



# Owl Post

April 26, 2021

## Upcoming Events:

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 7PM** | PTA Membership Meeting (Email [secretary@stemk8pta.org](mailto:secretary@stemk8pta.org) for Zoom link)

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 3-6PM** | Outdoor STEM Library

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** | Nominations for PTA Board Positions DUE

**May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8PM** | PTA General Meeting (Email [president@stemk8pta.org](mailto:president@stemk8pta.org) for Zoom link)

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 3-6PM** | Outdoor STEM Library

To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:

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

Don't forget to check out the STEM Gazette!

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

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## Message from Principal Ostrom:



### Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

We are starting to build some rhythm after all the schedule changes occurring with the return to in-person learning for many families. I want to emphasize a couple of questions that cropped up regularly for middle school families.

- **All middle school students have class Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, both from 8-10:45 and 11:45-2:30**, regardless of whether they are full-time remote or in one of the hybrid cohorts. They will experience live synchronous instruction and asynchronous small group and individual work during those windows, regardless of whether they are remote or in person.
  - **On Wednesday's** middle school schedules will function as previously for all students, with an advisory period for all students followed by asynchronous work and individual and small group instruction targeted at students on learning plans or needing extra assistance.
- Families of middle school students can give screening permission to their child.
  1. The student permission question is located under: *"Do you plan to come to School/Site today"* where the responder can click: *"I want to update the delivery preferences or grant my student permission to complete the screening."*
  2. They can grant permission by answering yes and adding the student text number. Adding a student email to the screening is NOT an option.

Elementary Report Cards have been available to all families on the Source since April 10<sup>th</sup>. [Information about accessing the source for families is linked here.](#) **Remember to click on the Elementary Progress Report tab and select the correct PDF.** The grades and attendance tab isn't the right place even though it seems like it might be!

Congratulations to STEM K-8 Middle School teacher Craig Parsley who was awarded the Patsy annual Patsy Collins Award for Excellence in Education, Environment, and Community. The award honors extraordinary teachers in Washington K-12 schools who are creating equitable, project-based learning experiences that inspire stewardship and environmental awareness. The award

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comes with a \$5000 stipend. Thanks Mr. Parsley for all your work to support extraordinary learning experiences for students!

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

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

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### **Hello parents and caregivers!**

*You are invited to join your PTA Board on Wednesday, 4/28 at 7pm to learn more about PTA membership and serving on the Board! Nominations for Board positions are **due May 5th** - your time and talent are welcome! Please contact Angela Wallis, [secretary@stemk8pta.org](mailto:secretary@stemk8pta.org), for the Zoom link, more information, and a nominations form!*



**JOIN YOUR PTA BOARD!**

**FINAL Q&A!**  
**WED. 4/28 7-8PM**

**E-MAIL**  
**SECRETARY@STEMK8PTA.ORG**  
**FOR THE ZOOM LINK**

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- Meet other parents
  - Do cool projects
  - Give back!
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## CONGRATULATIONS, CRAIG PARSLEY!!!!

Congratulations to Craig Parsley for winning the Patsy Collins Award for Excellence in Education from [IslandWood](#).

The "award selection committee was so impressed by Craig's commitment to meaningful and equitable learning that inspires environmental awareness and stewardship and are thrilled to present him with this \$5,000 award."

If your student has had Mr. Parsley, you know. It's life changing classes. Congratulations Craig!



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## Counselor's Corner:

Hi STEM Community,

On the next page please find a list of ways the STEM Counseling Program (aka me, myself and I) can support our community during this hybrid time. Please take a moment to look it over. Some key points/updates:

- a) I am happy to support your class and give you a 10-15 min break, text me to ask
- b) I have a water cooler and some goodies in my room and you're always welcome to stop by
- c) I will be doing a couple of small counseling groups for kids the remainder of the year
- d) I can't have students in my room but am always free to take a walking break w/ them or go outside
- e) Scheduled 1:1 check-ins will happen virtually



*Take care,*  
Danielle Blechert (she/they)  
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call: (425)528- 0951  
text: (425) 243-7836

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## If you'd like to meet with Danielle, please fill out this form:

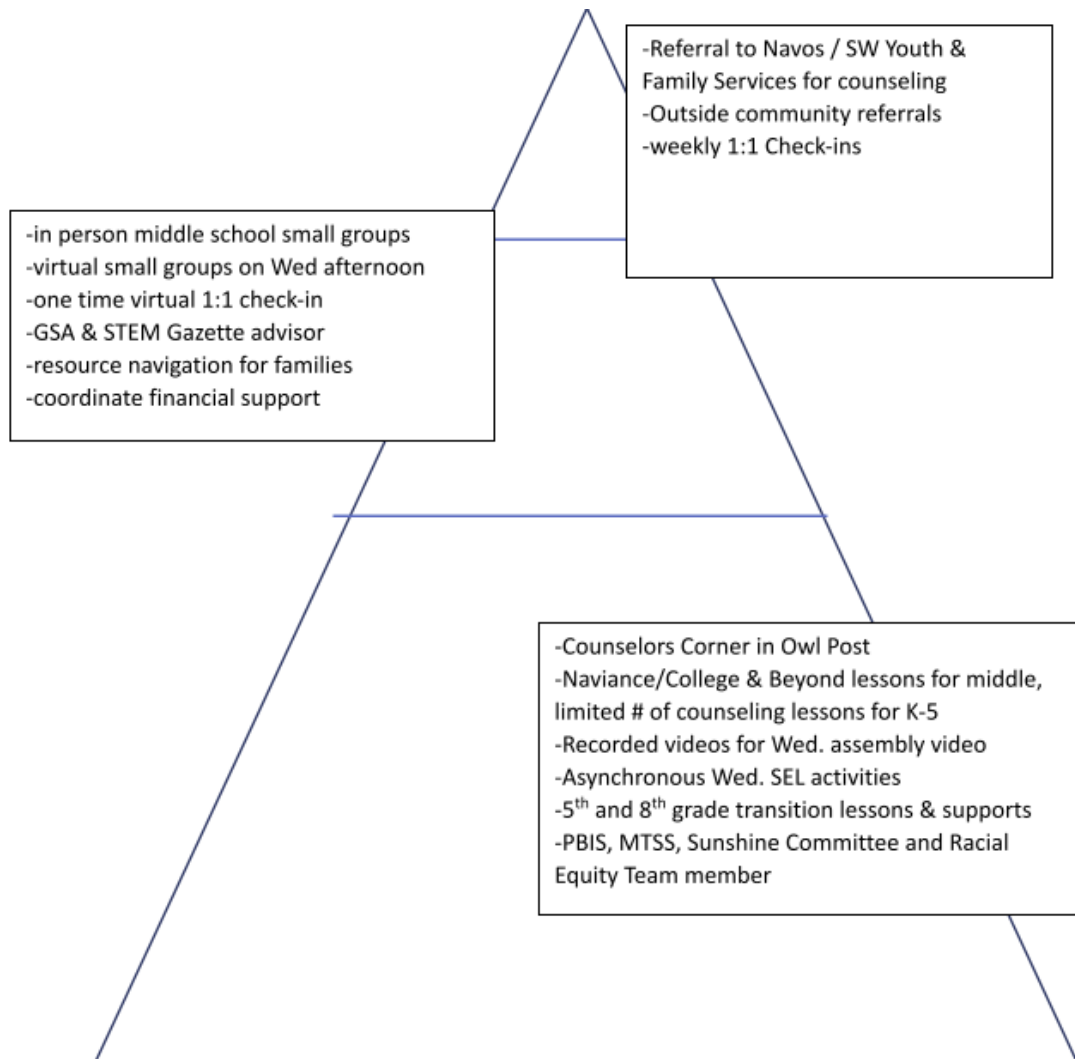
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## Household Assistance Request Program – King County

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/har-program.aspx#:~:text=Anyone%20living%20in%20King%20County,water%2C%20phone%20and%20internet%20bills>

## **Counseling Supports**

- If *you* need a break; please feel free to text me to see if I'm available to support your class for 10-15 min (626-453-6686)
- I will not have kids in my room but am happy to go on walking breaks with them around school / meet in the room next to my room (texting is also ideal to request this)
- There will be a ~rejuvenation station~ in my space w/ a water dispenser (hot, cold, room temp), tea, coffee, snacks. Feel free to use it any time
- 1:1 check-ins will happen virtually, have them fill out my *Request to See Ms Danielle* form <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ9NUm2wtW2FGrn10tKDRFaBUQ1AwOUtWTkc5UTZRRlpGTEtTUE9BRDFETS4u>
- If the schedule/cohorts allows I am hoping to do some small groups for the remainder of the year
- A limited amount of counseling lessons & recorded videos will be available for Wednesdays; stay tuned!
- We still have financial support for families! Tell me if you hear of a need.











## 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>