Owl Post

Week of November 16, 2020

Upcoming Events:

November 10th-30th | STEM eBook Fair

November 17th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns (see below for details)

November 19th 6:30-8PM | Rescheduled November PTA Meeting

November 23rd-25th | Thanksgiving Break (No School / Parent/Teacher Conferences)

December 1st 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

December 10th 6:30PM-8:00PM | PTA Zoom Meeting

December 15th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

The STEM PTA needs your help! We have openings that need to be filled for Vice President, Co-Treasurer, Advocacy Chair & Race & Equity Chair. See details below!
Message from Principal Ostrom:

Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

Nov. 14-20 is Transgender Awareness Week. We need to highlight the diversity in gender identities and work against discrimination and violence directed at trans and gender nonconforming people. The importance of year-round efforts was clear when the STEM PTA meeting on 11-12 was zoombombed. An anonymous group of teens spewing anti-queer, trans, and anti-Semitic language disrupted our gathering focused on Transgender Awareness Week, trans issues, and resources. The meeting is rescheduled for 11/19 at 6:30pm with new security procedures in place. Our STEM community is committed to learning how to support families, students, and communities in need of allies in the struggle for equity and against hate.

Washington State just returned to sweeping restrictions on indoor gatherings and commercial activities. The long-predicted fall COVID-19 surge is sweeping its way through the country. We are more knowledgeable and prepared in schools, however, the toll on tired families and employees will not get lighter. We need to safely reach out and support one another more than ever.

Somehow conferences are only a week away. Regular instruction and classes will not happen November 23-25 during conferences. If you don’t have a conference yet please reach out to your child’s teacher (middle school conferences are scheduled via homeroom teachers). You can contact the office at 206-252-8450 if you are having a hard time scheduling a conference slot. Conferences are a great time to let your child’s teacher know what is working well for your family and what isn’t.

We can do this together!

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal
RESCHEDULED: Join our LGBTQ+ Book Group Discussion at our November PTA meeting on Thursday, November 19th!

On Thursday, November 12th the PTA meeting was Zombombed by teens who had been encouraged by a hate group (via Twitter) to visit the PTA meeting since we would be discussing Transgender Awareness Week and having a book group. They (teens) spewed anti queer, trans, anti-Semitic vile. The PTA board worked to come up with a safer way to make sure PTA events are not attacked in this way and we will be operating using those systems from now on.

Our community supports all humans, and occasions like this - well it just doubles down on our resolve to support families, students and community who need allies. We have your back and will always work to learn more, support more, and fight this hate in the world.

Please join us at this rescheduled meeting where we will be resuming our discussion on Gender Identity. 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 then join our PTA meeting to talk with others about these books. Mrs. B will have multiple copies of Beyond the Gender Binary available at the next curbside check out.

In order to enhance the security of our meetings, the Zoom information will be shared to PTA members via MemberPlanet. Be on the lookout for an email with the Zoom ID/password. If you are not a PTA member but would still like to attend this meeting, please email president@stemk8pta.org.

To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link: https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/louisaborenstemk-8pta/louisaborenstemk-8pta
DON’T MISS STEM’S FOLLETT e-Book Fair (Nov 10th-30th)!

Thank you to STEM PTA for hosting our first ever STEM e-Book Fair November 10th – 30th!

Over the last few years, we were seeking a book fair vendor that offered a more diverse variety of books to better represent our students and families. We had planned to offer an in-building Follett Book Fair last spring, but then COVID happened. Special thanks to Angela Wallis for stepping in as our e-Book Fair chairperson. 25% of all proceeds go back to STEM’s library.

This is an opportunity to get books to our students to READ! READ! READ! READ! READ!

How to Shop the e-Book Fair
Video: https://players.brightcove.net/1464976798001/default_default/index.html?videoId=6183300179001

Love those book fair flyers from your childhood, check this out! https://cdn.brandfolder.io/9PA1UQVX/as/qc50dt-8y3no8-dj24d1/K-8_Flyer.pdf
This week’s read-alouds from Mrs. B. include the K – 5 Gender Kit Lessons which have been sent to each classroom teacher. Mrs. B. is happy to share them with families that would find these helpful. All families are welcome at STEM and every student and family deserves to see themselves represented in a positive way in our library collection. Thanks to the STEM Advocacy committee for their on-going work in providing funds for LGBTQ+ books appropriate for every grade level.
Upcoming STEM Outdoor Library Dates

*Storms, SNOW/ICE, Reduced Covid Phase cancels events*

Tuesday, November 17th 3-6 pm HOLDs by 11-13 please.

GLOBAL READING CHALLENGE BOOKS AVAILABLE for 4th & 5th Thankful! GGLOW

Tuesday, December 1st 3-6 pm Holiday Crafts HOLDs by 11-20 please

Tuesday, December 15th 3-6 pm 15th Holiday/Winter HOLDs by 12-11

Library HOLDs Directions: SPS has added Chinese, Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese translations to our holds instructions. These are available here: https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/library_services/library_resources

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.
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:

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With Respect,

Don Knutson
President, PTA president@stemk8pta.org

Colleen Peterson
Room Parent Coordinator rooms@stemk8pta.org
Register HERE for this Flu Shot Clinic:

https://powerforms.docusign.net/b53f500f-a0c2-4317-97f7-d3c44af490c7?env=na2&acct=fd0c9a5a-fd06-439b-94f7-b7bfb96b5e28

Flu Shot Clinic
11:15 AM to 4:15 PM | Friday, November 20, 2020
Highland Park Elementary | 1012 SW Trenton St
Behind school by gym doors

WHO
All Seattle Public School students. There is no cost!

HOW
1. Click here to register your student ahead of time.
2. Call (206) 455-9025 to schedule an appointment.
   *Walk-ins are welcome, but may be limited.*

WHAT TO BRING
- Masks
- Student ID Number
- Name of your Insurance

For more information, contact us at (206) 455-9025 or email allisonwick@neighborcare.org
Haz click aquí para registrar su estudiante:

https://powerforms.docusign.net/b53f500f-a0c2-4317-97f7-d3c44af490c7?env=na2&acct=fd0c9a5a-fd06-439b-94f7-b7bfb96b5e28

Vacunas contra la gripe

11:15 AM - 4:15 PM | Viernes, 20 de Noviembre
Highland Park Elementary | 1012 SW Trenton St
Detrás de la escuela por las puertas del gimnasio

¿Quién?
Estudiantes de Escuelas Públicas de Seattle. Es gratis!

¿Cómo?
1. Haz click aquí para registrar su estudiante.
2. Llame (206) 455-9025 para hacer una cita.
   *Personas sin cita son bienvenidas, espacio limitado.*

¡Que Traer!

- Cubreboca
- Nombre de seguro
- Número de identificación del estudiante

Para un formulario de registro Español, llamanos al (206) 455-9025 o por correo electrónico allisonwick@neighborcare.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:
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http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/
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Please note that some stores may still list our school as “K-5 STEM”

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<td><strong>Bartell Drugs ‘B’ Caring Card</strong></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>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>Use our School Storefront to earn 8% for STEM. <a href="http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/">http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/</a></td>
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<td><strong>West Seattle Thriftway</strong></td>
<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><strong>Fred Meyer &amp; Kroger</strong></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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