## Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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To Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Directors,

Corey Douma is the Neah-Kah-Nie School District's Volunteer of the Month for August. Each year, Corey spends countless hours organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July pancake feed fundraiser at the old Manzanita fire station. Corey actively seeks out community partners to provide the essential ingredients for a successful pancake feed. However, this is not your "ordinary" pancake feed. This is a cherished community event that provides an opportunity for locals and visitors to mingle and celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in a relaxed, festive, and inviting environment. Throughout the year, Corey recruits adult and student volunteers who will prepare and serve the delicious breakfast. Many of these volunteers have assisted Corey with this project for many years. Neah-Kah-Nie High School student athletes and after school club participants eagerly help Corey set up tables & chairs, serve breakfast, and wait tables. All volunteers wear a colorful t-shirt with a famously lame slogan like, "May the Pancake be with you."

Annually, the pancake feed generates thousands of dollars for the Neah-Kah-Nie High School athletic department and extra-curricular clubs. The pancake feed is now a tradition for hundreds of locals and out-of-town guests who eat a hearty plate of pancakes served with coffee and orange juice as part of their 4<sup>th</sup> of July ritual before the Manzanita 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Everyone leaves with full stomachs and giant smiles on their faces.

Thank you Corey for organizing and managing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July pancake feed.

Congratulations for being selected as the Neah-Kah-Nie School District's volunteer of the month for August.

Sincerely,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent