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Environmental art and science-based learning academy ChildRootsNW to open in NW

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Over the past 5 years of mom-hood in Portland, I've noticed a handful of learning centers and preschools whose names are continually recommended by local parents. [ChildRoots](#), an environmental and art-and-science-based learning community, is one of those. Its east side location has always kept it slightly out of reach for our family, with us working and living in SW PDX. But not anymore; just over the hill and through the tunnel will soon be the new home of ChildRoots NW at 1740 NW Flanders Street.

The center is a 9,000 square-foot-space comprised of nine classrooms, with a total capacity for 110 children. 35 new teachers will be hired to help run the play-based learning program featuring organic meals and snacks, locally-sourced food, cloth diapers, non-toxic wooden toys, creative spaces, and a Preschool Atelier Program.

The space was formally a Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC) child care, aka KinderCare. Remodeling efforts and structural changes will be minimal, and ChildRootsNW will feature a large outdoor play area, art lab and science lab.

Every Saturday through April 1st, ChildRootsNW will offer "hard hat" tours of the new center from 9 am to 11 am, free and open to the public. Active enrollment for ages six weeks to six years has begun, and interested parents may contact christina@childroots.com to set up a tour.



art area at ChildRoots

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