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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:**

We are entering the school year's final days, and mostly what I want to communicate is gratitude. Thank you families and staff who pour yourselves into creating powerful learning experiences at STEM K-8! We have lists of needs and plans for ongoing development; and yet what stands out most are the learning experiences our scholars have every day. STEM K-8 families and staff you are amazing! We will have a volunteer tea in the library on June 11 from 3-4 PM to say thank you again to our many volunteers in person.

Although the school year is ending, our K-8 preparations are not. Especially for our rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade families there will be multiple updates over the summer. Make sure the email address you have on file is accurate. One big update is regarding the waiver to utilize Singapore Math in grades K-6 next year. We were granted permission to use Singapore Math as a supplemental material K-5 and as a core curriculum in grades 6-8. I have appealed the K-5 decision; however the outcome will not change plans for math instruction next year: **we will be using Singapore Math to provide math instruction K-6**. Because the school site determines the extent to which supplemental instructional materials guide instruction, we are moving forward with Singapore math. A primary determining factor in the SPS decision is a new policy that prohibits waivers the year before and two years after curriculum adoptions.

Don't forget to scour your house for lost library books. We are still missing over \$1,400 worth of books. All fines are forgiven when books are welcomed back! Students are expected to account for searches for lost books before entering field day. The STEM K-8 library has become a special reading place under Ms. Bannister's stewardship, and returning books helps it stay that way!

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A special note of thanks to the outgoing Executive Team – Wendy Warborg, Lisa Dawson, Anne Higuera, Kathleen Voss, & Robin Graham.

THANK YOU volunteers & chaperones. There have been a lot of extra trips and support needed these last few weeks and your time & effort is so very appreciated!

### Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Place	Information	Details
June 11	3pm-4	Boren	Volunteer Tea	Staff & teachers invite you to the Volunteer Tea! More details TBD.
June 12	9:45am-2:45	Boren	All School Field Day	If you are interested in helping with this year's Field Day festivities please visit: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eabab2fa4f49-field1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eabab2fa4f49-field1</a> Students will be outside playing, please send them to school with sunscreen on and sneakers for a day of field day fun.
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 16	TBD	Boren	Last day of school assembly	TBD - Last day of school assembly
June 16	2:35pm		Last day of school	Spirit Wear Day! Out 1 hour early

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### Other Information:

- 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!

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