



Neah-Kah-Nie School District No. 56

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Seagull Spirit!

***Kristi Mills, Principal
Amy Cram, Secretary***

3/22/23

Dear Neah-Kah-Nie School Board and Superintendent Erlebach:

We are happy to be able to publicly recognize Janet Stinson as a wonderful volunteer for Nehalem Elementary School. Janet contacted us this fall and wanted to help support students struggling with reading. In coming to the education profession later in life, Janet found an ultimate passion for helping her students learn to read. Janet started her first teaching position at the age of 50 and has worked as both a teacher and literacy specialist. She currently does online tutoring for students with dyslexia, had thought about subbing for our school district, but decided that what she really wanted to focus on was volunteering her services to NES part time as a reading tutor for students. Tracy and I jumped at that!

Since fall, Tracy has set Janet up with a 3 hour per day, 3 days per week tutoring schedule to work with students struggling with reading. Each small group or individual has a reading goal area (such as consent blends and sight words or reading comprehension, fluency, and decoding accurately) that Janet then works on with students 1-3x per week depending on their age. Janet even has a small group of students who are in our Talented and Gifted Program and is working with them twice a week on Greek and Latin root words and other advanced reading skills.

Janet has made it possible to give our most struggling students a systematic triple dose of instruction at school. She is a people person who is great with students, flexible, and fun to be around. Students and staff love working with her. I truly appreciate her and her impact on our students. The Nehalem staff would like to nominate Janet for Nehalem Elementary School's Volunteer of the Month for April 2023. Thank you for everything you do for us, Janet!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Kristi Mills". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristi Mills, Principal