



Owl Post

March 15, 2021

Upcoming Events:

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

March 23rd 3-6PM | Outdoor Library

March 30th 4-9:30pm | Dine Out for STEM @ ANJU

April 8th 6:30-8PM | PTA Meeting

April 12th-16th | No School – Spring Break

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,

When things seem crazy and unpredictable (all the time!) it important to laugh and breathe. No sooner had Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and the Seattle Education Association (SEA) agreed to bring back preschool and intensive service students starting March 29, than Governor Inslee announced he is going to proclaim all school districts must offer in-person services to K-6 students starting April 5 and the rest of their students starting April 19. Remote learning services would continue to be provided for families that choose that option. Wow.

It took almost two months of negotiations for SPS and SEA to agree on serving a limited number of students in person. We don't have a negotiated agreement on the details for how that will happen. Governor Inslee said get over it and get started. Principals aren't currently allowed to plan with teachers because of labor negotiation guidelines. **It's going to be interesting and busy!** My current mantra: *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.* Repeat and laugh. It's exciting and overwhelming. I suspect there will be adjustments (Governor Inslee said he was going to proclaim—he hasn't proclaimed it yet), but one way or another we will see many of the students we love in person in school this year! Plus, we have amazing staff and families to collaborate on the urgent and important work this lift will require. *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.*

A great deal will occur over the next few weeks. *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.* Our office and custodial staff are working hard to meet health and safety guidelines. A gazillion details remain with regards to schedules, assignments, procedures, etc. We will communicate critical necessities before in-person services resume. *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.*

I'm excited to share that STEM 8th grader Danna Martinez Leyva was selected to serve on the Youth Advisory Board for Washington Ethnic Studies Now (WAESN). The Youth Advisory Board meets monthly to share work and ideas around supporting Ethnic Studies and racial justice. Danna has been a strong leader for STEM K-8's BIPOC Club and Black Student Union as we work with students to amplify their voices and help staff develop anti-racist practices and outcomes. She will be a great addition to their board. WAESN is facilitating a series of 9 workshops on Ethic Studies for STEM K-8 Staff during earlier release days this spring and next fall.


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

If after this tough year you've been looking for a way to give back, look no further! Your STEM K-8 PTA is seeking next year's Treasurer & Co-treasurer! If you like numbers and would like to help fund critical items for our school, please send a message to secretary@stemk8pta.org to get more information. Thank you!



ARE YOU THE NEXT STEM K-8 PTA TREASURER OR CO-TREASURER?

- Like numbers?
 - Volunteer a couple hours a week
 - Make a difference!
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E-MAIL TO INQUIRE:
secretary@stemk8pta.org





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

Now's your time to
GIVE BACK!

E-MAIL TO INQUIRE:
secretary@stemk8pta.org



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!

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://borencq1561.itemorder.com/>

Thank you.

STEM Middle School Athletics

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)

Phone #-call: (425)528- 0951

text: (425) 243-7836

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>



ARE PARTNERING UP TO OFFER

**FREE RIDES TO LYFTUP
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

Contact your local school district to learn more

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"

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|  | <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> |