



Owl Post

Week of January 19, 2021

Upcoming Events:

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

January 28th | Day between semesters – NO SCHOOL

February 1-12th | Open enrollment period for school choice

February 11th | 6:30-8PM STEM PTA Meeting

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,

The annual Martin Luther King Day march and day of service offer renewed hope this year. Combined with the inauguration of a new president and Congress it's time to act to further progress towards equity rather simply fight to slow a backwards slide.

Laptops and charging cords were checked out to students through the same software system that checks out books. That system generated automated notices for families at the end of last week regarding technology and books checked out to students. You can disregard the auto-reminders; other than remembering to bring back the books when you are ready to check out more, neither the books nor the technology has a due date right now.

One question raised at last week's PTA meeting with Clover Codd, Chief Human Resources Officer for Seattle Public Schools (SPS), was about recent reports regarding how the school district handles reports of staff misconduct. Although we are fortunate that the great majority of SPS educators demonstrate high levels of commitment and professionalism, an ethics hotline (206-252-0004) and email address (employeemisconduct@seattlepublicschools.org) can be used to report concerns.

STEM K-8 staff are participating in a pilot to roll out a new educational version of Microsoft Teams. A few volunteers have already made the switch to help troubleshoot problems and the rest of the school will likely transition at the beginning of February. The educational version of Teams offers ways to manage classroom chats, better methods to set up small groups, and other features. Many families may not notice a change, because the overall Teams environment appears the same. One result of the transition will be the creation of new Teams links for class meetings as the switch happens.

The Amazing Mrs. B and her volunteers will be hosting a curbside library on Tuesday, 1-19 from 3:00-6:00pm. Time to bring your masks and restock your reading!

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Virtual STEM tours before open enrollment period (Feb 1-12). Please let any families you know who are interested.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app.

[Jan 21: 9:00am - 10:00. STEM K-8 Elementary Tour](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,317513772#](tel:+12068004125317513772) United States, Seattle
Phone Conference ID: 317 513 772#

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Jan 28: 9:00am - 10:00. STEM K-8. Middle School Tour](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,347525951#](tel:+12068004125347525951) United States, Seattle
Phone Conference ID: 347 525 951#

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Jan 28: 6:00pm-7:00 STEM K-8. Elementary Open House \(Includes Teachers\)](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,805082460#](tel:+12068004125805082460) United States, Seattle
Phone Conference ID: 805 082 460#

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Feb 4: 6:00pm-7:00 STEM K-8. Middle School Open House \(Includes Teachers\)](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,215750325#](tel:+12068004125215750325) United States, Seattle
Phone Conference ID: 215 750 325#

SPS Open Enrollment timeline:

- **Online registration for new students** for 2021-22 school year begins: Jan. 4, 2021
 - **Open Enrollment for School Choice:** Feb. 1 - 12, 2021
 - **Open Enrollment results** available online in April
 - **School Choice Window Closes:** May 31, 2020
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From Mrs. B:

Dear STEM Families,

Hope you will be able to visit us at the STEM Outdoor Library on Tuesday, January 19th from 3-6pm.

It is a Tuesday, that might feel like a Monday, due to the MLK Holiday.

Any STEM library materials that your family is ready to return can be returned then.

RETURNING BOOKS: If the dates or times of STEM Outdoor Library don't work for you, there is a RETURN BIN just inside the STEM School Doors during regular school office hours.

Mrs. B has to quarantine all returned materials for two weeks prior to checking them in.

Please contact Mrs. B. if you have any questions. mebannister@seattleschools.org

Upcoming STEM Outdoor Library Dates

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

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!**



STEM Library Statistics

20,000 Titles

33% 2015 or newer

49% Literary Text
46% informational text
for **STEM**ification needs

40% Diversity

40% SEL

Note from Mary explaining these statistics for the STEM Library:

Usually most schools have a much larger ratio of literary text compared to informational text. STEM PTA has been very generous in funding more expensive, current PBL/science titles. “STEMifying!”

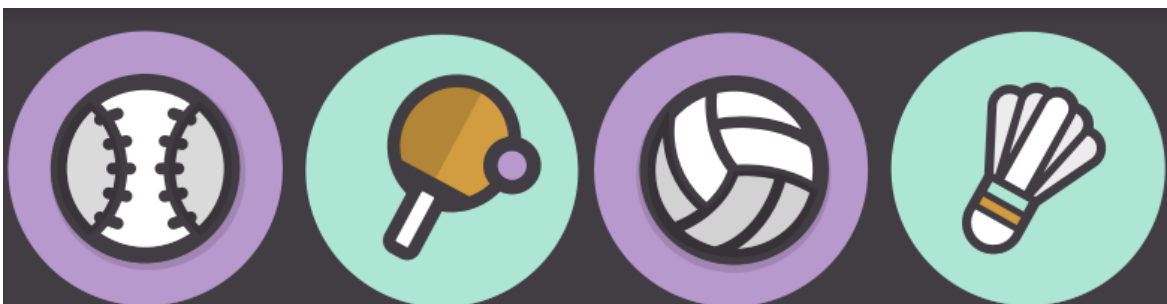
SEL – socio-emotional learning. The collection analysis document lists all the subtopics.

40% of the total collection qualifies as diverse titles. Our collection is more diverse than most, again it takes funding to buy the right books. Diversity subtopics are broken out, but if we think about adding the % of families of color at STEM + LGBTQ+ would that be about 40% diversity in our school population? ... And shouldn't our collection be reflective of our school community!

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





THE CENTER SCHOOL'S VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

January 20th &
January 25th

For students: 6-6:30
For families: 7-7:30

Links to join:

1/20: bit.ly/tcsvirtual120

1/25: bit.ly/tcsvirtual125

**WATCH INFO VIDEOS @
CENTERHS.SEATTLESCHOOLS.ORG**

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>

