

# Jefferson Principal's Leave is Permanent

## Search begins for new leader

Jefferson High School principal Leon Dudley has made his departure from the North Portland school permanent. Dudley, who took a medical leave of absence in April, submitted his resignation letter on Friday. The departure will take effect July 6, after which he'll return to Texas

to rejoin his wife and son. Dr. Cynthia Harris, area director for the Jefferson and Wilson High School clusters, has served as Jefferson's interim principal since April, but Portland Public Schools officials did not say when it expects to find a permanent replacement.

Superintendent Vicki

Phillips expressed full support for Dudley's performance and decision to leave, despite the questions it raised.

"Leon Dudley has a track record of leading urban schools and significantly raising achievement, particularly for students of color," she said in a statement released Monday.

Phillips also resigned her position this spring after three



Leon Dudley

years of leading the district. She leaves June 30 for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with interim superintendent Ed Schmitt taking her place while replacements are found for both Phillips and Dudley.

Dudley, most recently principal of a large school in Dallas, Texas was hired last July along with Harris.

The pair came to the North Portland school shortly after the creation of the Acad-

emies of Arts and Technology and Science and Technology. The school's young men's and young women's academies are set to open in September.

Dudley received mixed reviews over the school year from Jefferson students, many of whose dissatisfaction culminated this spring with a walkout to protest Dudley's decisions regarding campus policies.

# Good in the Neighborhood

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and music from Ocean 503. The restaurant will donate half the night's sales to Good in the Neighborhood.

The main event is held Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24 at King School Park at Northeast Sixth and Humboldt, just south of Northwest Alberta Street and east of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The parade at 11 a.m. gets the party going. The line up begins at Emanuel Hospital and follows Northeast Russell Street and MLK to the park. Parade participants, including businesses, service organizations, nonprofit corporations and others — anyone who wants to send a taste message and pay the \$25 entry fee is welcome. The price of watching the fun is free.

Admission to the park is also free. Doors open from noon to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. From the main stage you can hear the likes of Ocean 503, Touch, Cool Breeze, Patrick Lamb, Norman Sylvester, Linda

Hornbuckle, Mel Brown, Chatta Addy and Soul Vaccination. A second multi-cultural stage will offer gospel music and ethnic entertainment.

McMenamin's is providing a shaded beer garden, and a variety of food vendors will be present. There will also be KidSpace activities for children. An Ethnic Marketplace will have goods, arts and crafts for sale by local artisans and vendors.

Good in the 'Hood, as the festival was originally called, was conceived as a way of luring people to inner north and northeast Portland to showcase the positive aspects of the area and offset any negatives from gangs and bad press.

"It's a place for people to find out what's happening in the com-



Chatta Addy

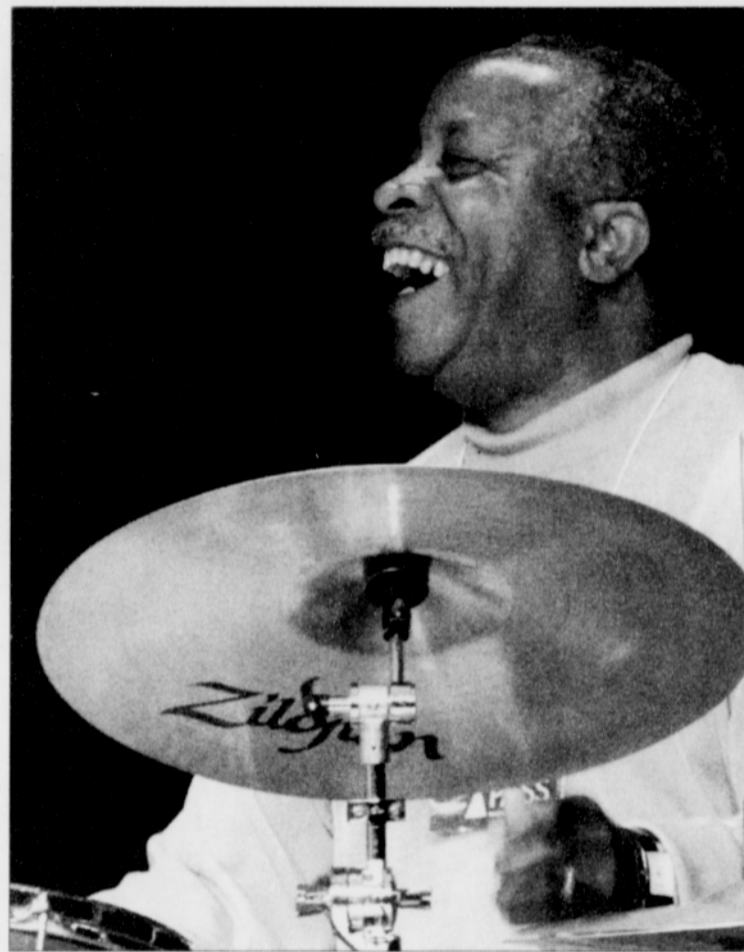


Linda Hornbuckle

for old and new neighbors to come together and share old times and culture."

The first 11 years of the festival was held at Holy Redeemer Catholic School, but four years ago it moved to King Park. The Northeast Coalition of Neighbors agreed to be a sponsor on the condition that it change its name since some coalition members felt that "Hood" had negative connotations.

Charging admission to King Park was not feasible, so Roberts and other Good in the Neighbor-



Mel Brown

hood supporters recruited an array of major sponsors to support the festival.

For more information, call 503-282-1288 or visit [goodinthe neighborhood.org](http://goodinthe neighborhood.org).

# Clinic Confronts Toxic Toys

## Kids can test for lead at Good in the Neighborhood

Good in the Neighborhood at King School Park has always been an event for carefree celebration and serious action. On a serious action front this year, the Josiah Hill III Clinic will have a table at Saturday's afternoon celebration to test kids' blood for elevated levels of lead. The effort coincides with a call of Thomas and Friends wooden train-set parts from

China. The toys contain lead paint.

"Kids should be able to reach out for their favorite toy in the toy box or put on their favorite princess toy jewelry without their parents worrying that they may be harmed by lead," said Erin McNally, the clinic's director.

Lead poisoning is somewhat

treatable, but Oregon's Department of Human Services warns that even small amounts of lead can cause permanent disabilities, especially in children.

The corporations involved with the recalled toy trains, CPSC and RC2, suspect that over a million of the contaminated toys were sold in the United States between January 2005 and June.

# Free Summer Meals at Parks, Schools

Free summer meals for kids will be available from Thursday, June through Aug. 16 at more than 60 sites including parks, schools, malls and community centers.

All children up to age 18 are welcome to eat at no charge. No application or paperwork is necessary.

Some locations will offer breakfast as well as lunch. Sites may offer activities such as games, swimming and arts and crafts, along with the free meals.

For the location and meal times of local and statewide sites, call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-SAFENET

(723-3638) or visit [summerfood.org](http://summerfood.org).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides federal funding for the Summer Food Service Program in school enrollment areas where more than 50 percent of students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals during the school year.



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