



Owl Post

May 10, 2021

Upcoming Events:

May 13th 6:30-8PM | PTA General Meeting (Email president@stemk8pta.org for Zoom link)

May 15th 10am-12pm | Spring Garden Work Party @ STEM

May 18th 3-6PM | Outdoor STEM Library

June 1st | ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE!

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>

Message from Principal Ostrom:



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

We can do this! These next six weeks aren't going to be easy. Families and staff are tired. Hybrid learning takes even more preparation for staff. New schedules disrupt team supports. We are struggling to keep some of our fully remote families connected. Yet our days are filled with your amazing children. Gardens are sprouting. Our outstanding staff collaborate closely. Family partnerships have new depths and understanding. And although it has yet to become official, state and local communications point towards welcoming all students back to fully in-person instruction this fall. We are going to make it!

SPS and the City of Seattle have a shared goal to ensure that all SPS students, families and staff have access to vaccinations, including at schools. This May and June, Seattle Fire Department will operate stand up pop-up vaccination clinics at high schools and middle schools and many K-8's to administer the Pfizer COVID-19 to all eligible students who would like to receive it and have parent/guardian consent. STEM K-8 will host a vaccination clinic! We are working finalize a date and will share more information shortly.

On May 12 or 19 STEM students in grades 3-8 will take a short (approximately 20 minute) learning survey. The aim is to gather student perception data in order to gain a deeper understanding of each of our student's experiences and needs as we return to in-person learning. This survey will be taking through Panorama Education and individual results are confidential.

The Seattle Department of Transportation is planning improvements along the [Delridge-Highland Park Neighborhood Greenway](#), particularly the section along 21st Ave SW between SW Dawson St to the connection to the West Seattle Bridge bike lane to the north. SDOT has an active [survey](#), available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#), asking residents and those who use the Neighborhood Greenway for feedback to help make it more comfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists. If you have an opinion, click on one of the survey links above to share it!

To our Muslim families, Eid Mubarak.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Library News!

STEM OUTDOOR LIBRARY BOOKABRATION!

TUESDAY, May 18th 3-6pm
**Last chance to put books on Hold
 for afternoon pick up or come and
 "Point & Choose" Check Out!**



STEM LIBRARY Book Returns!

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.

Books can be turned in M, T, Th and F when students are at school in the large 6 book return bin just outside the main school doors.

There is also a book return bin just inside the main school doors any time during school office hours.

We had \$7500 worth of books that had not been returned last Spring when we closed due to COVID! We would LOVE to have these books back!

Thank you for reading and RETURNING STEM Library Books!

Mary E. Bannister, mebannister@seattleschools.org





**STEM OWLS,
YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS
ARE ALL
DUE ON
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PLEASE
READ
&
RETURN!**

Spring Garden Party

Join us this weekend at the Spring Garden Work Party! Let's prepare garden beds and help beautify our school grounds. We will be working in the interior courtyard to weed and prep garden beds so that teachers can work with students to plant. If you have a perennial plant you would like to donate, we are adding to the perennial garden section of the gardens. Bring it with you on Saturday May 15, 10 am- noon (or just bring yourselves!) It's a great chance to be together outside and make the school more beautiful.

WHEN: Saturday May 15 from 10 am to noonish

WHAT: Wear masks, and plan to social distance during this outdoor-only work party. There will be no building access and no restroom available.

WHERE: Enter school grounds from the gate at the far back of the school on the Juneau Street side, then walk south to access the interior garden courtyard.

WHO: Contact Vaughn (parent of two STEM students) with any questions. Also feel free to reach out if you want to help with the garden but cannot attend on Saturday. Email, or text day of. vaughn@vaughnbell.net 206-661-7251



Counselor's Corner:

Danielle, our amazing counselor can support you and your child in the following way:

- 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)
dblechert@seattleschools.org
call: (425)528- 0951
text: (425) 243-7836

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

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ9NUm2wtW2FGrn10tKDRFaBUQ1AwOUtWTkc5UTZRRlpGTEtTUE9BRDFETS4u>

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>









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>