



Owl Post

Week of January 4, 2021

Upcoming Events:

January 5th 3PM-6PM | Library Curbside Check-Outs/Returns

January 14th 6:30-8PM | STEM PTA Meeting (link sent via MemberPlanet)

January 18th | MLK Jr. Day – 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,

Welcome back from break! I hope you all managed to find some of what the Sufi poet Lalla named in "There is a Lake," translated by Coleman Barks:

*There is a lake so tiny
that a mustard seed would cover it
easily, yet everyone drinks from this lake.*

*Deer, jackals, rhinoceroses, and sea elephants
keep falling into it, falling and dissolving
almost before they have time to be born.*

Keep taking care of yourselves and reaching out for help. The world around us is crazy; things spiraling harder even as the promise of vaccines seem within reach. Except that herd immunity is months in the future. And our community and world are struggling with grief and economic dislocation that aren't going away. Hang in there, we are in this together has become a mantra. We are glad to see and hear your children and you again, even though a screen.

In case you are running out of books, the amazing Mrs. B is hosting a curbside library again this week on Tuesday, 1-5 from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

On Saturday morning, 1-9 from 10:00am-11:00am we are hosting another STEM K-8 Black/African American Coffee Chat. A flyer is attached. It's an opportunity for Black parents to come together, share, provide and receive important information, and create positive change in our community. [This is the link for STEM K-8 Black/African American Coffee Chat](#). Or call in (audio only) [+1 206-800-4125, 186997750#](tel:+12068004125).

Happy New Year!

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

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!

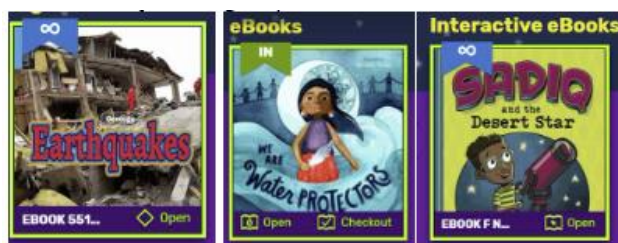
Passwords for STEM Library Resources

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: **wbb48836** Site 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

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>