



April 29, 2019

Owl Post

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

Upcoming Events

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

June 6

Spring Band/Choir Concert

6:00pm-8:00pm

Chief Sealth Auditorium

June 13

PTA Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation

6:30pm-8:00pm

STEM Library

June 20

Spring PBL Night

6:00-7:00pm K-5

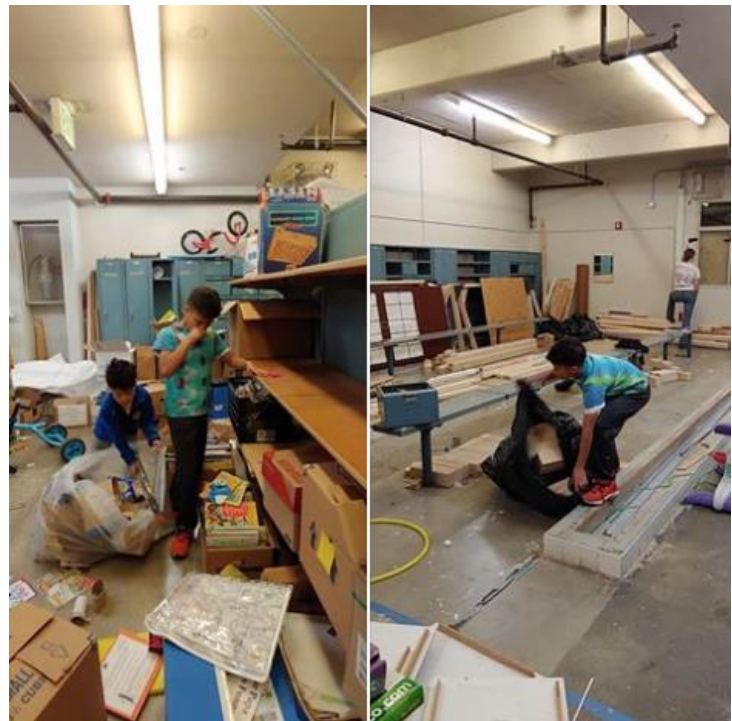
6:30-7:30pm Middle School

STEM Library

A Note from Principal Ben Ostrom

May always marks an active month for STEM students. Students across grade levels are participating in field trips and having presentations, often as a part of Project-Based Learning and science work. This week alone our Kindergarteners continue their Brandon Street service learning work. 2nd grade is heading to the Pacific Science Center. 4th graders will be taking a second field trip to Fautleroy Creek as they prepare to release the salmon. And our 5th graders are beginning their final preparations for a field experience at Nature Bridge on the Olympic Peninsula. I'm grateful to STEM teachers for the extra work that goes into planning active learning experiences. Thanks STEM PTA and families for participating as chaperons and helping raise funds to make these activities possible.

A special shout out goes to the staff and family volunteers who participated in cleaning out the Louisa Boren locker rooms last Saturday. A dedicated group cleaned, organized, surplused, and disposed of materials and furniture that has been accumulating since Chief Sealth High School inhabited our school as an interim site.



*Ben Ostrom
Principal
Louisa Boren STEM K-8*

June 20

[Spirit Wear Day](#)

STEM K-8

June 25

8th Grade Graduation

6:00-7:00pm

STEM Gym

June 27

Last Day of School!

2:25pm 1-hour early

dismissal

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

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

This 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.



A Note from Ms. B | Thanks for the Library Love!

Abby Levin, the *Teacher-Librarian* at Cedar Park Elementary in SPS, compiled all the **Library Love Letters** into a Zine! Thanks for all the Louisa Boren submissions.

Enjoy reading this first issue of SPS Library Love Letters! Click [HERE](#) to see all the LOVE!



Thanks to all who made it to last Tuesday's Countering Whiteness!

It was great to see so many staff and students at the workshop as well. Here are some of the suggested readings from presenters, Tracy Gill and Jon Greenberg:

http://www.edchange.org/publications/Avoiding-Racial-Equity-Detours-Gorski.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3m5Guoet7fUGBzjeA7e92Xg5ESPx1_wZB2vX3KX55FIUTKsJUJywCd7Jg

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/jan/16/racial-inequality-niceness-white-people>

<http://edchange.org/publications/Equity-Literacy-for-All.pdf>

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-10

Please join us in celebrating our teachers & staff for teacher appreciation week May 6 - May 10!

Sign up here to bring breakfast items Monday, lunch items Wednesday & dessert items Friday. The PTA will supply all paper products, utensils, coffee, drinks & juices.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA8AB29AA8-teacher2>

The PTA will gift all staff & teachers with a gift card, and anytime during the week is a great time to bring in a homemade card telling your teacher how much you appreciate them - from you and from the kids! Give your teacher a hug, tell your teacher a joke, or bring in an apple, flowers, or just a smile and your thanks! If you want to help or have questions contact Robin at: robingraham26@gmail.com.



Thank you
**TEACHERS &
STAFF!**

HELP NEEDED!

We still have quite a few more sign up slots for picking up food from the West Seattle Food Bank on Wednesdays and delivering it to the school (nothing more than that!) and a few slots for actually assembling the bags as well. Additionally, we are still looking for a volunteer to take over managing the program next year!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49a4a62ba6f94-weekend>



Attention 5th Grade Families: Info at the following links for NatureBridge

More details soon, but here are the packing lists for [NatureBridge!](https://naturebridge.org/.../2018-12/OlympicPackingList.pdf)

<https://naturebridge.org/.../2018-12/OlympicPackingList.pdf> English

<https://naturebridge.org/.../2018-.../OLYMPpackingListSpanish.pdf> Spanish



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

Make sure you come dressed for the event! This year's GGLOW OWLS t-shirt campaign runs through May 9th. Our theme this year is gender identity and learning each others pronouns. Order your DIY name tag t-shirt today at this link: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/gglowowlsstemk82019>. Once it arrives, grab your favorite sharpie, fill in your name and pronouns & Voila!!



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 our 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](#)



[STEM PTA Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Twitter](#)



[Principal Ostrom's Blog](#)



Spring Sports Schedules

Saturday, May 4

Varsity Boys Soccer

11am STEM v. Salmon Bay
Location: Franklin

JV Boys Soccer

12:30pm STEM v. Madison 2
Location: Franklin

Varsity Girls Volleyball

9:30am Broadview v. STEM
Location: STEM

JV Girls Volleyball

8:00am Hamilton 2 v. STEM
Location: STEM

Ultimate Frisbee

2:30pm STEM v. Hamlin Robinson School MS
Van Asselt Playfield #1

