



October 9, 2017



Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

October 10
School Picture Day!
(Uniform Required)
STEM K-8

October 11
PTA Meeting
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Complimentary childcare provided
by the PTA.
STEM Library

October 13
State In-Service Day
NO SCHOOL

October 17
Advocacy Committee Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
All are welcome!
Uptown Espresso & Game
Emporium, 3845 Delridge Way SW

October 24
Follow-Up SPS Facility Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (time may
change)
With senior capital staff and WS
School board member Leslie
Harris.
STEM Cafeteria

October 25
**Harvest Festival Potluck &
Fundraiser Event**
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Non-scary/school appropriate
costumes please
STEM Cafeteria



A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Thanks for everyone who was able to attend our Middle School Curriculum Night/Open House last Thursday. As staff introduced themselves it was amazing to recognize a middle school staff that has grown from two to fourteen!

Seattle Public Schools has scheduled a follow up meeting to discuss West Seattle facility issues on October 24 at STEM, likely from 6-7 pm. Many families and staff remember a [tense meeting last June](#) when SPS facility needs raised questions

about future moves for STEM and alternative uses of the Boren site. Community feelings regarding STEM K-8's home at Boren were clear. School district capital program staff committed to taking feedback, revisiting facility needs and plans, and holding a follow-up meeting. My feedback for scheduling was that families were gone in August, and September was too busy, and thus an October date was set. Senior capital staff and West Seattle School board member Leslie Harris will be in attendance.

STEM staff are working with full plates! We are taking on three new curricula: Center for the Collaborative Classroom Literacy Curriculum (CCC), Eureka Math, and Ruler. Integrating the teaching methods and content for new instructional materials takes time. In particular, a few months will be needed to learn how to integrate the reading and writing components of CCC into Project Based Learning (PBL). When reading and writing are taught separately, time is reduced for PBL and integrated science learning. We are beginning the year focused on implementing CCC to better understand the curriculum and gain the benefits of aligned literacy materials. After teaching the first two units we will begin to work on adjustments to better support Project Based Learning.

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

2017 Direct Give Update

The annual [STEM K-8 Direct Give Campaign](#), is our first fundraiser of the year. During October we aim to raise \$35,000 to support the STEM community.

The STEM K-8 PTA serves as the roots of the STEM community and supports funding for every aspect of our unique school. State and local funding is terribly inadequate to support the vision of our school and provide the level of services, support, and materials we need for all of our students.

Goal \$35,000
Money Raised so Far \$4,150
Still Needed \$30,850

**DIRECT GIVE CAMPAIGN – Give. Grow. Fly.
All of October - \$35,000 Goal**

Your Name: _____
Address: _____

Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Student(s)/Grade(s) at STEM: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

You can submit a payment online at:
<http://stemk8pta.org>.
There is an option for recurring payments.
Checks can be made out to: STEM K-8 PTA.
Return this donation form to the PTA mailbox
at STEM or mail to: 5950 Delridge Way SW, Seattle,
WA 98106. Check with your employer about
matching gifts.



Thank you for your donation!

DIRECT GIVE CAMPAIGN – Why do we Direct Give?

Even the smallest donations make a huge difference for every student at our school. The PTA provides essential funding to our STEM K-8 community and supports all the “extras.” A direct give campaign means YOUR ENTIRE DONATION supports STEM K-8 PTA.

- * \$5 buys 1 polo shirt for the uniform closet for a student in need.
- * \$0.83 every month for 12 months pays for a scholarship for a student to attend a field trip.
- * \$25 buys 2 books for school library about women of color in technology.
- * \$4.16 every month for 12 months Buys 4 safety vests for safety team.
- * \$65 buys math consumables for one classroom.
- * 12 payments of \$8.33 buys the jump ropes, hula-hoops and balls for recess.
- * \$100 buys soil planters and seeds for life sciences project.
- * \$110 purchases microscope slides for Middle School Project Based Learning.
- * 12 payments of \$12.50 buys one Kindergarten classroom an alphabet sounds teaching tub.
- * \$150 gets one 3rd grade classroom an engineering kit.
- * Two payments of \$100 pays for an owl expert to bring a real owl to school.
- * \$500 pays for a classroom teacher to buy a specialized piece of equipment for their classroom.
- * 12 payments of \$83.33 buys chapter books for a grade band for reading book groups.
- * \$2000 pays for student learning software - Learning A-Z.

Give. Grow. Fly.

Thank you for your donation!

STEM K-8 PTA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. Tax ID#: 45-5313405

WE NEED YOUR ROCK COLLECTION



Dear STEM Families:

As many of you know, we have initiated our Earth Sciences Career and Technical Education program for 8th Grade. Students will experience the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) through real world, hands-on, geotechnical activities. Basic geochemistry, geohydrology, and earth materials cycling will be taught in both laboratory and field settings.

Unfortunately, our order for rock and mineral specimens is long-delayed for approval by budgeting decision-makers.

To ensure we deliver our curriculum as planned, we must improvise. I would like to request a donation of your rock collection for use in our lab. Most samples will be subject to hammers, scratching tools and acid baths, so we cannot return them. The testing on specimens is destructive.

If you have a rock collection sitting around your garage, we could really use it for the Geotechnical Sciences Program. Drop the collection on the loading dock of Mr. Parsley's shop (SW Juneau) and the students will bring it in. You can also deliver the collection to the office. All samples are welcome except polished agate collections because it is too difficult to view their crystalline structures.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic school!

Craig Parsley
Career and Technical Education
Middle School Sciences

Stay Connected

[PTA Website](#) – all things PTA (become a member, volunteer, shop and earn, how YOU can be involved).

[STEM K-8 school website](#) – our SPS school website (curriculum, staff details and more).

[STEM K-8 Facebook](#)



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[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



Harvest Festival Potluck and Fundraiser Event



Join us on Wednesday October 25 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for the Harvest Festival Potluck and Fundraiser (for 5th grade Islandwood Outdoor Education). There will be lots of activities for all ages with prizes, including a Photo Booth, Nintendo Switch Competitions, Airbrush Tattoo Artist, Football Throw, Cash Cube, Corn Hole, and Ring the Pumpkin.

Please bring an appetizer or main dish to share for the potluck portion of the night. Tickets will be sold at the door for activities and cotton candy and snow cones for dessert. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume! Please make sure costumes are non-scary and school appropriate. 5th Grade parents please keep a look out for the Signup Genius coming soon to volunteer to help.

This Week's Ultimate Schedule

Saturday, October 14

Denny Green C vs STEM OWLS C

11:00 am Ingraham HS - South 1

STEM OWLS V A2 vs AKI A2

2:00 pm Ingraham HS - South 2



Chinook Books Still Available Online



The online link for Chinook Books is still open. All sales through this link benefit STEM K-8!

<https://chinook.co/k8stemelementaryschool>

Please cut and paste into your browser. Link does not work directly from this document.

Pass along this link to friends and family. They can buy a Chinook book for any area (not just Seattle).