



# Owl Post

March 8, 2021

## Upcoming Events:

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

**March 9<sup>th</sup> 3-6PM** | Outdoor Library

**April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8PM** | PTA Meeting

**April 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** | No School – Spring Break

To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:

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

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## Message from Principal Ostrom:



### Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

Nothing's slowing down. The next few weeks should be interesting as Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Seattle Education Association (SEA) try to work out differences in how to return preschool and Intensive Service Special Education students to in-person learning. SPS will provide in-person services for preschool students whose families selected in-person learning starting March 11 and bring their children to school. SEA staff are likely to continue providing the remote services as previous until both sides come to an agreement or there is legal action. We will communicate to affected families directly regarding any developments. Things may change! For K-1 families, you will have an opportunity to register a new preference regarding in person or remote learning after there is a clear agreement regarding a return to school. Some important updates are below.

### Bus Transportation for Option Schools

At this point the School board has set aside eliminating Option School transportation to pursue other savings. Families strongly expressed opinions played a significant role in that outcome.

### Direct Give 2021!

In a challenging year, the cooperation between school, families, and STEMK-8 PTA remained constant. While students may not have joined friends to learn, collaborate, and play in-person, staff and PTA worked hard to support opportunities for a continued emphasis on STEM subjects and Project Based Learning. Resources from the Direct Give support an inclusive library collection with updated non-fiction, materials and resources for Project Based Learning (PBL), Eureka math, science and engineering, and release time for staff to plan PBL projects, among other things. Given the circumstances of the year it may not be possible to make a donation. The PTA and school are grateful for any size contribution and each dollar you donate goes directly to the school. Donations are tax deductible, and many employers will match.

You can submit a payment online [HERE](#)

There is an option for [recurring payments](#).

Checks can be made out to: Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA and mailed to the school or dropped off at our Curbside library.

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Congratulations to our amazing office assistant Genevieve Saarenas, who accepted a promotion to the Head (Administrative) Secretary position at John Muir Elementary. She's ready to take her love of learning and children to the next level and John Muir's school community is the lucky winner! She was loved and will be sorely missed. Cassandra Trevino was hired to fill the vacancy and will start sometime this week. Cassandra's spirit, enthusiasm, and skills will help her step into the big shoes Genevieve's promotion left behind.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

**Ben Ostrom**  
**STEM K-8 Principal**

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**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](mailto: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

## 100 DIRECT GIVE FAMILIES

Donate Directly -

Help us get to 100 Direct Give Families!!

[Direct Give Donation](#) » STEM K-8 PTA



ARE YOU THE NEXT  
STEM K-8 PTA  
VICE PRESIDENT OR  
PRESIDENT?

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Now's your time to  
GIVE BACK!

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E-MAIL TO INQUIRE:  
[secretary@stemk8pta.org](mailto:secretary@stemk8pta.org)



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## Library News!

### STEM Outdoor Library Dates for Spring 2021

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!**

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## Middle School Athletics Update

To our STEM Families and Community,

Wow, I can't believe how quickly we are moving into the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.seattleschools.org), click Jobs, for more information on the application process or contact, Kim Noble, Assistant Principal, [kfnoble@seattleschools.org](mailto:kfnoble@seattleschools.org), or Sonya Glaspy, [soglaspy@seattleschools.org](mailto: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://borencq1561.itemorder.com/>

Thank you.

STEM Middle School Athletics

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## Counselor's Corner:

Please check out this information from [Sound Discipline](#). It is full of great resources. Just click the link below:



<https://www.sounddiscipline.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SELatHomeFlyer.pdf>

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=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ9NUm2wtW2FGrn10tKDRFaBUQ1AwOUtWTkc5UTZRRlpGTEtUE9BRDFETS4u>

Take care,

Ms. Danielle ([dblechert@seattleschools.org](mailto:dblechert@seattleschools.org))

Phone #-call: (425)528- 0951

text: (425) 243-7836

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## FREE RIDES TO LYFTUP SCHOOL COMMUNITIES:

Aetna is offering free Lyft Ride codes for Seattle School Families to Access Meals and Resources During the Covid-19 Crisis.

Fill out this form to request your code that is worth \$20 and good for 60 days:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CC2TAN0Nr0S3AMPAVJ5OaO-t0nW9rXVcm55FK9R7S-1UM05JWTIQRDA5MTVSTE5CQVo2MFZHREdNNy4u>



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SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

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## 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><b>Amazon</b> - Use the link below or connect through our school website to Amazon. They send us a check based on the amount you purchase. <a href="http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/">http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/</a></p>
	<p><b>Bartell Drugs 'B' Caring Card</b> - 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><b>Box Tops for Education</b> – 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><b>Shutterfly &amp; Tiny Prints</b> - Use our School Storefront to earn 8% for STEM. <a href="http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/">http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/</a></p>
	<p><b>West Seattle Thriftway</b> – 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><b>Fred Meyer &amp; Kroger</b>– 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>