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Message from the Principal – Ben Ostrom:

I hope everyone took some time to read, solve math puzzles, and construct interesting things for fun during spring break. Mid-April is when the pace picks up and things can become a blur at school.

First on the radar are hiring committees—a valuable and interesting way to become involved in STEM K-8. As noted in the last OWL POST, we will operate three hiring committees during Phase 1 of the SPS hiring process: on Wednesday, 4/22 for Special Education, Thursday, 4/23 for 5th grade, and on Friday, 4/24 for 2nd grade. **If you have had hiring committee training and are interested in participating on a school hiring committee**, please call or email Cindy at cichettrick@seattleschools.org to let us know.

We will send a separate school messenger email out regarding Summer Staircase, Seattle Public Schools’ summer learning program. A brief summary: the registration window is **from now through May 15**. The Summer Staircase program will run from **June 22 to July 3, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** The program aims to eliminate opportunity and achievement gaps by serving current K- 4 students that are below grade level as determined by classroom assessments, MAP, and the SBA. Breakfast and lunch will be served and transportation will be provided for students living outside the one-mile walk zone of each program site. The Summer Staircase program will be operated at Highland Park and West Seattle Elementary in West Seattle.

If have questions or want to catch up on everything, feel free to join me for our monthly coffee chat on April 24th from 8:30-9:25 in the cafeteria.

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
April 24	8:30-9:25	Cafeteria	Coffee Chat	Coffee Chat with Principal Ostrom
April 24			Spirit Wear Day	
April 25	8am-1pm	Boren parking lot	Parking lot safety,	Boren parking lot safety updates and site beautification! Projects include painting,

		& garden spaces (please park on Delridge)	painting and garden party!	unearthing a hidden sidewalk, adding new signage, and beautifying the grounds with our amazing GREEN TEAM! We've got the supplies & tools – we just need your help to make it happen!
April 30	6-7:30 pm	Boren	Kids & Safety Online	Online Safety class! Join our Arbor Heights friends for a class on keeping kids safe. SPD officer Stephanie Thomas will join us for this informative session. Not appropriate for school aged children. Childcare will be provided (YMCA).
May 7	6:30-8pm	Library	PTA Meeting	Approve Budget for 2015-2016, Vote for new Exec Team members and more!
May 28	TBD	Boren	Science Fair & Invention Convention	Stay tuned for details soon! Interested in helping out? Email Kathleen at: KQland@gmail.com
May 29	2-3pm	Boren	Seattle Opera visit to STEM	Seattle Opera will be visiting STEM to perform their first act of their elementary school program from "Our Earth: Heron and the Salmon Girl". Next year, we hope to have this terrific program as an enrichment program for our kids- come check it out!
June 2	7-8pm		Instrumental Music Concert	Instrumental Music Concert – family evening
June 4			Summer Book Swap	Start saving your gently loved books for Summer Book Swap

- A message from Mrs. Bannister (STEM Librarian): We have probably over a thousand dollars out in seriously overdue/lost books. Please, please, please help me remind students and families to get books returned. If a book is truly lost, the family can replace it with the exact title and format (hard cover) or they may pay the cost of the lost book. My preference is to always get the book back over someone needing to pay for it. Thanks!
- Volunteer Needs: The Instrumental Music Instructor, Mr. Cheever, is looking for someone to help him make a program for the concert on June 2nd. Interested? Email Wendy at president@k5stempta.org.

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

