



April 22, 2019

Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

April 23

**Countering Whiteness
Workshop**

6:30-8:30pm

STEM Library

More details in Owl Post

April 26

Spirit Wear Day

STEM K-8

April 26

Middle School Lock-In

3:30-6:00pm

**Leave your Middle Schooler at
school!**

More details in Owl Post

April 27

Locker Room Clean-Up

9am-2pm

STEM

More details in Owl Post

May 8

Bike to School Day

More details in Owl Post

May 9

PTA Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm

STEM Library

May 27

Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

May 31

Spirit Wear Day

STEM K-8

May 31

**GGLOW Owls Family Dance
Party**

5:30pm-7:30pm

STEM Playground

More information in this Owl Post

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

Spring is here. Along with celebrations of Passover and Easter for many families, with Ramadan soon to begin, Earth Day marks an acute need to prepare students to grapple with ecological change. Spring also means hard work at STEM. As I have stated many times, creating a preK-8 school with multiple programs is a 10-year process. In April and May we evaluate progress and discuss priorities for next year. Our Leadership Team looks at school data to start planning for the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) that sets school priorities. We are also gathering feedback from school committees and beginning to work on next year's professional development calendar. Next year's master schedule is being developed. Because of a rising bubble of students, we will have three 6th and 7th grade classes and two 5th grade classes. That means different schedules and staffing. We are also adding a third Distinct Special Education classroom.

SPS schools is in Phase 1 of a three-phase hiring process. Each afternoon this week we will be holding interviews for next year's positions: additional Special Education IA's (Tuesday, April 23rd), new Distinct Special Education teacher (Wednesday, April 24th), and additional middle school language arts teacher (Thursday, April 25). Joining a hiring committees is a great way to participate in school decision making. To sit on a Seattle school hiring committee you have to complete one hiring committee training (it's good for life). The next one is May 14th, at the John Stanford Center. Sign up by emailing date attending, full name, email address and contact phone number to SEA@WashingtonEA.org. If you've had the training and are able to participate let Cindy or me know in the office.

This week is registration for students who qualify for Summer Staircase. Summer Staircase is an additional support for rising **Kindergarten through 4th graders** who are struggling in literacy and math. **Registration for the Summer Staircase closes on April 26th**. For additional information about the Summer Staircase Program, please see the SPS webpage: [Summer Staircase](#). If you would like a registration form, contact the school office at 206-252-8450.

If you believe your child would qualify for extra support and haven't been contacted, reach out to your child's teacher or fill out and return an application from the links above to the school office.

Ben Ostrom

Principal

Louisa Boren STEM K-8

June 13
PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm
STEM Library

June 14
[Spirit Wear Day](#)
STEM K-8

June 20
[Spirit Wear Day](#)
STEM K-8

June 27
Last Day of School!

Check out the school calendar [here](#).

Middle School Lock-In!



FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH FROM 3:30-6PM

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION

SUPERSMASH BROS, BIRDHOUSE MAKING,
MOVIES, MYSTERY, BOARDGAMES,
TALKING & SNACKS.
NO RSVP NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Louisa Boren STEM Locker Room Clean-Up! | April 27th
9am-2pm

On Saturday, April 27th, the school's locker rooms will be cleared and cleaned. If you can help with sorting, boxing, and moving, please RSVP by clicking on the link below. You may also contact Adrienne Ollerenshaw at amollerensha@seattleschools.org or 503-544-5477.

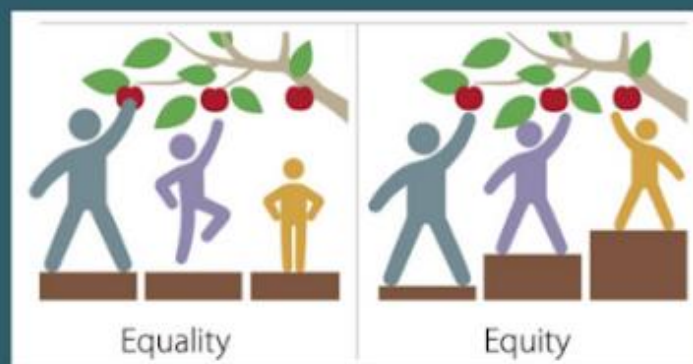
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The STEM PTA Advocacy Committee invites you to the 2nd of our ongoing workshops on race and equity, brought to you by PTA donations.

COUNTERING WHITENESS

What can you do to work for racial equity in predominately white settings?



Explore this question in a workshop led by Tracy Castro-gill, former STEM parent, 2019 Puget Sound Educational Service District Teacher of the Year and SPS Ethnic Studies Program Manager, and Jon Greenberg, an award-winning educator and writer whose pieces on racial justice have been featured in NPR, Huffington Post, and Yes! Magazine.

In this interactive workshop, develop your racial equity literacy and explore how racial inequities show up in our school and the world beyond. Learn concrete strategies to promote racial justice, including finding the pressure points for system change in Seattle Public Schools.

Tuesday April 23rd 6:30-8:30 @ LB STEM
FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY THE YMCA

Join the STEM Bike Train for Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 8th!

Wednesday, May 8 is Bike to School Day. Louisa Boren STEM K-8 students, parents, and staff are invited to join a BIKE TRAIN. It's free and fun! Meet at Greg Davis Park (2600 SW Brandon St) between 8:00-8:15am and we'll bike to school together along a neighborhood greenway and the Longfellow Creek path. Bring a helmet, a bike lock, and your big smiles for this event.

While supplies last, students biking to school on May 8 will receive a fun prize! We'll also have some snacks to keep us fueled for the ride!

- You can bike to Greg Davis Park or drive and park. Everyone is welcome.
- Grade K-2 students – please have a parent or other adult join in the bike train with student.
- If parent or adult is not available but student wants to participate, please contact Marlo Laubach poppymuffin72@gmail.com and we can likely find another adult to pair student with.
- Grade 3-8 students – parents are welcome but not required if student is confident on a bike.
- Please note the bike train is only in the morning. Families should make their own plans for afternoon transportation.
- If there is more than a light drizzle on Wednesday, May 8, the RAIN DATE is Friday, May 10.
- Every student who bikes or walks to school on May 8 will be eligible for the prize. Students can join the bike train event or bike on their own with parental permission/supervision.
- This event is funded in part by a Mini Grant award from the City of Seattle, Seattle Department of Transportation.



GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party | May 31st 5:30-7:30pm

The new GGLOW OWLS t-shirts for 2019 are available for a limited time now via <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/gglowowlsstemk82019>

For those new to the Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Community, GGLOW OWLS stands for Gender non-conforming/Gender Queer, Gay, Lesbian or whatever, and is our way of celebrating and affirming our LGBTQIA students, staff, families and allies. This year our t-shirt design highlights gender identity. We will have our 3rd Annual GGLOW OWLS Family Dance Party on our playground, Friday May 31st from 5:30-7:30 with Phorale and Full Tilt Food trucks and DJ Plaid Dad spinning the old school records. All are welcome!



Proceeds from our t-shirt sales are used to purchase LGBTQIA books for our school library and classrooms. Our 2019 book wish list will be published soon and donations are gladly accepted.

For more information and to find out how you can volunteer with the event and book collection, please contact GGLOW OWLS PTA Event Chair, Shawna Murphy southernstreetkids@yahoo.com.

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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Spring Sports Schedules

Saturday, April 27

Varsity Boys Soccer

9:30am Hazel Wolf v. STEM

Location: Ingraham

JV Boys Soccer

12:30pm STEM v. Eckstein 2

Location: Jane Addams #2

Varsity Girls Volleyball

11:00am STEM v. Blaine

Location: Eagle Staff

JV Girls Volleyball

8:00am STEM v. McClure 3

Location: STEM

Saturday, May 4

Ultimate Frisbee

2:30pm STEM v. Hamlin Robinson School MS

Van Asselt Playfield #1

