144 NW 80th, Seattle Public Schools and IndiFlix will partner to raise awareness around anxiety. The 56-minute film, appropriate for ages 10 and up, will be followed by a panel discussion about school and local supports for students and families struggling with anxiety.

Free tickets are available and space is limited! Reserve tickets at: [https://www.showclix.com/event/angst-greenwood-elementary-school](https://www.showclix.com/event/angst-greenwood-elementary-school)

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**Angst**

Join us for a screening of the documentary: **Angst, Raising Awareness around Anxiety**

A new documentary that explores anxiety, its causes and effects, and what we can do about it.

[https://angstmovie.com](https://angstmovie.com)
Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is a unique Seattle Public Schools option school with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics education. Our comprehensive curriculum is building future leaders in economy, science, technology, arts, and business.

The STEM K-8 PTA supports the school’s mission of nurturing tomorrow’s critical thinkers through supplemental funding of school needs, including after school enrichment programs, library books, art supplies, and technology equipment.

Please visit our website at www.stemk8pta.org or contact auction@stemk8pta.org with any questions. Anything is negotiable, and we welcome your input to make sponsorship best fit your needs. Thank you for your support!

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STEM K-8 PTA Auction SPONSORSHIP

March 28, 2020 - The Hall at Fauntleroy

Company: ________________________________________________

Contact Name & Title:_____________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

City: _________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______

Phone: _________________ E-mail:__________________________

Sponsorship Level:

$2500 Diamond Level

$1000 Gold Level

$500 Silver Level

$250 Bronze Level

Return form and checks by February 1, 2020 to:

STEM K-8 PTA attn. Auction

5950 Delridge Way SW

Seattle, WA 98106

OR submit online at:

https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/cartoons/?_ga=2.195124015.267589017.1577424436-2062233909.1573878311

OR contact: auction@stemk8pta.org to arrange payment.

STEM K-8 PTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please contact auction@stemk8pta.org with any questions.
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
Attention 8th Graders & Families! The following few pages has information on upcoming High School Open House Events!

January 9, 2020 | 6:00-8:00pm | Open House for RAHS

Calling all engineers, scientists, and explorers:

Raisbeck Aviation High School is an innovative math and science focused college-preparatory high school serving students who are passionate about aviation, flight, aerospace, and space science. We are a tuition-free public high school, open to students throughout the greater Puget Sound region.

Our mission is to prepare all students for college, career and citizenship through a personalized, rigorous and relevant learning experience that is facilitated in the context of aviation and aerospace.

Learn more about Raisbeck Aviation High School at https://rahs.highlineschools.org/

Information about applications and admissions is at https://rahs.highlineschools.org/admissions

Our next upcoming information night for interested 8th grade students and families is on Thursday January 9, and we would love to see you there!

The application period for the Raisbeck Aviation High School (RAHS) runs through the entire month of January with the final information night on January 9th. For more information, please reach out to:

Jacob Savishinsky
(He, Him, His)
MAEd, NBCT
Dean of Students
Raisbeck Aviation High School
206-631-7200, Ext. 7202
Jacob.Savishinsky@highlineschools.org
January 23, 2020 | Open house events coming up at Nova High School

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

Karen Podbela
2019-2020 High School Tours and Open House Dates

Ballard High School

- Tentative Tour Dates: February 6\textsuperscript{th} and 11\textsuperscript{th}
- Tentative 8\textsuperscript{th} grade Choices Night: January 28\textsuperscript{th}

Center School

- Open House: January 23\textsuperscript{rd} & February 13\textsuperscript{th} (6pm-8:30pm)

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

Cleveland High School

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

Garfield High School

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

Nathan Hale

- School Tour Future Family Night: December 10\textsuperscript{th} & February 10\textsuperscript{th}, 6:00-8:30pm

Ingraham

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

Lincoln High School

- New Student Open House: January 16\textsuperscript{th} from 7-8:30pm

Roosevelt High School

- Open House: February 6\textsuperscript{th} from 7-8pm

South Lake High School

- Nothing listed on website

Chief Sealth High School

- Open House: December 12\textsuperscript{th} (see flyer on next page)

West Seattle (see above for 8\textsuperscript{th} Grade parent night info)

- Day Tours- January 16\textsuperscript{th} 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...

Think: 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.
Introduce a Girl: Renewable Energy

Event Details

WHAT: An afternoon of interactive, hands-on demos provided by student organizations

WHEN: 1-4PM February 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 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

Find out more at www.girlsun.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 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.girlsun.org or by emailing info@girlsun.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**

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**KEEP CALM AND JOIN THE PTA**

To join the STEM K-8 PTA, please visit MemberPlanet using this link:

https://mp.gg/lb6jk

You can purchase LGBTQ+ & BLM STEM K8 Spirit Wear through our Cafe Press ship, [https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear](https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear)

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**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! :)

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Looking forward to 2020 with you!