



**2024-2025**

**Virtual Family**

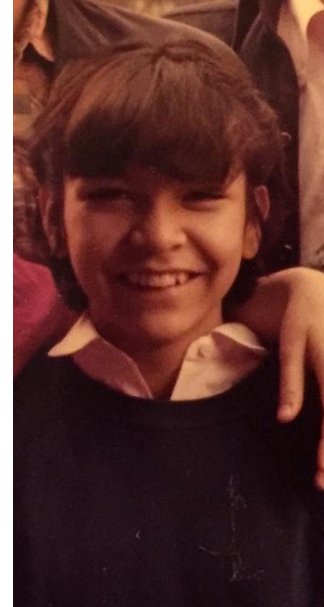
**Information Night**

**daVinci**  
Arts Middle School

# Our Administration Team



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# Meet Our da Vinci Support Team



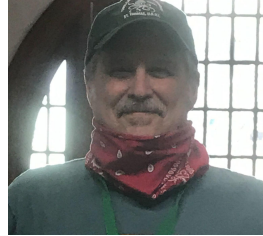
**Jennifer Howard**  
Principal's  
Secretary



**Amanda Knutson**  
School Secretary



**Terry Martins**  
Head Custodian



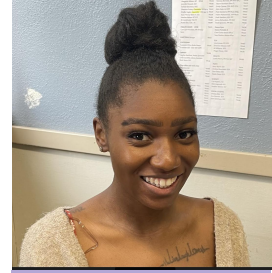
**Corky Dieringer**  
Custodian



**Sage**  
Custodian



**Nurse Cam**  
Health Team



**Sunteohna "Sun"**  
School Health  
Assistant



**Heather Nelson**  
Climate  
Specialist



**Restorative  
Justice  
Coordinator**



**Austin Sias –**  
Campus Safety  
Agent

**Ms.  
Murray-Balto**  
Instructional  
Coach



# Our Counseling Team

**Ms. Shannon  
School Counselor  
A- La**



**Ms. Shelby  
School Counselor  
Le-Z**





It is the mission of  
**da Vinci Arts Middle School**  
to assist our students to reach their **full academic** and  
**artistic potential**, and prepare them to lead  
satisfying, creative lives in which they will  
continue to **learn and grow** .

# da Vinci Vision

The da Vinci Arts Middle School will seek innovative ways to **integrate the arts** throughout the curriculum, provide focused arts instruction, and create a rich, **inquiry-based** learning environment with high standards of academic excellence.

We will provide a safe, supportive and nurturing environment that encourages our diverse student body to **take the risks** necessary to reach their personal, artistic and academic potential, and to become **leaders in the community** .

We will remain committed to enriching the Portland community by creating a diverse and active **home for artists, lovers of art, creative students and their families** \_\_\_\_\_.

# How do we do it?

- Arts-integration, rigorous hands-on curriculum
- All electives and exploratory classes are in the arts
- Diverse student body that welcomes students from throughout the district
- Use of community artists during and after school
- Family partnership and support

# da Vinci School Wide Expectations

- Personal electronic devices:
  - ◆ “Off and away, in your locker, all day”
- PBIS:
  - ◆ Safe, Fair and Friendly
- Attendance:
  - ◆ On time, prepared and engaged



# Who comes to da Vinci?

**We have students from throughout the district, though most students that apply live in Northeast and Southeast Portland.**

**33 % of our students self-identify as a student of color**

**27 % of our students are identified as TAG**

**20 % Special Education**

**61 % identify as female, 32 % male, 7% non-binary/trans**

# Staffing & Class Size

## Class sizes:

- ◆ Language Arts ~30
- ◆ Social Studies ~30
- ◆ Science ~30
- ◆ Math ~26
- ◆ Electives ~30

# Our Current Schedule

- ★ **Breakfast @ 8:30 AM**
- ★ **Arrival @ 8:45 AM**
- ★ **Dismissal @ 3:15 PM**
- ★ **Advisory Tues/Thurs**

# Schedule Breakdown

## 7-Period Schedule Include:

- Core Classes
- Electives & Exploratory Wheel
- Health & Dance Fitness (PE Credit)
- Semester Electives
- Intervention Classes and or Resource Class
- 4-minute passing periods

# Schedule Breakdown

## Electives:

- Dance 1, 2, 3, 4
- Drama Apprentice
- Drama Tech
- Music: Guitar, Beginning and Advanced, African Drumming and Choir
- Art: Visual, Ceramics and Textiles

## Exploratory Wheel:

- 6th = AVID, Health & Dance Fitness, Music Appreciation
- 7th/8th = Health & Dance Fitness

# Middle School Class Configuration

- **Blended 6th-8th Classes**
  - ◆ **Science, ELA and Electives**
- **Grade Leveled Classes**
  - ◆ **Math and Compacted Math**
  - ◆ **Health/Dance Term**
  - ◆ **Social Studies**
- **Teachers loop with students in Science, Language Arts and 7th/8th grade Social Science**

# Student Academic Supports

- **Special Education Program**
  - ◆ **Resource & CB Program**
  - ◆ **Speech Path, School Psych & Occupational Therapist**
- **Talented and Gifted**
  - ◆ **Onsite TAG Coordinator**
- **ESL Push-in & Small Group Instruction**
- **Reading Specialist**
- **All 6th & 7th graders take AVID**

# Forecasting

- Once accepted to da Vinci, rising 6th graders will complete their forecasting (ranking their elective choices)
- Forecasting numbers drive our staffing
- Important to complete with your student
- Schedule changes only occur with unique circumstances
- We do our best to ensure students get their preferred electives



# Da Vinci Traditions

- Talent Shows
- Outdoor School
- Gallery Shows
- Assemblies
- Performances
- Spelling Bee
- Mastery Showcases
- Yearbook

- Arts Fair, & Spring Auction
- OBOB
- Geography Bee
- Poetry Slam
- Literary Magazine
- Mural Painting
- Rose Show
- Spirit Weeks

# Affinity Spaces & Clubs Get Involved!

## Affinity Spaces

- BSU
- QSA
- Latinx Club
- AAPI

## Clubs:

- Trogdor (Rock band by audition)
- Drama (audition)
- D & D
- Speech and Debate



# Leo Leaders

## LEO Leaders, Student Leadership

- Peer Support
- Activities and project planning
- By nomination/application process



# Family involvement da Vinci

- Extra supervision on trips and special projects
- Help in the gardens and grounds
- Help with productions & performances
- Sponsor after school activities
- Lead book groups
- Lunch/recess games
- Leadership in Site Council & PTSA
- Foundation fundraising



# Application Steps

**Visit the PPS  
Enrollment and  
Transfer Center  
Website**

**Apply to the PPS School  
Choice Lottery online  
between **November 15**  
and **December 15, 2023**  
**@ 5:00 pm.****



# Thanks for your interest in da

Be sure to visit our website **Vinci!**

and apply through the  
Enrollment and Transfer  
Center If Interested

