Owl Post

Week of September 14, 2020

Upcoming Events:

September 14th 7:00PM | Auction Committee Zoom Meeting

October 8th 6:30-8:00PM | PTA Zoom Meeting (ZOOM ID: 945 3175 2971 | Password 5950)

October 9th 7PM – October 10th 8:30PM | STEM Online Auction

If you haven’t completed the STEM Library Needs Assessment [SURVEY] please do so this week!
Calling all STEM Adults!

Have you ever considered volunteering for a non-profit Board? Now is your opportunity! The Louisa Boren STEM PTA is seeking volunteers to fill two officer positions for the 2020-21 school year! Our Executive Board needs a Vice President and Co-Treasurer. Our PTA is active, organized, and committed to the well-being of our school community. Our work is grounded in equity; we support school activities to fill gaps in District funding, including annual library book purchases, project-based learning supplies, classroom resources and supplies, substitute teachers, and teacher development. Please consider offering your time to support our kids and teachers during this upcoming year! Contact Angela Wallis, nominations committee chair, at secretary@stemk8pta.org, or 206-999-2132 with questions, or to demonstrate your interest!

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Executive Team Vice President and Co-Treasurer Roles and Responsibilities

The STEM K8 PTA Board of Directors is engaged, active, and committed to providing funding and activities to engage all students and teachers. We look forward to filling this important position for the 2020-21 school year. The Vice President position “rolls up” to President for the 2021-22 school year (a two-year commitment).

VICE PRESIDENT Duties of the Vice President include:
- Leading committees as needed;
- Participating in at least one major fundraising initiative;
- Participating in and volunteering for school and PTA events;
- Depositing and signing checks as needed;
- Participating in monthly meetings and other communications with the school Principal and PTA President;
- Planning membership meeting agendas with the President;
- Preparing for the President position in year two;
- Meeting other parents, learning about STEM and the school district, and having fun!
CO-TREASURER (a two-year commitment; position rolls up automatically to Treasurer in year 2)

The duties of the co-treasurer include:

- Supporting the treasurer role;
- Stands in for treasurer as needed and learns the role within the executive team;
- Attending all executive team and board meetings;
- Performing monthly bank statement reviews;
- Serving as co-chair of the budget committee with the treasurer;
- Serving as chair of the mid-year and year-end financial review committee ensuring these two reviews are completed yearly;
- Participating in and volunteering for school and PTA events.

We also need Room Liaisons at STEM! Please see the message below that was sent last week via School Messenger:

Dear Parents, Caregivers, & Guardians,

School is different this year and we know remote learning is hard. There will be frustrations and it will take time to get this right. The STEM PTA is committed to helping facilitate this communication within our school community however and whenever possible. The best way we can think to do this is through our room parents.

In previous years, the role of the room parent was focused on helping teachers. Many parents reported feeling alone in remote learning last spring so this year we are asking room parents to focus on helping parents. The primary role of a room parent this year will be to facilitate strong communications and a support structure for our parents, caregivers, and families.

Room parent duties this year will include:

- Maintain an up to date contact list (names of guardians, email, phone number, name of child, and preferred method of contact) and ensure each parent has access to this list.

- Host bi-weekly check-ins using Zoom or Microsoft Teams. This should be a very informal meeting where parents can express concerns and build relationships. The PTA will provide a detailed framework on how to do this.

- Report back to the PTA, teachers, and school leadership about concerns expressed by other parents. If one class is having an issue, you can almost guarantee that another one is having the same issue. The goal here is to get ahead of a concern before it becomes a problem.
● Communicate (e.g., e-mail, text, FaceBook group, WhatsApp, etc) with your class about upcoming school and PTA happenings as well as PTA information.

This list is not all inclusive and we expect that these duties may change as the school year progresses.

We can do this with your help! Room parents are needed for every class across all grades (including middle school). If room parent is a role you can take on, please contact Colleen Peterson (cmgpeterson@gmail.com) and Don Knutson (president@stemk8pta.org).

While school and life looks very different this year, let’s work with one another to get through this challenging time. We are all learning and in this together!

With Respect,

Don Knutson
President, PTA president@stemk8pta.org

Colleen Peterson
Room Parent Coordinator cmgpeterson@gmail.com

Thursday, October 8th: PTA Meeting (& every 2nd Thursday of each month)

Zoom Meeting ID: 945 3175 2971
Passcode: 5950

To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:
https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/louisaborenstemk8pta/louisaborenstemk-8pta
FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS

As of Friday, September 4th 11:30am-1:30pm families can pick up breakfasts and lunches at the backdoor of the kitchen. Boren is a trial meal test site so the more participation the better to keep it at our location.

Still having computer issues?

Tips for Parents - Starting Up Your Student’s Seattle Schools Laptop - READ THIS

Step 1: Connect to WiFi: You must FIRST connect to the internet before login. In the bottom right corner of the laptop click on the globe or antenna icon and find your internet network name (home or childcare). Enter password if required.

Step 2: Login
- Username: If your student (or you) can’t remember their username, you can find it on the Source. All usernames start with a digit “1”. More info on default username at:
  www.seattleschools.org/StudentPW
- Password: Default for password is based on birthday. MMDD for K-4. And MMDDYYY for 5+. Contact tech support or your school to reset password.

Step 3: Automatic Updates: KEY STEP!! You must leave laptop plugged in to power, logged in, and connected to Wi-Fi for several hours at least. This will install Microsoft Teams and other important updates. Reboot again.

Step 4: Headsets (optional): For wired headsets: turn off laptop, plug in headset, restart laptop. For Bluetooth headsets (Dell only) Go to Start -> Software Center. Click Applications. Click the option to Enable Bluetooth. If not showing, see Step 4. SPS is still working on a software fix for Bluetooth on HP laptops. For now, see if you can add wire to the headset.

Step 5: Teach Your Student to Find Online Tools: Have them click on the Google Chrome icon on the desktop. Seattle Schools website automatically loads. From the “Student” dropdown at the top of the page, they can access Schoology or the Student Portal (where they can find Seesaw). Your student will be prompted to login. They will use the same username and password but this time include “@seattleschools.org” after the username.
Need Help? Teachers will tell you how they are using Schoology or Seesaw and where to access links to Teams meetings. For laptop issues, SPS Tech Support is at laptops@seattleschools.org or 205-252-0100 Mon – Fri 7:30AM – 4PM. Leave a detailed voicemail if you don’t reach them. Check out other tips at www.seattleschools.org/tech-supports. There are also tech service centers for broken devices or in-person help. See website for details on where and when.

Coming to you on October 9th @ 7pm – STEM ONLINE AUCTION

In preparation, we need your help!

Update on the Saturday Morning Cartoons & PJ’s Auction - originally scheduled for March, then May, then October. We are changing the TV channel from Animaniacs (it’s much to Wakko!) over to MacGyver!

The past six months we’ve had to be problem-solvers, innovators, flexible, and improvise under unpredictable circumstances. A swiss-army knife isn't SUPER helpful for COVID, but it will help you open up your Auction winnings - so get ready for the STEM MacGyver Virtual Live Auction!

The silent auction items will be online before and after October 9th, and live virtual auction will be October 9th @7pm and open to all - no tickets will be needed for this event.

Just this year we are flipping things around with the Auction in the Fall and the Direct Give in the Spring.

Thank you for your patience and your understanding during this time – the students, teachers and community depends on the monies raised and we are grateful for your support. Every year we say it’s imperative - this year more than ever every line-item has been carefully budgeted for supporting the needs of our community.

If you can help with auction planning, email robingraham26@gmail.com and save September 14th @7 for a Zoom auction committee meeting:

STEM PTA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Auction Committee Meeting (Sep14)

**Time:** Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/95564541263?pwd=Q1N2SGs0cjVVaGx1cVNtcEd1SmdkUT09

Meeting ID: 955 6454 1263
Passcode: 644908
Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/aAXInxy0p
We have always been the school that “made it work” and we will this year too.

We’ve got this.

More information soon,
Robin Graham – Auction Chair
**SHOP AND EARN - RAISE FUNDS FOR STEM**

You can support STEM through the shopping you already do!

A full list with links to participating stores is online:


*Please note that some stores may still list our school as “K-5 STEM”*

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<td>Up to 4% of your purchase amount is contributed to our school. Register your ‘B’ Caring Card in-store, on-line, or call 1-800-931-6258. Once registered, have the cashier swipe your ‘B’ Caring Card at the checkout or type in your 10-digit phone number.</td>
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The New School Year

Welcome back Louisa Boren STEM community! The beginning of the school year has never looked quite like this before and this can be difficult for everyone, but we specialist and Pathways teachers are excited to be here and to connect with families directly. We hope this weekly newsletter can allow us to keep you up to date with how to reach our classes, what we have done together in class, and what we look forward to doing in the coming weeks!

Music

BY MR. MICHAEL HOLLAND

Greetings, everybody! Welcome back! My name is Mr. Michael Holland, and I'm starting my 3rd year of teaching Music here at STEM. I've been excited for school to start. We are going to be learning a lot about music, and we'll be having a lot of fun, too. Even though we can't all be together in the music room, I am confident that we'll be able to sing, dance, learn how to read music, and maybe even make instruments to play together. Stay tuned! I hope you had a relaxing summer vacation. Here we go! :)
Band
BY TEACHER SONJA BORSMAN

Welcome back to school! I am your new instrumental music and band teacher. I like to be called Teacher Sonja. I can’t wait to meet you! This time of year always energizes me as I’m excited to learn and grow with my students. In addition to the general music class, you can opt-in to an instrumental class with me! With instrumental music and band, we each choose an instrument to take home. We will learn how to play our instruments and how to play music with an ensemble! Ensembles are all about connection and community—a place where we create music together.

For Elementary Families: If you are in 4th or 5th grade this year, you have the option to join me in Elementary Instrumental Music (EIM)! Getting into the program is via a lottery system. I’ll be sending out applications soon. Our class will have a folder for assignments and links in your Homeroom teacher’s SeeSaw class!

For Middle School Families: For students returning to and joining band, we won’t be able to play live together for some time still. Will we be playing our instruments? ABSOLUTELY YES! I am here to continue to guide us as we adapt to the learning environments available to us throughout the school year. Dust off your instrument. Get reacquainted! We will be making music with each other soon.

Music helps us process, learn, thrive, connect, and build skills in many areas of our life. Let’s connect! Reach out to me at anytime at my email: shborsman@seattleschools.org. It helps me to hear about your questions and concerns and hopes and dreams for our classes in the upcoming school year!
Library
BY MRS. MARY BANNISTER

Hey STEM Owls, Welcome back to another exciting school year! Mrs. B. can’t wait to see you at Technology Distributions and Curbside Library Book pick ups!

Mrs. B’s Library Schedule of classes is still being developed. More Details to follow. In the meantime,

Parent - you can connect with Mrs. B. via school e-mail
mebannister@seattleschools.org
Mrs. B’s Library Website
is: https://borenstemk8.seattleschools.org/academics/library
Follow Mrs. B on Twitter @STEMLIBARY1

K – 5 Students can access library read-alouds and lessons in the STEM Library folder for each classroom in SEE SAW. Mrs. B. may also have a library folder in SEE SAW. This is a new tool for her to learn along with you! Middle School Students can connect with Mrs. B in Schoology. We will see if I will have grade level STEM Library folders in Schoology or be in your MS Teachers’ Schoology folders.

Here are both a video
(https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/library_services/library_resources)
and pdf
with directions on how to put books on hold for STEM Library and access your student’s Library Link account.

Topics include:
1) Log into Student Portal
2) Open Your School’s Library Catalog
3) Place a Library Hold
4) How to Bookmark Your Library Catalog (in Chrome browser)

Link to video & pdf:
https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/library_services/library_resources
Technology and MakerSpace

BY MS. MILICA MILOVANOVIC

Hello! My name is Ms. Milovanovic, and I will be filling in for Ms. Massimino as the Technology and MakerSpace teacher for the next few months. A little about me: I spent the last year teaching in my home country of Serbia, and just came back to the United States this summer. I am very excited to get to know you too. Things will have to look a little different in this class since we aren’t able to be in the MakerSpace, but I believe we are going to have a lot of fun together and learn a lot. You can email me at mimilovanovi@seattleschools.org

PE

BY MR. TIM AVERY AND MR. MATT SCHIAVO

Hello STEM parents,

We are entering our third year as a teaching duo at Louisa Boren STEM. There will be concepts introduced that explain anatomical movements, fitness principles, and nutrition. Students will learn about setting SMART goals and The Seattle Five for Life to encourage lifelong health and wellness. Thank you for your continued support, if there are any questions or comments we can be reached at teavery@seattleschools.org or mtschiavo@seattleschools.org.

Respectfully, Matt Schiavo & Tim Avery