



Owl Post

March 22, 2021

Upcoming Events:

March 23rd 3-6PM | Outdoor Library

March 23rd 5-6PM | Q&A with Ben (details below)

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

April 8th 6:00-6:30PM | PTA Membership Meeting (Email secretary@stemk8pta.org for Zoom link)

April 8th 6:30-8PM | PTA General Meeting (Email president@stemk8pta.org for Zoom link)

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,

Last week yet another horrific act of racial violence scarred our country. Asian American Pacific Islander communities in Seattle have experienced incidents of hate, intolerance, and violence as targets of those looking to cast blame and destroy the heritage and traditions these communities are building. STEM student Seneca Nguyen, his family, and others organized a remarkable response with a Kids Against Racism March on 3-20 that many community members were able to join. Some resources to support children and families' responses to Anti-Asian hate and racism are included at the bottom of this letter.

On top of the ongoing impacts of racism, we have a stressful transition to in-person learning. New developments will continue to add change and anxiety. *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.* SPS sent out a now-off now-on again preference survey for K-5 families over the weekend. Please complete the survey by Wednesday, 3-24 at midnight. Non-responses will default as a preference to remain remote. Saturday afternoon a recommendation was issued to make elementary and K-8 start and end times 30 minutes earlier to increase transportation availability. [The explanation for this bell time change is linked here.](#) **Starting March 29 school for students will start at 8:00am and end at 2:30pm. For PreK-5 and Distinct the AM in-person schedule will now be from 8:00-10:45am. The PM in-person schedule is now 11:45-2:30pm. Students have the option to stay fully remote.** *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.*

We can't guarantee continuity with current teachers for either remote or in-person learning, or afternoon or morning schedule preferences; however, we will work to support family needs whenever possible. As we create in-person learning classes, we will start with AM student cohorts. We are collaborating with the YMCA to continue childcare services for families despite the imminent need to reclaim classroom space.

I added a drop-in **Question and Answer session this week on Tuesday, 3-23 from 5-6 pm** to help answer questions for people trying to determine whether or not a return to in-person learning will work for their family.

[In Person Learning Q and A Teams Meeting Link](#)

Or call in (audio only) +1 206-800-4125,,309165174#

Phone Conference ID: 309 165 174#

I will have two additional online drop-in Question and Answer sessions on **3-29 from 2-3pm and 3-30 from 5:30-6:30pm**. Links will be provided next week. Details regarding Covid safety plans and new school procedures will be provided to families who chose in-person before their students return.

We love your children and will get through this supporting one another. *It's likely whatever plans we make will need to be adjusted.*

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Some Resources for Responding to Anti-Asian Hate and Racism

Join this Webinar: Violence Against Asian Americans: How Do We Support the Children?

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1_6XG_DtT5W2zlPIUWFt5Q

Countering COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Stigma and Racism: Tips for Parents and Caregivers

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/countering-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-stigma-and-racism-tips-for-parents-and-caregivers](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/countering-covid-19-(coronavirus)-stigma-and-racism-tips-for-parents-and-caregivers)

Watch these videos with your kids:

[Radical Cram School](#)

EAT OUT FOR STEM
March 30th


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[Toasttab.com/anjuseattle/v3](https://www.toasttab.com/anjuseattle/v3)


It's not too late to GIVE!

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

Please join the PTA on April 8th!!!!

STEM needs YOU! Join your PTA leaders April 8th at 6pm to learn more about running for the Board! Then, please stick around for the Membership Meeting at 6:30!

Our annual election includes President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Co-Treasurer! Join us to give back and keep our school strong.

VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR STEM K-8 PTA BOARD!

ZOOM Q&A - 6PM APRIL 8

- Meet other parents
 - Do cool projects
 - Give back!
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E-mail for the Zoom link:
secretary@stemk8pta.org



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:
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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!

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=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ9NUNm2wtW2FGrn10tKDRFaBUQ1AwOUtWTkc5UTZRRlpGTEtUE9BRDFETS4u>

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"

	<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>