

# CAREER & EDUCATION

## Da Vinci Arts Opens Enrollment

Da Vinci Arts Middle School, 2508 N.E. Everett St., is a Portland Public Schools special focus school for 6th, 7th & 8th graders with an interest in visual and performing arts. The arts are often integrated into core academic classes to reinforce learning and help students connect to the material.

Da Vinci does not have a neighborhood catchment area, and accepts students from throughout the PPS district. Beginning Feb. 10, applications to apply to the school are available on the school's website and in the office.

Admission selection is done by a lottery. Da Vinci anticipates having 150 openings for 6th graders, about five openings for 7th graders and about five openings for 8th graders.

For more information visit [pps.k12.or.us/schools/davinci](http://pps.k12.or.us/schools/davinci) and click on the admissions button.

Da Vinci students create an outdoor mural based on the shadow tracings of each other.



## Planetarium Show at Mt. Hood

Scientists recently discovered one of the closest supernovae stars observed in decades in an area called the Pinwheel Galaxy.

Just what is a supernova, and how powerful can it be? Find out the answers to these questions when Mt. Hood Community College presents "Supernovae: The Spectacular Deaths of Big Stars!" The show will be presented live on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. in the College's Planetarium Sky Theater.

"This will be an opportunity to learn about historical supernovae, how they were formed and see some great photos," says Pat Hanrahan, planetarium director. "During the show, we will use a star projector to see where these supernovae were discovered and also discuss highlights of the current night sky."

Admission for the general public is \$2 and free for MHCC students.

The MHCC Planetarium is located near the library on the Gresham campus, 26000 S.E. Stark St.

## East County Job Training Eyed

A national program to train qualified energy plant operators is the goal of a proposed educational facility in Troutdale by Mt. Hood Community College and industry sponsors.

"We are excited about the partnership with Troutdale Energy Center, and the opportunity to give our students a pathway to a career in the growing energy sector," said Michael Hay, president of Mt. Hood Community College. "We have a

great track record of working with local industries to create training programs that benefit students and companies."

Across the country there is a shortage of qualified energy plant operators, like control technicians, according to Bob Howard, director of Development Partners, which develops power plants around the country.

He said the Troutdale facility would help meet that demand while

creating job opportunities for local residents.

The program may take up to three years to develop, and may include training in disciplines including thermal dynamics, instrument technology and controls and energy regulatory compliance.

The Troutdale Energy Center would utilize a natural-gas-fired electric generation facility on the site of the former Reynolds Aluminum plant in Troutdale.

## Parents Workshop at Maranatha

Jay Klusky, an educator and author committed to helping youth identify their talents and gifts and then making the most of them, invites parents to learn more about teaching children during a workshop on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Maranatha church in northeast Portland.

Klusky will present the first class of his new series "New Skills for

New Times."

An author of educational books and workshops, Klusky has been presenting workshops in the Portland area for the last two years.

"I believe every child has it within them to lead exceptional lives," he said.

For more information, visit [jayklusky.com](http://jayklusky.com).

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