



# Rosa Parks School

Portland, Oregon

Dull Olson Weekes Architects

Green School Building;  
New Construction

### DULL OLSON WEEKES ARCHITECTS

319 SW Washington Street,  
Suite 200  
Portland, OR 97204  
www.dowa.com  
John Weekes  
503/226-6950

### DESIGN TEAM

John Weekes, Principal/Designer  
Karina Ruiz, Project Manager  
ABHT Structural Engineers,  
Structural  
Mazzetti & Associates,  
Mechanical  
Reyes Engineering, Electrical  
Atlas Landscape Architecture,  
Landscape

### OWNER/CLIENT

New Columbia Community  
Campus, Portland, OR  
Dr. Vicki Phillips,  
Superintendent  
Portland Public Schools  
503/916-2000  
Steve Rudman  
Executive Director  
Housing Authority of Portland  
503/802-8300  
Type of School and  
Grades Served:  
Elementary School, K-6  
Capacity: 550 students  
Size of Site: 2.4 acres  
Area of Building:  
66,863 square feet  
Volume of Building  
1.1 million cubic feet  
Space per Student:  
122 square feet  
Cost per Student: \$23,338  
Square Foot Cost: \$192  
Cost of Construction:  
\$11.9 million  
Total Project Cost: \$18 million  
Contract Date: Oct. 2005  
Completion Date: Sept. 2006



CLASSROOM WING EXTERIOR

The Community Campus at New Columbia is a mixed-use partnership project located in the recently redeveloped New Columbia low-income housing project. Projecting a significant increase in population in an established North Portland neighborhood, New Columbia brought an increased need for educational, community, family, and youth support programs; therefore, the Community Campus at New Columbia was conceived. A public/private partnership, it includes a new K-6 school (Rosa Parks), Boys & Girls Club, and Portland Parks Community Center on land donated by the Housing Authority of Portland.

The centerpiece of the Community Campus is the new Rosa Parks School. A sustainable school envisioned as a center of community, it is only the second new school designed and constructed by Portland Public Schools in



SCHOOL ENTRY



BIOSWALE AND SUNSCREENS

30 years. Focused on learning, the new school is divided into four neighborhoods, each

containing 125 students. Each neighborhood contains five classrooms, a resource room, and support functions around a neighborhood commons. At the entry to the school, families are provided their own resource room, as well as access to an information center. Functions including art, computers, music, and food service are shared with the new Boys & Girls Club.

A walk-in school on a small site with only 1.8 usable acres, Rosa Parks was recently certified LEED Gold. ■

PHOTOS: GARY WILSON, PHOTOGRAPHIC