



Owl Post

June 1, 2021

Upcoming Events:

June 1st | ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE TODAY!

June 3rd - 4th | School Pictures @ Cottage Grove Park

June 10th | 6:30-8PM Last PTA Meeting of the School year (email President@stemk8pta.org for Zoom details)

June 10th | 5-8PM | 8th Grade Family Sponsored Picnic @ Lincoln Park Shelter #5

June 11th | 5-6PM | GGLOW OWLS Celebration (Morgan Junction)

June 15th | 7PM | 8th Grade Virtual Graduation Ceremony (via Zoom)

June 18th | Last Day of School

Don't forget to check out the STEM Gazette!

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

Message from Principal Ostrom:



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

We return from a long weekend having taken some deep breaths and with barely three weeks remaining to cement the learnings of an extraordinary year. One thing we've discovered over and over are the importance of relationships. The connection between staff and students and partnership with families are central to learning, and we need to figure out how to further develop and maintain them as we move back towards full time in-person learning. We've also learned that engagement focused on content and deep learning that incorporates equity and students' experiences must be at the center of schooling.

The STEM Equity Team in conjunction with the PTA is sponsoring a free virtual poetry workshop with [Youth Speaks](#) for 5th - 8th graders. The first session is Tuesday, June 1 from 3:30pm-4:30pm and focuses on writing poetry. The second session tackles developing voice and is on Wednesday, June 2 from 12:30pm-1:30pm. The third session is on Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30pm for students to share their poetry. Here is a link with more information and to sign up for the workshop: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/GKw6yMrHQhTSW/>. If you have any questions, please email hlpaulson@seattleschools.org.

The last few weeks will race by. A few upcoming 8th grade events: On **June 15 at 6:30pm we will host an online 8th grade graduation**. On June 10 from 5pm-8 there will be an informal socially distanced 8th grade picnic at Lincoln Park hosted by volunteers. Details coming soon!

Seattle Public Schools will be collecting student iPads, laptops, and hotspots at the end of the year. The plan is to repair, reimage, and refurbish devices so they are ready to return to students in the fall. Students attending summer school may return their devices at the end of summer school. There are no fees or fines to be collected on broken or lost equipment. The goal is to prepare devices to return to students for fall learning. At STEM we will collect devices on Friday, June 18 with additional collection times the week of 6-21 to 6-25. More information will be provided as we get closer.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

OWLS! Join us to kick-off PRIDE month with a party in the Morgan Junction! Bring your masks, your PRIDE gear, and the whole family!

Louisa Boren STEM K-8
GGLOW OWLS

PROTECT TRANS YOUTH

PRIDE PARADE!

Friday June 11th 5pm to 6pm
Morgan Junction | West Seattle

- Meet at Morgan Junction Park for a festive walk around the neighborhood
- Bring and wear your best Pride gear
- Bikes, skates, strollers, and dogs welcome
- Stop by Youngstown Coffee/HeartBeet Cafe after for free pride goodies including ice cream, coffee, and specials on menu items
- Keep safe distanced and wear a mask

Sponsored by Louisa Boren STEM PTA and:



The image contains four logos: a circular logo for 'youngstown coffee' with a lightning bolt, a logo for 'Full Time ice cream' with stars, a logo for 'HeartBeet Organic Superfoods Cafe' with a beet, and a stylized owl wearing sunglasses with a rainbow chest.

**SCHOOL PICTURES: June 3rd & 4th @ Cottage Grove Park
(5206 26th Ave SW)**

Sign up for June 3rd & June 4th at this link:

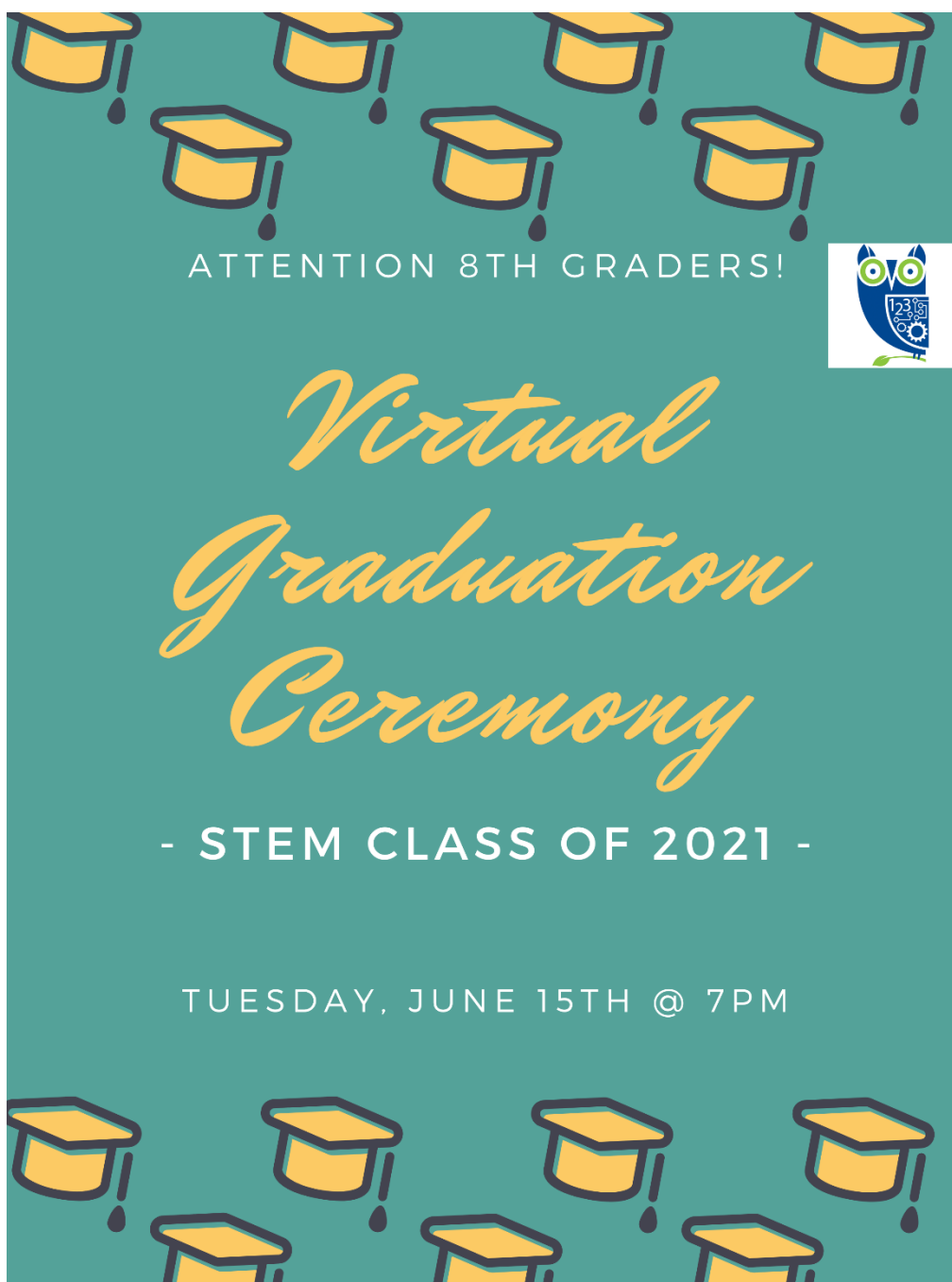
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044fafae29a7f94-louisa>

Picture order form: [STEM School Photo Price List Order Form June 4 2021.pdf](#)

Attention 8th grade Parents and Guardians!

To be in the video being made for the virtual graduation, your 8th grader must submit a baby picture, a current picture and what High School they are attending. The deadline for submission is **Thursday, June 3rd**. Zoom link for graduation coming soon!

Please also join us on **Thursday, June 10th from 5-8PM** for an 8th grade family sponsored picnic at Lincoln Park Shelter #5.



ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS!



*Virtual
Graduation
Ceremony*

- STEM CLASS OF 2021 -

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH @ 7PM

Library News!

Please note that ALL STEM Library Books are due on **Tuesday, June 1st**. Historically at STEM, it takes almost 3 weeks to get everything turned in.

STEM LOST BOOKS:

Mr. Ostrom and our STEM PTA are very generous in funding the STEM Library.

Sadly, we had \$7500 in lost books from the Spring 2020 COVID Closure.

We are hoping to get a better return of STEM Library books this year.

However due to financial hardships of COVID, we don't want to put undue financial stresses on families.

In the case that a book is TRULY lost, **LOST books** can be handled in several ways:

1. Students' families can pay for the lost books in SchoolPay (https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/dots/support_training_forms/schoolpay) or with a check to STEM paid at the school office.
2. Families can purchase a new or used copy of the titles and send them in to the library and I will replace the lost copies with the replacement copies.
3. Per SPS policy students can "read off" their fine at minimum wage rates. (Currently \$16.69 per hour)

Please let Mrs. B. know what option works best for your family,

Mary E. Bannister, Louisa Boren K – 8 Teacher-Librarian, mebannister@seattleschools.org



Virtual Poetry Workshop for 5th-8th graders

Attention Owls:

This is a three-day workshop in collaboration with [Youth Speaks](#) and supported by our STEM's Equity Team and the PTA. The first session is focused on writing our poetry. The second session is focused on presenting poetry that gives it justice. The third session is in the evening and all about sharing our poetry out to the community.

Here is a link with more information and to sign up for the workshop. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/GKw6yMrHQhTSW/>

If you have any questions, please email Heidi Paulson at hlpaulson@seattleschools.org



WHO IS THE PTA?

EVERYONE who cares about our kids! Parents, family members, community members, teachers, KIDS! Everyone is welcome to be part of the PTA!



To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:

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









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>