



# Owl Post

Week of May 3-7, 2020

## Note from Principal Ostrom:

5-4-20

Dear STEM K-8 Families:

Welcome to May! As we enter our 6<sup>th</sup> week of remote learning and our 8<sup>th</sup> week of school closure I'm filled with amazement at the perseverance and commitment of the STEM community. This week is staff appreciation week, and we are thick in the middle of an intertwined reality: staff truly must partner with families to support student learning. Covid-19 has created enormous pain and change, and also unique opportunities to experience gratitude. I'm grateful for the amazing new ways I see both staff and families stretching to take care of and teach students. Although we are apart, help your children find a way to let the staff they care about know their efforts are appreciated.

Last week we worked hard to help distribute SPS Laptops to middle school students who needed one, and Amazon Chromebooks to elementary students who did not have other ways to access digital learning. For families needing technical support for either SPS laptops, Chromebooks, or personal devices both telephone and web supports have been developed. Please check [www.seattleschools.org/tech-supports](http://www.seattleschools.org/tech-supports)

Can't find your answer or access the website above and need to talk to someone?

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Help for Middle Schoolers who have a district laptop:

- Contact 206-252-0100 between 7:30AM and 7:30PM or email [laptops@seattleschools.org](mailto:laptops@seattleschools.org) to talk to an SPS representative.

For help with an Amazon donated Chromebook or your personal device?

- Contact 206-413-2700 Monday-Friday between 7:30AM and 7:30PM to talk to a volunteer. Need support in another language? Multi-lingual volunteers will call you back!

Please stay in touch now more than ever. We will continue to work to better serve your children. We need your feedback to keep learning.

Stay brilliant, healthy, and sane!

Ben Ostrom  
STEM Principal

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**Support STEM K-8 families affected by COVID-19 with your tax-free donation here: <http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/donate-to-covid-19-family-fund/>**



## Is your student newly online and having trouble with using a computer for learning?



**Get help on the most frequently asked questions here:**

[www.seattleschools.org/tech-supports](http://www.seattleschools.org/tech-supports)

**Can't find your answer in the website above and need to talk to someone?**

- **Need an additional computer for your student?**
  - Talk to your school principal or designated school contact
- **Help for Middle or High Schoolers who have a district donated laptop:**
  - Contact 206-252-0100 between 7:30AM and 7:30PM or email [laptops@seattleschools.org](mailto:laptops@seattleschools.org) to talk to an SPS representative.
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## Attention: 8<sup>th</sup> grade families

Link to the imbedded form below here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFga3Fa8ABypR9FofNh8DjNSIIYD6icucReYqAV2aox1QbBQ/viewform>



# "graduation" 2020

## DEAR 8TH GRADERS AND FAMILIES:

We've always done things a little bit different at STEM. Graduation will be no different. It really stinks we can't go to camp, can't do all the traditions we've started at STEM, can't celebrate your hard work, and can't celebrate you before you move on to new adventures.

BUT - the most important part is to be safe AND to find a way to celebrate you. With those to goals in mind here are the plans:

- We need some information from you by May 22:  
<https://forms.gle/YJu67FTPcEkiqMD36>
- A live and recorded virtual graduation, date TBD. That's what we need all the info in #1 for.
- You can expect a graduation certificate in the mail.

Hope you & your families are well. Ideally we would have 100% participation on <https://forms.gle/YJu67FTPcEkiqMD36> - so tell your friends.



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## It's Staff & Teacher Appreciation Week!

The PTA is sending each staff member a small token of our appreciation, but we encourage you and your classes to think of some way this week you can show them extra love! Maybe your student could send an email with a poem, make a sign and hold it up during your class meeting, you as a parent could take some time to share your thoughts - any way you can express that you value their time, expertise, and miss them. Thanks for doing something extra during your already busy week. If this break has shown us anything, it's how much and how hard teachers work and how much they adore our kids. Remember the other staff too, admins and all the staff who bring all the "extras" to your student's experience.

