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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:

Thanks to everyone who contributed food, services, small tokens, and in many other ways helped staff feel appreciated during staff appreciation week. We thrive on your enthusiasm and support!

This week third grade will be SBAC testing and 5th graders will be taking the Science MSP. If you choose to opt your child out of standardized testing, the office needs written notification that includes the name of the test.

Make sure you mark Tuesday, May 19th on your calendars as a non-school day. There will be a Seattle Education Association walk out on that day to support fully funding schools. This action aims to push the state legislature to address existing initiatives and the McCleary decision that found Washington State is not adequately funding basic education. An additional school day will be added on Tuesday, June 16th. Following tradition, students are dismissed one hour early on the last day of school.

Message from PTA President – Wendy Warborg:

This past Thursday, we hosted the PTA elections for the 2015-2016 Executive Board (as well as approved the budget!). Please join us in welcoming the new PTA leadership team:

Rebecca Garcia- President
Gretchen Evans- Vice President (rolls up to President year 2)
Helen Green- Secretary
Debbie Sarsidi Ross- Treasurer
Stephanie Kellner- co-Treasurer (rolls up to Treasurer year 2)
Mercedes Diggs- BLT (returning)
Lisa Waskowitz- BLT (year 1)

In addition, we have several Exec Board members who deserve some recognition for their hard work & dedication to STEM. If you see them around, please give a high-five to Robin Graham (past President- Board member), Anne Higuera (2 year Treasurer), Lisa Dawson (2 year Secretary) and Kathleen Voss (3 year BLT member). We are ever grateful for your service to our PTA and school.

June 4th we will host a casual volunteer appreciation/final PTA gathering at the Beveridge Place Pub (6413 California Ave SW). There will not be a PTA meeting that evening. We will be there from 7-9pm and everyone is welcome to come by and say “hello” before we break for summer. We cannot function without our volunteers, and we have accomplished so much this year with your help. We so appreciate everyone who supports STEM in time, treasure or talent. We are surely a stronger community and school because of YOU.

It has been an honor to serve as your PTA President this past year. Thank you for entrusting me with this job and I’ll see you in the halls! Hoot hoot! – WW

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
May 19			No School	
May 28	TBD	Boren	Science and PBL Extravaganza	Stay tuned for details soon!
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 1			Library Books!	Return all library books!
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
June 16			Last day of school	Out 1 hour early

- No coffee chat this month.
- BELL TIMES: ONLINE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE! We asked, they listened! An online survey at belltimes.www.seattleschools.org is now available until May 10 for all parents, students and staff to collect input on possible bell time changes for schools. The District would like your input because a change in the start and end time for a school day has the potential to affect the entire community. *It is recommended that even those who completed previous surveys send their input online to ensure your feedback is considered.*

- Remember to send books back to school with students – many students have books out for extended times.

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