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

Upcoming Events

February 24
Deadline for pledging supporting for the STEM Friends of a New Playground
Details in this Owl Post – Please Read!

March 5
DINE OUT to support 5th and 8th grade camps
Proletariat Pizza
4pm-9pm
More details in this Owl Post

March 5
SPED & PTA Meeting
6:00-6:30pm – SPED Meeting
6:30-8:00pm – PTA Meeting
STEM Library
Please RSVP HERE if you plan on using free YMCA childcare
PTA Meetings will be streamed LIVE on Facebook HERE
(Search @stemptalive)

March 12
Save the Date: Pi Night!
Details TBD
Location: STEM Cafeteria

March 28
STEM Auction
Location: Hall at Fauntleroy
Details in this Owl Post

SAVE THE DATE: June 17
8th Grade Graduation

Check out the school calendar here.

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Welcome back! Hope everyone managed to catch some of the sun showering from the sky last week. After all the interruptions of the last couple months, we have six full weeks before Spring break appears in mid-April. It’s a great time for learning!

It’s always a little strange to begin working on next year’s school budget and staffing as we build momentum for the current year. Superintendent Juneau provided information to help understand this process in her regular communication to families and staff linked here: Juneau’s Journal. STEM staff will get their first glimpse at 2020-21 budget-staffing allocations during the early release on February 26. At the PTA meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm I will review 2020-21 budget and staffing proposals and gather feedback from STEM families.

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is applying for Seattle Small Spark’s Grant to help fund playground improvements for our school and community. You can pledge support for a variety of tasks: attending meetings, community meeting planning, volunteering at meetings--helping with set-up, organizing or donating food, and clean up. Other opportunities include volunteering space, being a community discussion facilitator, making phone calls, and creating flyers or online posts. You have until Monday, February 24th to demonstrate school and community support for the project. You can pledge support by registering at Louisa Boren STEM K-8 playground project today.

A quick reminder that the STEM cafeteria is open for breakfast starting at 8:35am. Students who are dropped off and eat breakfast at school are encouraged to arrive 8:35am so they aren’t late for class. Breakfast is still provided to students who arrive late via either bus or drop-off, but it does sometimes impact the start of students school day.

Sincerely,
Ben Ostrom, Principal
STEM K-8
Pledge Time to Creating a Playground for Delridge Community and Our School

LAST CALL: Volunteers/Pledges needed!

Louisa Boren’s, *Friends of a New Playground* needs to show community support and engagement to be eligible for a $50,000 grant that will be used to create a master plan for a school and community playground. Currently, there are 20 volunteers that have pledged time and we need pledge support from at least 100 people. Volunteering, for this phase of the project, looks like attending meetings, providing feedback on designs, and donating supplies for meetings. Children are encouraged to be a part of this process and they can be included in the volunteer pledge portion of the application, adding to the total hours that we need to reach to be considered for grant approval. If you know of community members that want to see improvements to the Delridge Neighborhood, please share the link with them and get them to support our playground.

Please take a minute to fill out the online form to pledge volunteer time and support. The deadline for the grand application is Tuesday, February 25th.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHq1Hqb23SJ8QzabJrxpdoQtiQ-sqEppRUOFJKUFZWWUlxTTFYQVpUOFBaQ01TNjIPy4u

THANK YOU!
DINE OUT TO SUPPORT 5TH & 8TH GRADE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!

PROLETARIAT PIZZA

MARCH 5TH / 4-9PM / DINE IN, CARRY OUT & DELIVERY

Identify yourself as a STEM Supporter!

$1000 = 20% in support of kids going to camp.

YES! Same night as the PTA meeting: eat dinner early? Deliver to the meeting? Go late? PTA: 6:30-8PM @STEM

CAMPING OWL

WHAT: Limited edition T-shirts, created by 5th grade parent and local artist Victor Melendez

WHY: Proceeds benefit 5th and 8th grade scholarships

DETAILS: Adult & child sizing in red or blue

WHEN: Orders MUST be received by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

HOW: www.stmk8pta.org

order online & pay by paypal or check
Saturday Morning Cartoons Auction!
In support of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Saturday, March 28th / 5:30pm-11:00pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy

Auction Update!

TICKETS on-sale NOW! [https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/cartoons](https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/cartoons)

Upcoming Auction Committee meetings have moved to Great American Diner & Bar (4752 California AVE SW) from 7-8 pm on Feb 26, March 11 & March 18.

**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.

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@stemk8pta.org for information. More 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@stemk8pta.org if you can't make it to an auction meeting and still want to volunteer!

**Upcoming Auction Committee Meetings**

Upcoming Auction Committee meetings are: 7-8 pm at Great American Diner & Bar (4752 California AVE SW) on 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@stemk8pta.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.

Name(s): _________________________________________________________________
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!
Congratulations to all our fourth and fifth graders that participated in the 2020 Global Reading Challenge on Friday, February 14th. This “Battle of the Books” Trivia Competition is co-sponsored by Seattle Public Library and Seattle Public Schools with the support of the Seattle Public Library Foundation. All six STEM teams were competitive: Friendly Foxes, Glitter Reading Animals, Global Reader Leaders, No U!, Rainbow Owl Readers, and Wise Owls! We appreciated our third, fourth and fifth grade classes that attended as the audience to cheer on all our teams.

Special Congratulations to our Louisa Boren K – 8 STEM Global Reading Challenge winning team, The Friendly Foxes. Fourth Graders Isla, Annabelle, Oscar, Trixxy will represent our school at the Global Reading Challenge 2020 semi-finals on March 4th at Seattle Public Library.

This year’s Global Reading Challenge list of books can be found at https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/learning/global-reading-challenge.

Remember STEM Readers: READ! READ! READ! READ! READ!
Volunteers Needed this Saturday, February 29th for the WA State VEX IQ Tournament, which will be held at STEM this year!

Must be 18 years or older to volunteer but no experience necessary!

Please contact Cynthia Moon (cynthialmoon@icloud.com) or Julie Schmick (schmickj1@gmail.com) for details and to sign up!


General VEX IQ info:
https://www.vexrobotics.com/vexiq/competition

Cool video about this year’s vmchslkenge:
https://youtu.be/avbzTvlgOEs
As a school, we are focusing on the expectation **responsible**. Being responsible can look different depending on your cultural and family values. For example, some may say that being on time is responsible, while others may say making sure a younger sibling is settled in their class, is responsible.

Here are a few traits of being responsible you can discuss with your child at home:

- **Taking an Active Role in Your Learning**
  - Completing school work
  - Completing homework
  - Trying your best
  - Focused listening during learning times
  - Being prepared for school
  - Avoiding distractions

- **Being Dependable**
  - Being on time
  - Doing what you say you’re going to do
  - Being truthful

- **Taking Ownership of Your Actions**
  - Apologizing
  - Using strategies when you have strong feelings
  - Dealing with strong feeling appropriately

- **Personal Health**
  - Recognizing when you need a break
  - Eating healthy meals
  - Getting enough sleep
  - Make safe choices

Discussion Ideas:
- What are you responsible for at school? Home?
- What traits of being responsible do we value as a family?
- Can we improve on being responsible? Make personal goals?
- Why is being responsible helpful/ important?
Please help Ms. Massimino with these MakerSpace Items!

Did you know you can earn money for our school by grocery shopping?

- Sign up for a PCC Scrip card and earn 5% of every dollar you load onto your card for our school. Support a great local company while supporting our school!

- Do you shop at Thriftway? Drop off your Thriftway receipts in the office and 1% of the purchase price of every item you buy is returned to our school.

In addition to PCC and Thriftway, there are a number of other retailers where you can earn money for STEM. Here is a full list.

Happy Shopping!
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
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 Black Lives Matter Attire can be purchased here:

https://www.cafepress.com/stemspiritwear

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Must Read Article written by Ms. Bannister!


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

https://mp.gg/lb6jk