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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:

It’s nearly impossible to believe how quickly this year has flown by! Thanks to our Field Day volunteers, Multi-Class Field trip chaperons, and everyone else that has pitched in to support the numerous STEM community events and needs as the year winds down. I would like to express extreme gratitude to the outgoing PTA Executive Team – Wendy Warborg, Rebecca Garcia, Lisa Dawson, Anne Higuera, Kathleen Voss, & Robin Graham--for their vital leadership, efforts, and feedback during my first year at STEM.

So much has happened the last several months that I’m often having to choose between *doing the work* and *communicating the work*. I’m looking forward to the slower pace of summer to build new communication structures to better share emerging ideas and plans.

As we transition to a new year, an important development has been growing the vision for Louisa Boren STEM K-8. A vibrant, living vision inspires, guides, defines priorities, and sustains collaboration. Back in November, the K-8 Design team began discussing important concepts from the vision created when K-5 STEM was founded. We also discussed missing elements, including role of STEM subjects and a commitment to equity. Our goal was to develop a guiding document stating what STEM K-8 was about, explaining key concepts, and pointing to more detailed frameworks and resources to guide planning and implementation. After multiple conversations with staff and the Building Leadership Team, we are ready to share the *Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Emerging Vision*. It will be posted this week on the PTA and/or school website. We are exploring some ways to gather responses and feedback online. The plan is to support a broader community discussion when families return in the fall, but we wanted to share what is emerging now. Remember that a vision serves to guide our growth, rather than describe current practice.

Events:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
June 15	9:30am-1:30	LINCOLN PARK	All School Field Trip	Students will be outside playing, please send them to school with sunscreen on and sneakers for a day of beach fun.
June	10am	Boren	Last day of	TBD - Last day of school assembly INFO HERE!

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June 16	2:35pm		Last day of school	Spirit Wear Day! Out 1 hour early
Aug 20 & 27	4:30-5:30pm	Boren Playground	Kindergarten Play dates	Join us for Kindergarten play dates – popsicles & water & make a few new friends before school starts
Late August		Mail	Bus Information sent	SPS sends bussing information in late August
Sept 2	4:30-5:30	Boren	K-5 Open House	Open house for Kindergarten and new students.
Sept 2	5:30-6:30	Boren	6 th grade Open House	Open House for all incoming 6 th graders
Sept 3	5:00	Boren	New class Lists posted	New class Lists posted – come find out who your teacher is! If you can't attend you can call the office on the 4th or ask a friend to let you know.
Sept 9	TBD		School starts	Welcome Back!
Sept 11	TBD	Lincoln Park	B2SB4	Back to School Bash 4! More details late August
Oct 10	TBD	TAF Academy	Social	Stay tuned – save the date for the 1 st STEM social!
March 26	TBD		Auction	Stay tuned - save the date for the 3 rd annual STEM auction!

Other Information:

- PTA end of year survey – and you can win \$25!
<http://k5stempta.org/2015/06/10/k-8-stem-pta-end-of-year-survey-and-win-25/>
- Uniform policy for 2015-16: <http://k5stempta.org/about-our-school/uniforms/>
- LIBRARY BOOKS NEEDED! Please return any & all library books ASAP!
- STEM Library Summer Reading Challenge form as well as Summer Reading Programs 2015 and Online Reading Resources link to the SPS online resources: <http://sps.ss8.sharpschool.com/students/support/library>

- If you missed the Sing Out Seattle musical at STEM “Annie” view it here: <http://k5stempta.org/2015/06/02/sing-out-seattle-presents-annie/>
Thank you Helen Green for the video production!

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

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER OWLS!

