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

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**Message from the Principal – Ben Ostrom:**

Many thanks to the staff and families who participated in the school grounds work party on Saturday. Your efforts were heroic! Thanks for the commitment!

We continue to use our 6<sup>th</sup> grade roll up as an opportunity to develop K-8 programming: A waiver application to utilize Singapore Math K-8 was turned in at the beginning of April and we are awaiting SPS's response. The K-8 Design Team is ironing out the details of a pilot 1 to 1 program utilizing iPads for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Next Generation Science and Engineering Standards are being used for science planning. Plans are being made for the budget and purchase middle school curriculum materials. The K-8 Design Team has also been working to further develop the vision for Louisa Boren STEM K-8. We have been elaborating on the existing vision to support clear idea statements about how and what we want teach our scholars. Look for opportunities to provide feedback on K-8 STEM vision discussions in the weeks to come.

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**THANK YOU FAMILIES FOR THE WORK PARTY HELP! COME SEE THE NEWEST CURBSTOPS, SENSORY GARDEN & BEAUTIFUCATION!**

**Upcoming Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Details</b>
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).
April 30 & May 1	After school	Front entrance	Bake Sale	Bake sale in support of the STEM Safety Team
May 4-8			STEM Staff & Teacher Appreciation Days	Room parents will be sending out more information this week. Staff & Teacher Appreciation Days!
May 7	6:30-	Library	PTA Meeting	LAST PTA MEETING! Approve Budget for 2015-

	8pm			2016, Vote for new Exec Team members and more! June "meeting" will be a social – stay tuned!
May 28	TBD	Boren	Science Fair & Invention Convention	Stay tuned for details soon! Interested in helping out? Email Kathleen at: <a href="mailto:KQland@gmail.com">KQland@gmail.com</a>
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

- Please copy both Cindy & Patti if your student will be missing school

[plbunting@seattleschools.org](mailto:plbunting@seattleschools.org) and/or (206) 252-8454.

- If you can help with a teacher appreciation project during school hours please contact [robingraham26@gmail.com](mailto:robingraham26@gmail.com). Afternoons 12:30-3:30.
- Come visit the newly installed sensory garden in the 1<sup>st</sup> courtyard next time you are at Boren. A classroom auction project gift – it will smell and look beautiful for years!
- School Family Partnerships has scheduled five regional community gatherings to gather input on changing school start bell times.

Local West Seattle Community Discussions:

Tuesday April 21, from 6-7:30 pm – Highpoint Neighborhood House (6400 Sylvan Way SW Room 207)

Tuesday May 12, from 7-8:30 pm – Chief Sealth HS Cafeteria (2600 SW Thistle St.)

As a reminder, Family Surveys can be dropped off at the dropbox on the 1st floor of the John Stanford Center, at your local school, or emailed to [neighbor2neighbor@seattleschools.org](mailto:neighbor2neighbor@seattleschools.org)

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