A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

We’re in February! The school year is speeding by. It was a busy weekend for STEM students, with the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams playing Pathfinder on Saturday. Our robotics team was also in action, with students competing in tournaments in Wenatchee and Northeast Seattle. Middle school teams with students Hailey Jarrett, Jane Howsmon, Sam Lee, and Ryan Colby finished third overall. Much thanks to parent volunteer Cynthia Moon who has been a key team support!

This week is Black Lives Matter week of action in Seattle Public Schools. At STEM there will be daily student announcements and conversations and activities in classrooms that support conversations about identity, culture, race, racism, and action at school and in our communities. We will be flying a Black Lives Matter flag on the flag pole as we continue to work on creating a more inclusive community that actively engages African American students and families in their school success.

Thursday night, February 6th is our first ever Hammering Owl Art Extravaganza, from 6-8:30 pm. Bring your family for a free, kid-friendly community event that will provide refreshments and art activities. Participants can also visit a STEM art store and purchase items based on classroom art projects for nominal fees. The original classroom art pieces typical auctioned off at the STEM auction will be raffled off and $10 tickets are available onsite. The STEM PTA is working hard to create an inclusive, art-based community event that also supports our school vision and learning activities. Invite your friends to come and join us. All forms of attire are welcome!

Sincerely,

Ben Ostrom, Principal

STEM K-8
THIS THURSDAY: STEM ART EXTRAVAGANZA! Volunteers still needed:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CADAD2EAAFF2-hammering

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=WNEx1HRgMkiHq1Hqb23SJ4ei3jqrS65MkSt95y0_BqFUQ05HVTA0UUhHSFM1RkdQMDM4QUlSUUFMy4u

Thanks!
Heidi
Our Owls LOVE to Read!

Guardians & Parents are invited to attend the STEM Global Reading In-School Challenge on Friday, February 14th from 9:15 – 10:15ish. (Depends if we have to have a run-off for the school champs!) This is a trivia Battle of the Books program co-sponsored by Seattle Public Library and Seattle Public Schools. For more information https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/learning/global-reading-challenge. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. B in the STEM Library!
Pledge Time to Creating a Playground for Delridge Community and Our School

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.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRqMkiHq1Hqb23SJ8QzabJrxpDOotiQ-sqEppRUOFJKUFZWUkxTTFYQVpUOFBaQ01TNjIPUy4u

THANK YOU!

Must Read Article written by Ms. Bannister!

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 you 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

Please help Ms. Massimino with these MakerSpace Items!

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Saturday Morning Cartoons Auction!
In support of Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA
Saturday, March 28\textsuperscript{th} / 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 DOOPY 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.

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!**
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! Upcoming 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.

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 dblechert@seattleschools.org

https://www.gotpugetsound.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.gotpugetsound.org

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

Check out Coyote Central for weekends and upcoming holiday breaks:

Register HERE: 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**

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!

STEM Black Lives Matter Attire can be purchased here:

[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)