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The official weekly newsletter of the K-5 STEM PTA

{Aspire, Create, Expect} more

Direct Give Update: \$17,500 towards our goal of \$50,000

Last Spring we took stock of all the things the PTA did in 2013-14. The Direct Give (and Auction) made this happen. Please. Donate. YOU make this school possible.

Check out this slide show about all the awesome

<http://www.slideshare.net/RobinTimmermansGraha/stem-year-2>

and donate to help us for years 3, 4, 16, 22, 47.....

Donate now at <http://k5stempta.org/direct-give-2014-feather-the-nest/>

Message from the Principal - Ben Ostrom:

I continue to be grateful for the level of family engagement at K-5 STEM. Whether participating in the Direct Give, volunteering in classrooms, joining school committees, or keeping on top of their children's work at home, K-5 STEM families are involved and it makes a difference!

Wednesday is 1:40 early release for professional development. K-5 STEM staff will spend time exploring the new Smarter Balance assessments. We will also be looking at how we can analyze student work to make adjustments to math planning and instruction.

This week at STEM also brings the Día de los Muertos Potluck on Thursday evening and the Punkin' Chunkin' on Saturday morning. Come join the fun!

This Week:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
Oct 29	1:40pm		2-hour Early Dismissal	Professional Development
Oct 30	5:30-7:30pm	Boren Cafeteria	Día de los Muertos Potluck	Bring a dish to share (and your student will have a sugar skull to wear!)

Oct 31			Spirit Wear Day	No costumes please. More info HERE on our website
Nov 1	10:30am- 12	Boren Fields	Punkin' Chunkin'	Come help with this fun event. Construction for Destruction! Sign Up Here to Help! We recycle your old pumpkins by flipping, throwing, chunkin' and smashing them in the field using engineering and science experiments and tools. Interested in helping? Contact Kathleen: kqland@gmail.com

Help Needed!

- Enrichment Assistant: Assist our PTA Enrichment Program Coordinator with administrative and accounting support. 10-12 hours per session- primarily week of Enrollment for classes. Evening/after school hours.
- Enrollment Coordinator: Coordinate our school tours and assist families interested in STEM in navigating the Open Enrollment process. Coordinate with Mr. Ostrom on school tours/classroom visits during January/February. 2-4 hours Nov/Dec; primary coordinator during February tours (5 tours, 1.5 hours each).
- Advocacy: Key PTA position open for motivated, engaged volunteer. Represent STEM during Legislative voting sessions and provide key information about State decisions that will impact our school. We need you!
- Office Support: Lamination assistance needed for classroom teachers, 1 hour per week/days flexible.

District News:

The annual lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Families Dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at NOVA/Seattle World School (300 20th Ave. E). Members of the school board will attend to welcome LGBT families and their friends. All district families and staff are welcome to attend! This donation-funded event is brought to you by the Health Education Office and the Office of School Family: Partnerships. Dinner and entertainment will be provided through community donations. To reserve space at this popular event, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to Lisa Love in the Health Intervention Office at 252-0982 or llove@seattleschools.org.

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
Nov 3			Chinook Books	Available for purchase
Nov 6	6:30pm	Boren Gym		Mary Poppins Performance
Nov 7	10am	Boren Gym		Mary Poppins All School Assembly Performance
Nov 13	6:30-8pm	Boren Library	PTA Meeting	Childcare provided - NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!
Nov 18	6:30-7:30pm	Boren Library	Positive Discipline	Introduction Class on Nov 18 th . A free 8-week series will start Jan. 7th on Wednesday's evenings from 6-8pm in the library. Childcare will be provided. Maximum of 30 attendee's. Must commit to entire program.

More information always www.k5stempta.org, on Facebook (West Seattle STEM PTA) and twitter @STEMPTA