



Students from Applegate School in north Portland dressed up as characters from their favorite books last weekend at the annual Story Book Parade.

## 50 Years at Applegate

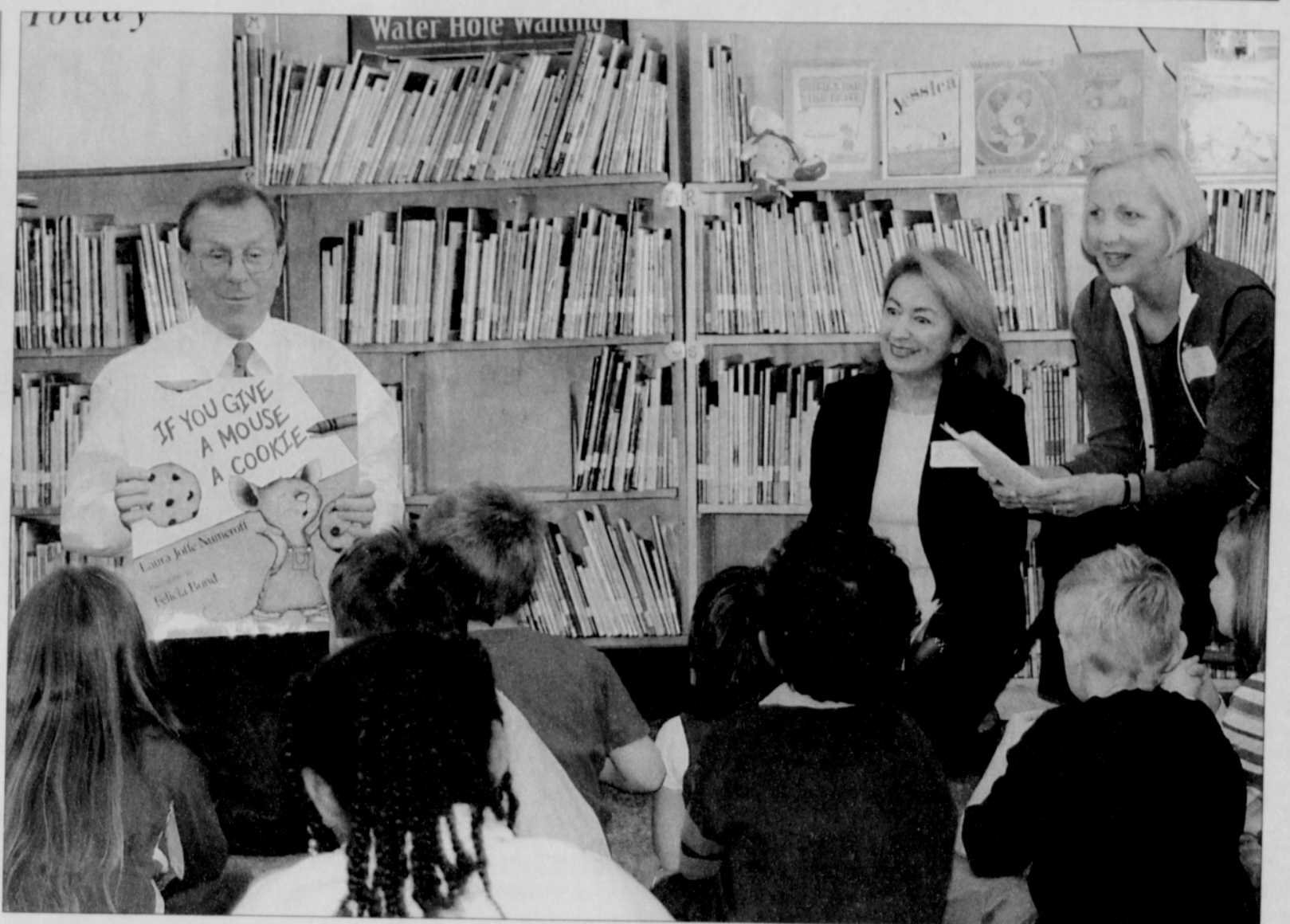
Applegate Elementary School is throwing a Sock Hop on Wednesday, Nov. 3 to celebrate 50 years in north Portland.

"We're rolling up our jeans and putting on our saddle shoes and hiring a deejay to spin '50s music," said Robin Morrison, principal at Applegate.

The school at 7650 N. Commercial is inviting alumni, former staff and the Applegate community for cake and punch, music and fun from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

"It's an incredible little school and I'm honored to be a part of a great educational team and I'm excited to celebrate 50. We've had a great first 50 years and we look forward to the next 50 years," Morrison said.

Students and staff at Applegate held its annual Story Book Parade on Oct. 15. Students dressed up as characters right off the pages of their favorite stories.



Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski reads to students at Chief Joseph Elementary School in north Portland as State Superintendent Susan Castillo (from left) and SMART Chief Executive Officer Mary Jubitz gather to discuss business contributions to the literacy program.

## Reading Boost at Local School

Oregon's Start Making A Reader Today (SMART) program got a major boost in north Portland when Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Oregon's First Lady Mary Oberst joined State

Superintendent Susan Castillo and SMART CEO Mary Jubitz to report how Oregon businesses are supporting statewide education efforts.

"Oregon businesses are making the connection and realizing that if we want to foster a healthy workforce and economy, everyone needs to get involved with our

schools," Kulongoski said during the recent ceremony at Chief Joseph Elementary School in north Portland. "But we still face a tough road ahead, and the need is greater than ever."

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## Healing Dinner Planned

In an effort to provide unity and healing to families affected by senseless violence, a group is hosting a pre-holiday Common Bond Dinner at the Matt Dishman Community Center in northeast Portland on Saturday, Nov. 13, with doors opening at 3 p.m. for a social hour. Following dinner, served at 4 p.m., families will have an opportunity to share their personal stories, with keynote speakers.

The dinner was scheduled to bring together families that have lost loved ones, or have been affected by a violent act within the family. Realizing that there are a lot of mental health issues caused by violence and the holidays seem to always bring back memories, it is important to bring these people together to share their stories and feelings to begin healing, according to event organizers.

The website [www.blackonblackviolence.com](http://www.blackonblackviolence.com) has also been created to help end violence within the community and share information about violent acts or unsolved murders without having to tell our name. For additional information or to reserve a spot at the dinner table, call Joe "Bean" Keller at 503-493-3533, extension 24. Pre-registration is required by Nov. 8.

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