

Volunteers Attend Brooklyn School S.M.A.R.T. Orientation



Harfijah Chung, coordinator of SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), and Rosemary Daniels, principal of Brooklyn School, review plans for 1994-95 volunteers.

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Contribute ideas and communicate concerns
The Oregon Children's Foundation is a non-profit organization started by former Governor Neil Goldschmidt, and dedicated to finding comprehensive solutions for the long-term needs of Oregon's children.

The foundation supports programs that prevent serious future problems, reduce public cost, and allow children to grow into healthy, productive adults.

Early literacy is the foundation's primary focus.

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Poor reading performance, as early as the third grade, is a reliable predictor of delinquency, early childbearing, and school dropout. In Oregon, approximately 25 to 30 percent of elementary school students are unready to read or are reading significantly below their grade levels.

According to Kids Count Data Book, Oregon's school dropout rate is 27 percent. Oregon is ranked in the lowest third -- 31st out of the 50

states and the District of Columbia. School dropouts are more likely to:

- Commit crimes
- Be dependent on welfare
- Become teen parents
- Live in poverty

- Parents can:
- Participate in the design and success of SMART
 - Read with their children
 - Attend Family Reading Nights and other school functions

Kenny Neal To Play In Portland

"Big, raucous, sweaty barrel-house blues... explosive guitar... immense energy... one of the best of the new generation." -CD Review

Guitarist/vocalist/harmonica player Kenny Neal will bring his band to Key Largo. He'll be featuring songs from his new Alligator album, Hoodoo Moon (AL 4825). Concert information is as follows:

Tuesday, November 8th Key Largo 31 N.W. 1st st. STBA 503-224-3147

Portland Hoodoo Moon is Kenny's fifth Alligator album. It features his blistering guitar playing, swampy harmonica solos and smoldering vocals. On the songs "I'm A Blues Man" and "Carrying The Torch," Kenny acknowledges his Louisiana roots and the importance of keeping the blues traditions alive, while "Don't fix Our Love," "Bad Memory," and "Believe In Yourself" are forward-thinking, tough blues with tastes of funk and the energy of rock and roll. With Hoodoo

Moon, Kenny Neal emerges as one of the purest, most original and emotionally complex bluesmen to arrive since the man he is usually compared to: Robert Cray.

Throughout his career, Kenny has taken the blues where they have never been before. In 1991, he starred in the Broadway musical, Mule Bone, a play written in the 1930s by Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston with music added later by Taj Mahal. For his performance, Kenny walked away with the Theatre World Award for "Most Outstanding New Talent On and Off

Broadway."

In 1993, Kenny toured Africa as a guest of the United States Information Agency. The tour stopped in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Madagascar, Kenya and Ethiopia. Wherever he went, Kenny mingled with the residents, often jamming with local musicians. As if the African trip was not enough, Kenny and his band spent early 1994 opening for B.B. King throughout Japan.

Kenny emerges as one of the few names on the short list of obvious successors to the contemporary blues crown.



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