



Owl Post

Week of February 22, 2021

Upcoming Events:

February 1-26th | Open enrollment period for school choice

February 22 – March 13 | Direct Give Campaign & 100 Day Pledge

February 23rd 3-6PM | STEM Outdoor Library

February 28th 10:30AM-10PM | MOD PIZZA DINE-OUT FOR STEM (must RSVP!)

March 4th 6:30-8PM | 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,

Hope folks found some safe ways to enjoy the snow and actually relax during break. The final remnants of my snowman (actually a snow rabbit) vanished from my yard on Friday.

I shared information before break about School Board discussions around eliminating Option School busing. The Board continues to discuss a number of options and has broadened their discussions to include a range of transportation services. There is a Board transportation Work Session on Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 at 4:30 that will be recorded. Hopefully we will have a better understanding of their intentions after that session. [Here is a link to a PTA online petition to express your opinion.](#) Seattle Public Schools continues to provide updates on plans for the return to in-person learning and other issues via School Beat newsletters and on the [SPS Website In-Person Learning page linked here](#). At the top right corner of any SPS webpage you can select a language for translations. Sometime today there will be an official update regarding plans for PreK-1st and Intensive Special Education Service pathways to return to in-person learning. I anticipate the March 1 target date to be delayed. Before break SPS requested mediation support from the Public Employment Relations Commission to help facilitate an agreement with the Seattle Education Association.

Also today the SPS Office of African American Male Achievement (AAMA) has a Listen and Learn forum specifically for West Seattle African American families. Learn more and register at [AAMA Listen and Learn Forums](#). Black families are invited to participate and collectively envision what an educational environment looks like for Black boys and teens to thrive. The goal is to listen to the voices of Black families as Seattle Public Schools tries to reconstruct its educational system to celebrate the brilliance and excellence of Black boys and teens. AAMA is committed to the long journey of dismantling a legacy of systematic racism.


Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal


From Feb 22 - March 13 we are combining our Direct Give campaign with a 100th Day Pledge Drive for the kids. Have your kiddo start thinking about what 100 things they can do, and then we will be sending out info about how to collect pledges for each page they read, or step they walk, or button they find. Questions can be sent to fundraising@stemk8pta.org.

Link for 100 Days of School Anything Pledge: <https://pledgestar.com/louisaboren/>


Link to STEM Direct Give Campaign: <https://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/direct-give-donation/>




100TH DAY PLEDGE DRIVE




READ 100 PAGES
Ask for a penny for every page!
[Pledge Here](#)




COLLECT 100 ITEMS
Obtain a nickel for every item
[Pledge Here](#)



**WRITE A 100 LINES OF
CODE (OR POETRY)**
Donate a dime for every line
[Pledge Here](#)



WALK 100 YARDS
Pledge of a quarter for every yard you walk!
[Pledge Here](#)



100 DIRECT GIVE FAMILIES
Donate Directly -
Help us get to 100 Direct Give Families!!
Direct Give Donation » STEM K-8 PTA

MOD PIZZA DINE OUT FOR STEM: THIS SUNDAY!

RSVP HERE: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/179557-louisa-boren-stem-k-8-pta-at-mod-pizza>



MOD PIZZA DINE OUT FOR STEM

**SUNDAY FEB 28
10:30 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M**

**Celebrate the end of the shortest month
with Pizza! Take out or Delivery!!**

**20% GOES TO STEM - MUST
MENTION US**

RSVP

[https://www.groupraise.com/events/179557-louisa-boren-stem-k-8-pta-at-mod-pizza!](https://www.groupraise.com/events/179557-louisa-boren-stem-k-8-pta-at-mod-pizza)



Congratulations to Global Reading Challenge 5th Grade Readers of Wisdom!

Huge thanks to Ms. Bea, Ms. Louisa and Jenny Craig from Seattle Public Library!

Congratulations to the Louisa Boren K – 8 STEM Global Reading Challenge Winners from Ms. Graves class!

Captain: Isla Team

Members: Belle, Ethan, Hayden, Ihsan, Isla, Jocko, Oscar, Sumaya A., Trixie



**And the Winners are...
Readers of Wisdom**

Readers of Wisdom®



Captain: Isla

Members:

Belle

Ethan

Hayden

Ihsan

Isla

Jocko

Oscar

Sumaya A.

Trixie

All the teams did an excellent job, with the three teams getting many of the same questions answered correctly! The scores were SO close!!!! Students surmounted technical difficulties with Co-Captains/Recorders as necessary to get their answers turned in.

We still have the Global Reading Art Entries to enjoy. The deadline for submission is at the end of March. We will have a presentation likely in April.

Awesome Teamwork from The Blue Hamsters and Clever Peeps Return!!



Blue Hamsters

Co-Captains : Sophie and Zoe

Members:

Imran

Lucca

Maddy

Mohamed

Sophie

Zoe

Clever Peeps Return



Captain: Kimberly

Members:

Cormac

Kimberly

Riley

Salma

All the Global Reading Challenge Titles from this year and previous years are available for Check Out from STEM Outdoor Library!

Please check them out Tuesday, February 23rd from 3-6pm at STEM Outdoor Library!



READ, READ, READ!!!!!!!!!!

Middle School Athletics Update

To our STEM Families and Community,

Wow, I can't believe how quickly we are moving into the 2nd half of the 2020-2021 school year. As we all continue to navigate through the challenges of remote learning and covid guidelines and restrictions, I want to give a program update, regarding our Middle School Athletics program. Below are the current updates:

- **Athletics season start date:** A start date for middle school athletics has not been confirmed, yet. SPS' district athletics department has been meeting monthly with the athletic coordinators, and the athletic coaches to work out the logistics of providing a safe athletic season that fits within the Washington State safety guidelines set by the governor.
- **Open Coaching Positions at STEM**

There are a couple open head coach positions, in our athletics program:

- Boys Soccer, Head Coach
- Ultimate Frisbee, Head Coach

If you are interested in being a part of our STEM athletics' coaching staff, please visit the Seattle Public Schools website, www.seattleschools.org, click Jobs, for more information on the application process or contact, Kim Noble, Assistant Principal, kfnoble@seattleschools.org, or Sonya Glaspy, soglaspy@seattleschools.org, Athletic Coordinator, for more information.

- **Louisa Boren STEM Athletics Gear**

Adidas is our district sponsor for middle school and high school athletic gear. The Adidas store, for Louisa Boren STEM K-8, is now open until March 3, 2021. Here is the link to the store catalog. <https://borencg1561.itemorder.com/>

Thank you.

STEM Middle School Athletics

Counselor's Corner:

Hello STEM Community! Long time, no talk. This is Ms. Danielle- your school counselor. Exciting news: this week I will be starting classroom counseling lessons again (yay!). We'll be talking about my job as a counselor, how we are alike and how we are different, and families.

Lastly, as a reminder- I am always available to do casual check-ins with students. If interested, here's the form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ9NUNum2wtW2FGrn10tKDRFaBUQ1AwOUtWTkc5UTZRRlpGTEtUE9BRDFETS4u>

Take care,

Ms. Danielle (dblechert@seattleschools.org)

Phone #-call: (425)528- 0951

text: (425) 243-7836

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!

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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Don't forget to check out the STEM Gazette!

<https://stemgazette2020.wixsite.com/mysite>









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>