



Owl Post

Week of October 19, 2020

Upcoming Events:

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,

We continue to strive to improve the way we support and engage children and families in learning. Now more than ever we need to collaborate with you as vital educational partners. With that goal in mind we are organizing curriculum night differently this year. Rather than an evening full of teacher presentations, with some time for questions, we are organizing classroom gatherings to discuss how things are going. We want to know what is working and what isn't. There will be two available sessions for each class, one during family engagement time from 2:30-3:00 pm and one in the evening from 6:00-6:30 pm. Both sessions will be similar so families can choose the time slot that works best for them. There will also be three afternoon sessions to check in with Specialists, one for each grade band. Note that 4th grade and Primary grade band specialists are meeting this week on Thursday and Friday. Grade levels are scheduled for different dates to support families with multiple children. The schedule is below.

Date	Thursday, Oct. 22	Friday, Oct. 23
2:30-3:00	4th Grade	Specialists: Primary grades
6:00-6:30	4th Grade	

Date	Monday, Oct. 26	Tuesday, Oct. 27	Wednesday, Oct. 28	Thursday, Oct. 29	Friday, Oct. 30
2:30-3:00	1st Grade/ 5th Grade/ 8th Grade	2nd Grade/6 th Grade Specialists: Intermediate grades	1:15-1:45 Kindergarten	3rd Grade/7th Grade	Specialists: Middle School
6:00-6:30	1st Grade/ 5th Grade/ 8th Grade	2nd Grade/6 th Grade	Kindergarten	3rd Grade/7th Grade	

For middle school or first grade families who were not able to pick up supplies last Tuesday, or a band instrument, or K-5 families needing to pick up a math workbook,

you can still stop by STEM K-8 to pick them up. Due to Covid safety procedures, school buildings are closed to families. However, you can come by school any time between 8:30am – 4:00pm, call 206-252-8450, and we will bring the appropriate materials to you.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

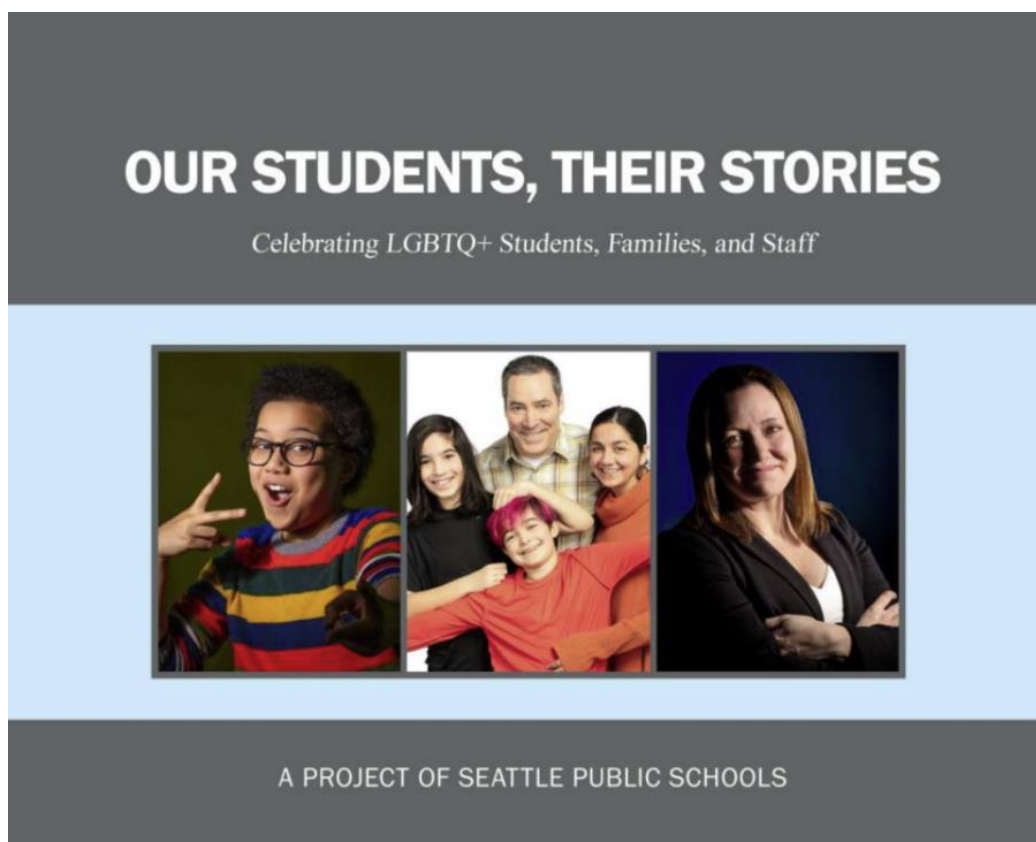
Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

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.



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

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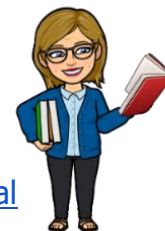
STEM FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY 2020-2021 – Please complete ASAP!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SjyM7S7vXghpKjbt0hB7bBTxURFRaRTdUME1FVDBVSzdBS1RRMUJIODJEQi4u>

AND STAFF APPRECIATION FORM to send your teacher a thank you note:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23Sj9NUm2wtW2FGrn10tKDRFaBURFVPQUdYRThLNFFYR1FEUFIBSkZNN0pUOS4u>

Mrs. B's Library Message:



Dear STEM Owls and Families,

Digital Citizenship Week – October 19 to 23rd! Here is the link to our [STEM Digital Citizenship](#) video from last Spring. Here is the link to our [STEM Digital Citizenship Pledge](#).

The Joy! Mrs. B. sends out Library Lesson Ideas and resources to teachers weekly as well as her list of Read-Aloud links for the week. I hope you are enjoying the variety of read-alouds: September Social Emotional Learning. Bullying Prevention. Election.

SeeSaw is a great place to post STEM Outdoor Library announcements and library lessons as I have time to create them. These SeeSaw activities are in the K – 5 classroom teachers' folders.

The Pain There have been some technology glitches across the district that have prevented students & staff from logging into **Destiny Discover** to place HOLDS on library materials. If this has happened to you, please ask for a password RESET from your teacher. It can even be reset to the same password that it was before. We all wish that technology worked 100% of the time and I'm disappointed it may not have worked for you. In the meantime, you can e-mail Mrs. B. your requests for library HOLDS. The next HOLD pick up date will be Tuesday, November 3rd, so please get your requests in by Friday, October 30th.

Read! RESEARCH! Read! RESEARCH! Read! What do YOU want to learn more about?
Mrs. B.

STEM Outdoor Library is excited to announce these upcoming dates*.

Please remember to wear a mask and social distance so we can continue to offer this library service!

Tuesday, October 20th from 3-6pm, undercover in front of the office door area
"Scary" books promotion. Please place holds by Friday, Oct. 16th.

Tuesday, October 27th from 3-6pm, undercover in front of the office door area
"Harvest/Halloween/Dia De Los Muertos. (No HOLDS for this

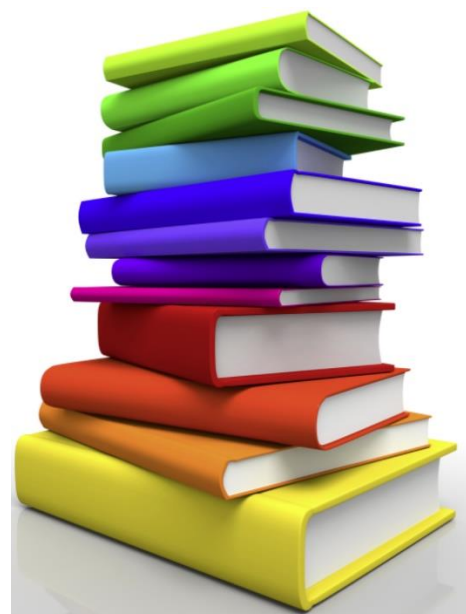
special event) However, if people want to dress in festive mode, that would be fun. It is for check-out. Come get at BOO-kmark! We CANNOT have people congregate, sorry no parking lot parties.

Tuesday, November 3rd from 3-6pm, undercover in front of the office door area.
"Patriotic/United States" book promotion. Please place HOLDS by Friday, October 30th.

Tuesday, November 17th from 3-6pm, undercover in front of the office door area.
"Thankful" book promotion. Please place HOLDS by Friday, November 13th.

If any adult is available to volunteer for the Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd or Nov. 17th dates, please e-mail Mrs. B mebannister@seattleschools.org (Sorry we can't have your kids with you for volunteering.)

* If King County or Seattle changes to a lower phase, or if there are ice/snow/storm conditions, these dates are subject to cancellation.



Message from Ms. Bea of Delridge Library:

Seattle Public Library has launched Tutor.com, a free tutoring service to library card holders!

The Seattle Public Library is launching Tutor.com today! Tutor.com has over 3,000 highly vetted expert tutors, who can help youth with schoolwork, tutoring and academic coaching in a variety of subjects in a safe and secure online classroom. 1-1 help is available in math, writing, science, history, foreign languages, college essay writing, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and more.

- Service is available 7 days a week, 2-10 p.m. in Spanish/English and 4-7 p.m. in Vietnamese
- Students can use their microphone to communicate with tutors; we hope this will be easier for English language learners
- Teens and adults can use this service to get help with filling out job applications and writing a cover letter and resume

All you need to do is go to www.spl.org/VirtualTutoring and log in with your library card and pin or your Library Link number and pin to connect!

We know from our yearly Homework Help surveys that relationships are our most powerful tool and the work you do every day is so effective in building trust and reaching youth and families. We really need your help in sharing this service first with Black, Indigenous, Latino and youth and families of Color who are furthest away from educational justice.

Families and community will need a lot of support connecting with Tutor.com:

- Support in learning how to [navigate The Source](#) to find student ID numbers
- Help to turn their Student ID numbers into Library Link numbers, www.spl.org/LibraryLink
- Understand the benefits of Tutor.com and help folks log in using their library card/pin or Library Link number/pin. www.spl.org/VirtualTutoring

Beatriz Pascual Wallace "Miss Bea"
Children's Librarian
The Seattle Public Library

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Seattle, WA 98106
206-733-9125

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,

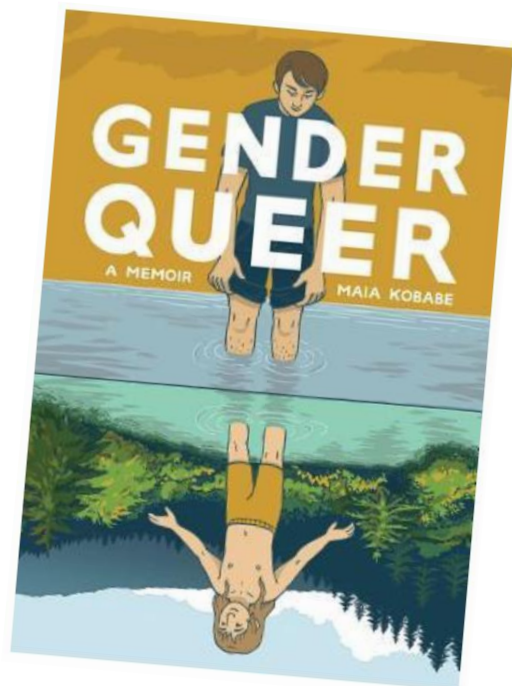
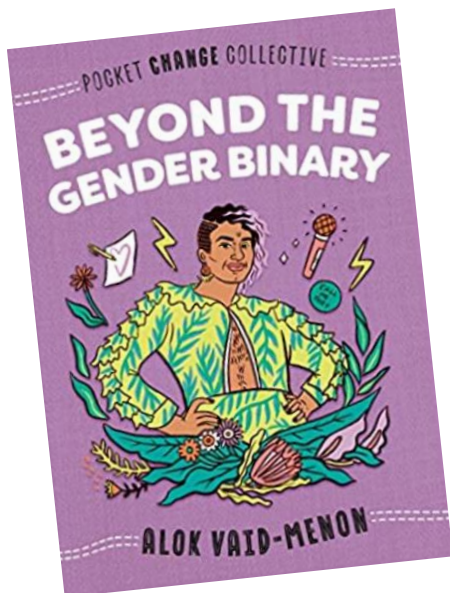
Don Knutson

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>