



Owl Post

Week of October 12, 2020

Upcoming Events:

October 13th 3PM-6PM | STEM Supply Distribution (see Ben's message on next page)

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

October 27th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

November 3rd 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

November 12th 6:30-8:00PM | PTA Zoom Meeting

November 17th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

Message from Principal Ostrom:

STEM Families,

Thanks families who joined the STEM MacGyver Auction on Friday to celebrate our resilient community. The inspiring gift of time and resources makes it possible for STEM to provide unique learning experiences that we strive to continue during remote learning. The McGyver Auction has a few items left and is also still [OPEN for tax deductible donations](#). You can also see fun videos highlighting STEM students and staff on the Auction [YouTube Channel](#). Special thanks to the STEM PTA Auction Committee (and Robin Graham for all your years of auction service) for putting together a fabulous community event!

Tuesday, Oct 13 from 3-6 pm will be a supply distribution day at STEM K-8. We are finally able to distribute middle school and first grade supplies (thanks for your patience!). Band Director Ms. Sonja will be there to distribute instruments for 4th-8th grade band members that need to pick up an instrument. We will also distribute Eureka math workbooks to Kindergarten through 5th grade families. Families can simply drive up in the south parking lot between 3-6 pm and staff will bring the materials for their grade level to the car. There isn't a curbside check out this week. If you are unable to come by Tuesday, you can call the school office at 206-252-8450 between 8-4 after Tuesday to arrange for a curbside pick-up. Although current Covid protections mean that the Boren building is closed to students and families (except children participating in the YMCA LEAP daycare), the office is still staffed from 8-4. We are here to support families and staff!

Important information regarding child care vouchers available through December, 2020: Thanks to local CARES emergency funding, vouchers are available to pay for child care costs at licensed child care providers between September and December 2020. Families may qualify for this financial assistance if they live or work in King County, fall within income guidelines and their income, work schedule, or access to child care has been negatively impacted by COVID-19 or they are an essential worker. More information on eligibility is available on the [King County page](#). To apply, families should:

- Call or text 1-800-446-1114 to request an application
- Or fill out an online application at: <https://tinyurl.com/KingCCFA>

Program information is available in 22 languages on the King County website.

We will continue to find ways to grow our community and learning together in these challenging times.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM Principal

Hello STEM Friends,

Thank you all so much for your generosity and giving – in time, treasure, and talent during the MacGyver Auction on Friday.

We are just over **\$40,000**, which is shy of our goal – so if you haven't donated you still can!

There are a few (FEW!) items still open and the link for making a tax-free donation is **still OPEN!**

You can access all of the videos on our [YouTube Channel](#).

The individual movie links are here and are a great reminder of why we need these funds, and why Louisa Boren STEM K-8 is such an amazing community.

[We are all in this Together.](#)

[Mrs. B and READ READ READ!](#)

[We <3 our Teachers!](#)

[Band Intro ABC](#)

PICK UP!

If you won an item we are working on getting it ready for pick up:

Wednesday, October 14th 5-8pm

Or

Saturday, October 17th 10-2pm

If you are unable to make these times, please try to find a friend & respond to the email that you will get with details about your arrangements.

*Thank you again, and please consider giving if you haven't already. Every dollar supports your student, even as we are remote learning. **We need your support.** We are all in this Together.*



Our Student, Our Stories Featuring STEM Families!

Seattle Public Schools Health Education Office and local Seattle photographer Nate Gowdy have joined forces to highlight the stories of our amazing LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and more) students in Seattle Public Schools, as well as LGBTQ+ staff in a photo book and portrait exhibit.

The "[Our Students, Their Stories](#)" project showcases the strength, resilience, and unapologetic pride of these queer and trans students. This project also highlights the loving and supportive families of these LGBTQ+ young people, as well as shines light on some LGBTQ+ staff who help lift up queer and trans youth in big and small ways every day.

The photo book and stories gathered will be used to inform staff training, classroom education, community engagement, parent education, and to celebrate our students' individual journeys today, and act as a touchstone for future generations.

OUR STUDENTS, THEIR STORIES

Celebrating LGBTQ+ Students, Families, and Staff



A PROJECT OF SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance/tenants.aspx>

Also, wanted to share a quick resource available to families through Sound Discipline. They hold weekly family support groups. <https://www.sounddiscipline.org/event/free-parent-caregiver-support-network-online-meet-up-thurs-oct-8/>

Take care,

Danielle Blechert

dblechert@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=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SjyM7S7vXghpKjbt0hB7bBTxURFRaRTdUME1FVDBVSzdBS1RRMUJIODJEQi4u)

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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 @STEMLIBRARY1

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_res
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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 20th, 27th, Nov 3rd & Nov 17th from 3PM-6PM! **Mrs. B needs volunteers!**
 Please email her at mebannister@seattleschools.org if you can help!

Calling all STEM Adults! Please we really need your help!

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** and our General Board has openings for our **Advocacy Chair and Race & Equity Chair**. 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:

REID
ALEXANDER
WILLIAMSON
GRAVES
IRVINE
PAULSON
PARSLEY

With Respect,

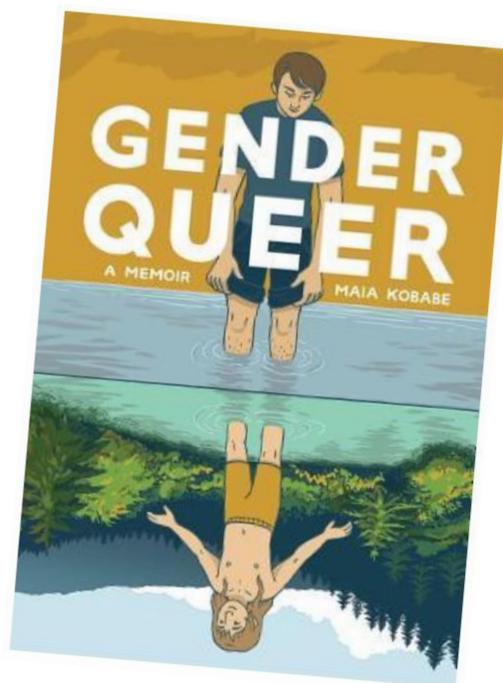
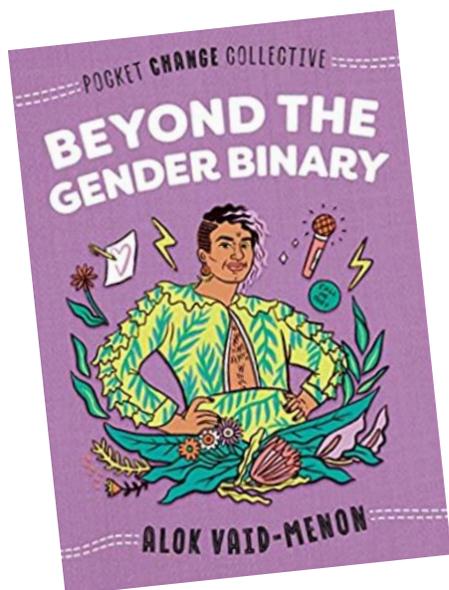
Don Knutson

President, PTA president@stemk8pta.org

Colleen Peterson

Room Parent Coordinator rooms@stemk8pta.org

Join our Book Group Discussion at our November PTA meeting on Thursday, November 12th!



Every November the PTA hosts a workshop and/or speaker for our families on the topic of Gender Identity. This year we are inviting you to read *Beyond the Gender Binary* by Alok Vaid-Menon (rated 7th grade and up) and/or graphic novel memoir, *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe (rated high school and up) and come to our November PTA meeting to talk with others about these books. Mrs. B will have 2 copies of *Beyond the Gender Binary* available at the next curbside check out.

Topic: General PTA Meeting (November 12, 2020)
Time: Nov 12, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99599257151?pwd=STUyNDVsak83RytXREtwNHk2eGVsUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 9925 7151

Passcode: 5950

To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:

<https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/louisaborenstemk-8pta/louisaborenstemk-8pta>



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:

<http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/>

Please note that some stores may still list our school as "K-5 STEM"

	<p>Amazon - Use the link below or connect through our school website to Amazon. They send us a check based on the amount you purchase. http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/</p>
	<p>Bartell Drugs 'B' Caring Card - 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.</p>
	<p>Box Tops for Education – 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.</p>
	<p>Shutterfly & Tiny Prints - Use our School Storefront to earn 8% for STEM. http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/</p>
	<p>West Seattle Thriftway – 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.</p>
	<p>Fred Meyer & Kroger– 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.</p>