



Owl Post

May 3, 2021

Upcoming Events:

May 4th 3-6PM | Outdoor STEM Library

May 5th | Nominations for PTA Board Positions DUE (see details below)

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

May 18th 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>

Message from Principal Ostrom:



Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

Staff and families continue to navigate a staggering marathon of change as we lean into both hybrid and remote learning. One positive outcome has been increased partnership and understanding of family and staff challenges. This week is staff appreciation week and families understand more clearly than ever the challenges of teaching. Our educators are following the most important, complex calling possible. We're fortunate to share the special group of educators that make STEM K-8 home. Help your child find a way this week to show their instructors some extra love!

Much of our in-person learning time does not emphasize technology or screens. However, we do have learning resources and partnerships with remote learners that require laptops and I-pads. So, students should bring them daily unless instructed otherwise by their teachers. We just received a shipment of laptop cases we will be distributing to students who need one for their computer.

Seattle Public Schools is starting to announce their summer learning plans for students. At this moment additional in-person and remote synchronous summer learning opportunities will be provided to targeted students based on staff referrals. There will also be asynchronous independent learning activities focused on reading, math, and social-emotional learning available for all students.

Finally, WA State communicated that the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) will not be administered this spring. Because of the challenges and needs of remote and hybrid learning state-wide, WA state will provide modified SBA assessments for next fall.

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

Ben Ostrom
STEM K-8 Principal

Hello parents and caregivers!

Nominations are due May 5th!

It's your last chance this school year to put your foot forward to help run our PTA!

Please email Angela Wallis for a Nominations Form (easy-peasy!) [@Secretary, STEM K-8 PTA](#) and email it in by **May 5th!** The Nominations committee will schedule a short call with you to learn about your interests and answer your questions! Volunteers ROCK! Join us! (Nomination form attached as a PDF in Owl Post email via School Messenger.)

LAST CALL! RUN FOR THE PTA BOARD

Nominations due May 5th!

PTA President, VP, Secretary,
Treasurer or Co-Treasurer!
Email:
Secretary@stemk8pta.org for
the Nominations Form!



Library News!

There are two more dates this year for STEM OUTDOOR LIBRARY on these Tuesdays from 3-6pm.

May 4th will be the theme "MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!" highlighting our STAR WARS themed books.

May 18th is the final STEM OUTDOOR LIBRARY for the Spring.

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 OUTDOOR LIBRARY
May 4th from 3-6pm



May the 4th be with You!

♥ Mrs. B.

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!



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

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>