Owl Post

Week of September 28, 2020

Upcoming Events:

October 1st 10AM-5PM | FLU SHOTS @ STEM

October 2nd 9AM | Silent and Live Auction Opens

October 6th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

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

October 20th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

November 12th 6:30-8:00PM | PTA Zoom Meeting
Dear STEM Friends,

Our annual Auction is October 9th! We are likely all feeling the strain of the pandemic; this fun event is a time for us to gather and celebrate our community that we haven’t seen since March. Your support of this event goes directly back to your students: funds raised at the auction pay for remote learning resources, teacher support, supplies for your students, and much more.

The best parts:

You don’t need a babysitter! Anyone can join in from the STEM community – there are NO tickets and it’s free to register. Anyone who cares about our kids – grandparents, aunts, uncles can be in on the fun so please send this information to your friends and family who care about your student.

Please join us by doing the following:
1. Sign up! There is no cost to register; this is not a ticketed event: https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/cartoons

2. Like wine? Buy our STEM K-8 wine and we will deliver it to your door. After signing up using the link above, you can buy 2 bottles for $30.

3. Mark your calendar for October 9th at 7 PM for the Live Virtual Auction. After you sign up, you’ll receive auction communications, including our YouTube link to participate in the live event.

4. Consider ordering dinner to enjoy during the auction: choose from STEM Sponsor Circa (who is donating 10% back of Auction night sales) or Anju!

Circa order form (complete by October 6): https://forms.gle/S8iPX9Dk7dFL8ihi8

Anju order form: http://www.toasttab.com/anjuseattle/v3

Our goal is to raise $60,000! For your kid, for our students, for the teachers - for today, tomorrow, and all the amazing that is still to come. We look forward to celebrating with you - the first step is to sign up: https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauction.net/cartoons

Sincerely,
The Auction Team
THE MACGYVER AUCTION
FOR YOUR KID, OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS & OUR COMMUNITY

Get Ready - Register to BID NOW!
Free registration! Sign up to bid:
https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauCTION.net/cartoons

Order Wine for Delivery!
$30/2 bottles
Free delivery if you order by October 6. Order online:
https://louisaborenstemk8.schoolauCTION.net/cartoons

OPTIONALLY ORDER DINNER AT CIRCA OR ANJU FOR AUCTION NIGHT:

CIRCA
Order here by October 6:
https://forms.gle/Cj41WHF9NEhFCYN1A
Circa is donating 10% back to STEM from Auction night sales

ANJU
Order here:
toasttab.com/anjuseattle/v3

SAVE THE DATE!
Live Auction Virtual Event
October 9 @7pm
Link to YouTube Channel available October 2!

Silent & Live Auction Opens
October 2 @9am
Message from your STEM counselor, Danielle:

Hi STEM Community,

This is Danielle- your school counselor. Hope you all are holding up as well as can be in these times. Quick update: last year we had another part time counselor, Ms. Dana, but unfortunately, she is not at STEM this year because of lack of funding. We miss her greatly! Which means it’s just me so I appreciate your patience with response time.

I have two community resources to share with you all. The first is the Delridge Co-Op has offered to donate 5 free weekly produce boxes to STEM families. You will have to pick it up on Saturday morning. If you are interested, please email/call/text me.

Secondly, King County has a rental assistance program. It has some eligibility requirements; you have to fill out a Tenant Interest Form and then you are entered into a lottery. Here’s the link:


Take care,
Danielle Blechert
dnblechert@seattleschools.org
call: (425)528- 0951
text: (425) 243-7836

STEM FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY 2020-2021 – Please complete ASAP!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SlyM7S7vXghpKjbtOhB7bBTxURPRaRTdUME1FVDBVSzdB51RRMU1J1DIEQi4u
October 2020 Initial Specialist’s Issue: Mrs. B’s Library Message

Hey STEM Owls, Welcome back to another exciting school year!

Mrs. B. can’t wait to see you at Technology Distributions and STEM Outdoor Library Curbside Check-Out! Mrs. B’s Library Schedule of classes is still being developed as more of her time will be quarantining, checking in, shelving books and pulling holds for curb-side check-out. More details to follow. In the meantime,

Parents- 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 lessons in the STEM Library folder for each classroom in SeeSaw. Sadly, there is a technological glitch with being able to post my read-aloud lists in SeeSaw because once they view one, the activity is considered “complete” and then not able to be revisited easily. Currently working on a work-around for this unanticipated challenge. SeeSaw is a new tool for Mrs. B. to learn along with you!

Middle School Students can connect with Mrs. B in Schoology. We will see if I will have be in the MS Teachers’ Schoology folders with a STEM Library Resource folder.

How to Place a STEM Library Book on Hold (In the Future):

Please note that every school will have differing methods of this service. Currently STEM Library is not doing holds, but rather having STEM Outdoor Library Curbside Service in conjunctions with days on which technology and supplies are being passed out to students. and SPS Video for the process link as well as the SPS ADA Compliant Document https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/library_services/library_resources

It will be advertised as soon as STEM Library HOLDS service begins so that Mrs. B has time to 1) teach students and families how to place holds and 2) she needs time to pull the holds. Please note that the Destiny Library System does not automatically notify students and families when the hold is available. I wish we were like SPL and KCLS systems for that!

Don’t miss the STEM Library Curbside Checkout days: October 6th & 20th from 3PM-6PM! Mrs. B needs volunteers! Please email her at mebannister@seattleschools.org if you can help!
Protect your family from the flu! The Seattle Visiting Nurse Association will be offering drive-up flu shot clinics this fall. All SPS students, families and staff are welcome to attend. Insurance, including Apple Health, will be accepted. Appointments will be required. To register for appointments, visit the district webpage by clicking HERE.

STEM Gazette Needs Your Middle Schoolers!

We are the journalists and editor of the STEM Gazette. We are looking for middle school writing enthusiasts who want to join our team. If you are in 6th-8th grade and are interested, please email rmgazette20@gmail.com and please make sure you include your name and grade in the email.

-The STEM Gazette Team
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.

Room Liaisons STILL NEEDED for the following classes!

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!

Here is the list of teachers who don't have a room liaison yet:

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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/louisaborenstemk-8pta/louisaborenstemk-8pta

Hi STEM families! There is currently a survey about how to allocate funds to improve the Longfellow creek trail area between Findley and Brandon. I know my kids will be walking through this area to get to school and I know a number of others do as well. Please voice your opinion about where improvements are needed!

Survey: https://seattle.us12.list-manage.com/track/click...

Video about the project: https://seattle.us12.list-manage.com/track/click...

The trail kids walk to get up to snake hill and highpoint could really use improvement, it is the Findley trail Wet Area Crossing & Findley right of way corridor.
DIGITAL SKILLS FOR ELEMENTARY CAREGIVERS

4 SESSIONS VIA ZOOM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TOPICS INCLUDE:

September 29, October 6, 13th and 20th
9-10 am

or by calling Jillian at 206-279-0813

• Emailing Basics & understanding school communications
• Zoom, Teams, & Seesaw
• Online learning resources
• Parental Controls

QUESTIONS?

206-279-0813
jfields@swyfs.org
This class is free and open to all parents & caregivers with students in the SPS district!
Calling ALL COACHES

GOTR girls need you this Fall 2020!

Girls need Girls on the Run now more than ever!

Give your girl the opportunity to connect, grow and thrive! Girls on the Run establishes lifelong healthy habits and instills critical social-emotional skills at a time when girls need it most.

Through safety and physical distancing modifications and the ability to seamlessly shift to and from in-person and virtual programming, our trained and caring coaches are ready to lead your girl and her team through an empowering, confidence-building program that will keep her active and strong.

Fall 2020 Season Dates: Sept 28 - Nov 19
Highland Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30pm
Register at www.girlsrun.org or email info@girlsrun.org for more info.

More than a Running Program

Unlike other programs, Girls on the Run combines both social-emotional learning and physical activity.

The program fee includes:

- 16 interactive lessons led by trained Girls on the Run coaches, delivered in-person or virtually
- An engaging program journal for girls to connect with lesson themes
- An official Girls on the Run t-shirt
- An end-of-season commemorative item
- A safe space where girls can connect, grow and learn with peers
- A GOTR branded water bottle
- A celebratory end-of-season virtual event
- Friendships, fun and lessons to last a lifetime!

Why It Matters:
Social isolation and stressors related to COVID-19 have undoubtedly affected girls. Girls on the Run will provide a safe and interactive space for girls to connect with each other, learn valuable skills such as how to cope when things get difficult and practice positivity, and most importantly, have fun!

Registration Fee: Sliding Scale; families choose registration fee that is most comfortable for them. $20-$160. Full scholarships available.

Financial assistance is available to all; requests for aid will not impact your girl’s ability to participate.

Register her today! | www.girlsrun.org
**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>Use the link below or connect through our school website to Amazon. They send us a check based on the amount you purchase. <a href="http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/">http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/</a></td>
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<td>Bartell Drugs ‘B’ Caring Card</td>
<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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<td>Box Tops for Education</td>
<td>Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school’s earnings online.</td>
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<td>1% of the purchase price of every item you buy is returned to our school. Drop off your West Seattle Thriftway receipts in the donation box in the school office.</td>
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<td>Fred Meyer &amp; Kroger</td>
<td>A digital account is needed to participate in Fred Meyer Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper’s Card to your account and add STEM.</td>
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