



Owl Post

Week of January 11, 2021

Upcoming Events:

January 14th 6:30-8PM | STEM PTA Meeting (w/ SPS CFO & Chief of HR) (link sent via MemberPlanet)

January 18th | MLK Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

January 19th | 3-6PM | STEM Outdoor Library

January 28th | Day between semesters – NO SCHOOL

To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:

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

Message from Principal Ostrom:



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

That was a week. What amazing humans we must become to find our way forward in community and make sense of this world together with our children! Rather than attempting to wring more meaning out of my wretched keyboard, I'm going with the best meme I received last week:



I communicated directly to the families of **pre K – 1st graders and students who receive Distinct services** last week about Seattle Public Schools (SPS) starting to plan for a return to In-person schooling for those students with a target date of March 1st. Many questions remain before that plan becomes reality, including a negotiated work agreement with the Seattle Education Association, numerous details to ensure the health and safety of staff and students, the return of Covid public health indicators to safer levels, and how many families will choose to keep their children in remote learning. SPS has extended the deadline for completing the Intent to Return In-Person survey in order to allow families more time to respond. **The survey will**

now close on **Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 12 p.m.** [The survey is linked here.](#) I'm also linking the [Return to In-Person Schooling FAQ.](#)

Everyone is invited to the STEM K-8 PTA Meeting on Thursday, 1-14 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Special guests Senior SPS staff Ms. JoLynn Berge, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Clover Codd, Chief of Human Resources will join us. They will discuss SPS strategic plan goals, updates on remote learning, next steps on the outdoor education pilots the return to in-person learning, and take questions. *(Please find Zoom meeting details in email sent via School Messenger on Monday; if you are a PTA member you should have received an email from MemberPlanet. Email president@stemk8pta.org with questions).*

Some elementary families have reported challenges accessing their child's Elementary Progress Report, which became available on the Source on 12-28-20. I'm going to include this bonus tip along with the attached PDF of official directions for signing up and accessing the Source: *Make sure to click on the Elementary Progress Report tab and select the correct PDF. Don't check the Grades and Attendance tab, even though that seems like a good guess.*

Let's continue to figure out how to connect with and take care of one another!

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal



STEM Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021!! Denise Juneau, the Seattle Public Schools Superintendent, asked her Senior Staff to visit with PTAs and meet with families to discuss SPS strategic plan goals, provide updates on remote learning, and next steps on the outdoor education pilots as well as return to in-person learning. Ms. JoLynn Berge, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Clover Codd, Chief of Human Resources will attend our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, January 14, 2021** and they will have additional time to field questions from attendees. This is an AMAZING opportunity to meet and interact with senior staff from SPS! There are so many important issues in our schools right now (e.g., race and equity issues, abuse of allegations, budget cuts, etc.) and engagement from parents and caregivers is key. When we engage SPS senior staff and ask the tough questions, SPS gains an understanding of what is important to us, our schools, and communities and can take that information back to the larger organization to inform the decision-making process. I encourage everyone who is able to log into the PTA meeting to engage and be heard! If you cannot make the meeting or want the PTA to ask a question on your behalf please email president@stemk8pta.org.

All the best,
Don Knutson
PTA President
2020-2021

From Mrs. B:

What to do over the holiday vacation? Have your students use our STEM Library and read FREE STEM e-books. Thanks to the STEM PTA for providing funds for these books!

READ! READ! READ! READ! READ!

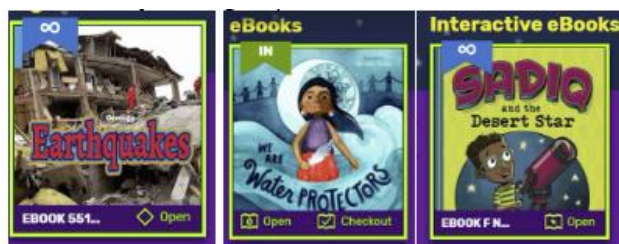
Passwords for STEM Library Resources

STEM Scholars can log into the STEM Library Catalog with their SPS username (without the @seattleschools.org) and their CLEVER password. The K – 2 ipads should have a direct link to Destiny Discover. When prompted select Washington for location and type in Louisa Boren STEM

READING STEM LIBRARY e-BOOKS Online

Once students log into Destiny Discover, they scroll down to the e-books. Some you just click on "OPEN" and others get "checked out"! It depends on the licensing number of copies for each title. Infinity symbol means unlimited access. I would encourage the OPEN before the "Checkout" option as the checkout requires them to then "return" it. Some of our interactive e-books have a special publisher required password, so if prompted

STEM Library Catalog: Capstone Interactive eBooks Site username: **wbb48836Site** password: **follett**



Happy 2021!

Tues., Jan. 5th from 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri. Dec. 18th

Tues., Jan. 19th 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri. Jan. 15th

Tues., Feb. 2nd 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri., Jan. 29th.

Tues., Feb. 23rd 3-6 pm. Please have your holds by Fri., Feb. 12th.

Tues., March 9th 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri., Mar. 5th.

Tues., March 23rd 3-6 pm. Please place holds by Fri., March 19th.

Tues., April 6th 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri., April 2nd.

Tues., April 20th 3 -6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri., April 9th.

Tues., May 4th 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri., April 30th.

Tues., May 18th 3-6 pm. Please place your holds by Fri., May 14th!

**READ! READ! READ! READ! READ! and
RESEARCH!**

Attention STEM Athletes:

We would like for all students to drop off their updated physical forms in the STEM main office by January 30th. The neighborhood clinic is doing free physicals for all SPS student athletes. any questions please contact the Athletic Coordinator: soglaspy@seattleschools.org



GET YOUR SPORTS PHYSICAL!

WHO: All Seattle Public Schools students
WHEN: Monday through Friday
WHERE: Denny Middle School Wellness Center

COST: We do not charge fees or copays, though we may bill your insurance. There is no cost to you. No student will be denied services due to inability to pay.

STEP 1: Register by scanning the QR code below with your phone or call our clinic to request a registration form via email.

STEP 2: Call (206) 923-2809 to schedule your appointment!



To contact us : Call (206) 923-2809

If you are interested in participating in Sports during the Second Semester, please fill out this survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ4ei3jqrS65MkSt95y0_BqFUOEhHQTgyVDc1WTdQRUM2UIQ0RDFV0EVTNy4u



LGBTQ+ NEWS & Resources:

Hi there, LGBTQ+ Families Dinner Families and Friends!

We wanted to send some love your way along with an event update! This year has been tough for many reasons and that toughness has been punctuated by our inability to convene for our beloved LGBTQ+ Families Dinner event. Know that we miss you all and that we are still dedicated to holding virtual space for our families! With this in mind, we share our new plan with you!

We invite you to our...
LGBTQ+ Families Dinner Series!

This LGBTQ+ Families Dinner Series is a virtual opportunity for people to connect across shared identities and experiences. Each event in the series is specifically intended for the group highlighted by the event. If you belong to more than one group, you are of course welcome to come to each event that aligns with your experience.

Here are the events!

01/21 [LGBTQ+ Families of SPS Students](#) – specifically for LGBTQ+ Families of SPS Students

02/11 [LGBTQ+ Students and their Families](#) – specifically for LGBTQ+ Students and their Families

03/18 [LGBTQ+ Elementary School Students and their Families](#) – specifically for LGBTQ+ Elementary School Students and their Families

04/08 [LGBTQ+ SPS Staff and their Families](#) – specifically for LGBTQ+ SPS Staff

Agendas

2021 Events

5pm-6pm

5pm Welcome

5:10pm-5:50pm Facilitated Discussion

5:50pm Close Out

Brennon Ham is your host and contact for these events. Feel free to reach out to Brennon if you have any questions.

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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>