



January 9, 2017



# Owl Post

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

## Upcoming Events

**January 9**

**7 PM**

### **STEM High School Pathways Meeting**

If you are interested in a high school pathway after Louisa Boren STEM middle school, come to the high school pathway meeting.  
*STEM K-8 Library*

**January 9**

### **Winter Enrichment classes begin.**

*STEM K-8*

**January 10**

**7 PM**

### **PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting**

Join advocacy efforts to promote funding of public education in Washington state by attending our next PTA Advocacy Committee Meeting  
*Uptown Espresso on Delridge  
3845 Delridge Way SW*

**January 11**

**6 PM**

### **IEP Education Meeting**

Office of the Education Ombuds will provide basic information about Individualized Education Plans and Evaluations.  
*South Shore K-8 4800 S  
Henderson St, Seattle, WA  
98118*

**January 16**

**No School, MLK Jr. Holiday**

**January 16**

**8 AM**

### **PTSA Focus Day and Rally**

Join the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Caravan to Olympia for a rally to fully fund our schools on the Capital Steps at 10:30 AM.  
*Meet at Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Parking lot, caravan to Washington State Capital Building*

## A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom



Thanks to families who were able to attend last week's PTA meeting to learn about Washington State's school funding crisis, how it affects Seattle Public Schools, and what can be done.

To find out more information about the source of our budget shortfall and challenges it creates, check out the [SPS Budget Deficit webpage](#). To get involved, check out options on the [STEM K-8 PTA webpage](#).

Providing a quality education to children of all races is a civil rights issue. It's also a constitutional obligation that Washington State legislators have a moral and legal requirement to face. Our STEM K-8 staff show up every day and dedicate themselves to your children. It's time for WA state politicians to do the same thing.

Ben Ostrom,  
Principal, Louisa Boren STEM K-8

## Get Involved, Next Steps from the STEM K-8 Advocacy Committee

Thanks to all who were able to attend the PTA meeting last Wednesday. For those who missed it, the presentation slides, handout and other pertinent info is available [on our website](#).

If you would like to get involved in our PTA's ongoing advocacy efforts please attend the Advocacy Committee meeting, tomorrow (1/10/2017) from 7-8 PM at Uptown Espresso, 3845 Delridge Ave SW. All are welcome.

Please join other Louisa Boren STEM K-8 families and staff as we Caravan to Olympia on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16. Meet in the parking lot at 8 am. Full details, including how to print up your own Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Fund Our Schools t-shirt, available on our website and our [Facebook event invite](#).

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## 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](#)



[STEM PTA Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)

[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)

## Get Involved

Are you looking for a way to get involved? All current opportunities are listed on STEM K-8 [Sign Up Genius Page](#).

### Library Volunteers

Looking for helpers to shelve, label and check books in and out. [See full details on Sign Up Genius](#).

## For Parents of Students Receiving Special Education Services

Who is eligible for special education? What type of information is included in an IEP? Who develops my child's IEP? How do I find out if my child is eligible? What is next? What happens during an evaluation? How does the school collect this information?

If you are a parent of a child with special needs you may have asked these questions, and the answers did not satisfy you. Join us for an opportunity to get answers to many of your questions from a professional in this area; OEO staff (Office of the Education Ombuds) will provide basic information about IEP and Evaluations.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11th, 2017 6-8 p.m.**

*Individualized Education Program: Overview and Development of the IEP*

Presenter: Carrie Griffin Basas, OEO Director

**Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 2017 6-8 p.m.**

*Understanding School Evaluations*

Presenter: Rose Spidell OEP Ombuds

See the [event flyer posted to our website](#) for more information about these meetings.

## Winter Enrichment Volunteers Still Needed

Winter enrichment classes start today! Students of parent volunteers get a 50% discount on their tuition. We are still seeking parent volunteers for the following classes:

- Chess (Monday am)
- Drumming (Tuesday am)
- Bridge Club (Tuesday pm) Grandparents can volunteer!
- Carpentry A (Weds. am)
- Robotic Arts (Weds. am)
- Lego Eco Engineering (Weds.pm)